

MINUTES
Second Budget Hearing
September 20, 2016
6:00 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Manny Cid, Tim Daubert, Tony Lama, Frank Mingo, Nelson Rodriguez, Ceasar Mestre, Vice Mayor Tim Daubert and Mayor Michael Pizzi.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pizzi called for a moment of silence.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Officer Brandon Schaad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public Comments were heard under the public hearing section of the meeting.

6. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO TAX COLLECTOR; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

The Town Associate, Lorenzo Cobiella, read the title of the Millage Ordinance and of the

Budget Ordinance into the record.

The Town Manager, Alex Rey, read the following statement: The proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2016-2017 is 2.3518. This rate is the same rate as the current year. The gross taxable value for operating purposes is two billion, eight hundred and nine million, six hundred and two thousand, two hundred and thirty two dollars (\$2,809,602,232). The proposed millage rate will generate \$6,278,000 in ad-valorem revenue at a 95% collection rate. The proposed millage rate of 2.3518 is 5.97% above the roll-back rate of 2.2194. The difference between the proposed millage rate and the roll-back rate is primarily due to increases in the police contract, election costs that we will have next year and grounds and right-of-ways and maintenance costs that are expected to increase.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for both ordinances.

Adrienne Chiron, spoke about the On-Demand Bus and Public Safety.

Esther Colon asked about the proper process of public comments to be held during Ordinance adopting the Millage Rate and the Ordinance adopting the Budget.

Former Councilwoman Nancy Simon came before the Town to speak about the budget.

Luis Collazo came before the Town to speak in favor of the budget requests to fully fund the Town committees.

Richard Kuper came before the Town to speak in support of Miami Dade County League of Cities' involvement from the Council.

Claudia Luces came before the Town to speak in support of the manger's alternate funding noted in his memo. She stated she is against the allocation of the school impact fees to the Education Advisory Board.

Esther Colon came before the Town to speak against the budget ordinance.

Marilyn Ruano came before the Town to speak against the allocation of school impact fees to the Education Advisory Board.

Mirtha Mendez came to echo Ms. Colon's comments on the \$44,000 and where it is going to be generated. She stated it is time to cut the travel per diem and subscriptions from the Town Council. She also came in support of Claudia Luces and Marilyn Ruano's comments on the school impact fees.

Former Mayor Wayne Slaton came before the Town to encourage looking at the budget year round, including what the staff is doing on a day-to-day, week-to-week, and month-to-month basis and being proactive about the funds allocated to projects in the Town.

Jaqueline Vaquer came before the Town to urge the Councilmembers to stay true to the

allocation agreement supporting the schools directly affected by the new development.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Mingo made a motion to adopt the Town Manager's recommendation to restore the mowing cycles back to 35 cycles per year, to reverse the total allocation to the Education Advisory Board from the developer's contribution for education and on the funding side, to use the complete \$38,300 to fund the two items that I just spoke about. Councilmember Lama seconded the motion for discussion. After some brief discussion, it was determined to discuss Councilmember Mingo's motion after adopting the Millage Rate.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to reduce the millage rate, 0165 mills less than the proposed millage rate of 2.3518, in order to lower the millage rate, ensure that no homestead property owner experience a tax increase. Councilmember Cid seconded the motion for discussion. After some extensive discussion, Mayor Pizzi made a new motion to productively work with his colleagues, and to take it from that \$65,000 and that we use that to lower the millage rate and no one pays extra and we don't touch the money allocated to Education and from the \$300,000 and any leftover, after the millage has been lowered, be available to the Town Manager for bonuses or needs in place. Councilmember Lama seconded the motion for discussion.

Councilmember Mingo made a motion to find a part-time worker at \$32,500 and take \$10,000 from the travel budget at (\$42,500) and the other \$28,000 to be used to revert to the Educational Advisory Board. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Cid for discussion.

Mayor Pizzi then amended his motion to lower the millage rate from 2.3518 to 2.3353, to lower the millage by \$44,000 so that homestead property owners would not experience a tax increase and to fund it without touching the developer's contribution for educational purposes in the amount of \$300,000. Councilmember Cid seconded the amended to the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the amended motion passed 6-1, with Councilmember Mestre voting in opposition.

The Associate Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, read the title of the Millage Ordinance into the record with the correct millage rate. The Town Manager, Alex Rey, read the following statement: The proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2016-2017 is 2.3353. The proposed millage rate of 2.3353 is 5.22% of the rolled back rate of 2.2194.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the Millage Ordinance on second reading. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama. The Town Clerk called the roll and the Ordinance on second reading passed, 6-1, with Councilmember Mestre voting in opposition

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET AS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Councilmember Mingo made a motion to take \$32,500 from salary from the Community Engagement Manager from full-time and convert it to a part-time position and take \$11,500 from the travel budget for a total of \$44,000 in reduction to the expense budget. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.

Councilmember Mingo made a motion to reverse the total allocation to the Education Advisory Board funds (\$29,400) eliminate the remaining of the Travel Budget in the amount of \$26,800, and reduces \$2,600 from employees' salaries. The motion received a second from Councilmember Cid for discussion. After discussion, Mayor Pizzi seconded Councilmember Mingo's motion to amend the budget. All were in favor.

Councilmember Mestre made a motion to eliminate the On-Demand Bus service. Vice Mayor Daubert seconded the motion for discussion. The Town Clerk called roll and the motion did not pass 2-5, with Councilmember Cid, Lama, Mingo, Rodriguez and Mayor Pizzi voting in opposition.

Vice Mayor Daubert made a motion to amend the budget in order to fund the Miami-Dade League of Cities, by removing the National League of Cities (\$2,000), The Florida League of Mayors (\$700) and reducing the Miami Dade monthly meeting budget by \$700, totaling \$3,400 and allowing the Miami-Dade League of Cities to be funded, but not to travel. Councilmember Rodriguez and Mayor Pizzi simultaneously seconded the motion. After discussion, Vice Mayor Daubert withdrew his motion.

Vice Mayor Daubert made a motion to reduce the Florida League of Mayors by \$700, to reduce the Miami-Dade League of Cities luncheons from \$1,200 to \$600 and reduce the Council's discretionary fund by 1,300 for a total of \$3,100, which would fund the Miami-Dade League of Cities. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and all were in favor.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to pass the budget as amended, including the committees fully funded. Councilmember Mingo seconded the motion.

The Associate Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella read the title of the Budget Ordinance into the record. The Town Clerk called the roll and the Ordinance on second reading passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Approved this on the 4th day of October 2016.

Michael A. Pizzi, Jr, Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk