

## TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **1.** Public safety is the primary role of this government.
- 2. All decision will be driven towards enhancing the quality of life for our residents and enhancing the customer experience while ensuring safety and fairness.
- **3.** We will be open and transparent and solicit as much input as possible from our stakeholders.
- **4.** Communicate, communicate and when in doubt, communicate again.
- 5. Recognize that our employees are our greatest assets and we will invest in our employees.
- **6.** Pursue innovation and maximize the use of existing machinery, equipment, and technology to enhance services at lowest possible cost.
- **7.** Do not provide services being offered by the private sector and aim at recovering close to 100% of cost for all optional services, except for current program already provided.
- **8.** Pursue energy efficiency and self-sufficiency.
- 9. Evaluate capital projects for financing versus "pay as you go" on a case by case basis.
- **10.** Always assess new functional responsibilities and determine whether the service can be best provided by the private sector. Private sector cost must not exceed in-house cost by more than 20%
- 11. Recreational programs should be aimed at "all ages".
- **12.** Maintain open communications and good working relations with all other levels of government and neighboring municipalities. Pursue cooperation and working agreement whenever possible.
- 13. Maintain our capital assets in good condition prior to building new ones.
- **14.** Each idea should be about the future. Every single idea should make Miami Lakes a better place to live and work -not just for us here today, but for future generations.