

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
January 15, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos Alvarez, Luis Collazo, Joshua Dieguez, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Pastor Eric Abreau from Ignite Church.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilmember Tim Daubert led the pledge of allegiance.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Armando Bernal IV, resident of the Town, was recognized for being selected to be a part of PBS' new TV show "Kid Stew".

Louis Harms was recognized for her performance in organizing the Town Manager Candidate Meet and Greet event that took place on October 24, 2018.

David Baez, owner of the Red Couch Mobile App, was recognized for his application reaching the number 7 spot on the App Store charts for Top Paid Card Game, the number 9 spot for Top Paid Word Game, and number 176 spot for Top Paid Mobile Game overall.

Alex Rey, the Town Manager of Miami Lakes, was recognized for his achievements working with the Town for the past 16 years.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilmember Collazo motioned to re-open the new Order of Business. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Juan Valiente came before the Town Council to speak on his Public Records Request.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak on the Mobility Fee and Committees.

7. ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):

Councilmember Ruano motioned to pull item 10C. Mayor Cid motioned to pull item 10B and add an item, 12C. Councilmember Collazo motioned to approve the new Order of Business. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion and all were in favor.

During Public Comments: Councilmember Collazo motioned to add the Cultural Affairs Committee report to the Agenda and Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion and all were in favor. Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, also requested to add an item regarding the 154th and 170th Bridges. Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve the addition. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

8. APPOINTMENTS:

Lynn Matos was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board, nominated by Councilmember Carlos Alvarez.

Monica Costa was appointed to the Education Advisory Board, nominated by Councilmember Carlos Alvarez.

Jacqueline Vacquer was re-appointed to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, originally nominated by Councilmember Joshua Dieguez.

Rafael Lopez was re-appointed to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, originally nominated by Councilmember Luis Collazo.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Neill Robinson, Chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee's request to transfer \$500 from the KC Concert to host a Unity Breakfast for Martin Luther King Day which will take place on Monday, January 21st, 2019. Councilmember Collazo motioned to approve the transfer of funds. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez motioned to approve the Approval of Minutes. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

A. Approval of Minutes

- December 4, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes
- December 17, 2018 Sunshine Meeting minutes
- December 18, 2018 Special Call Meeting minutes

Approved on Consent.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2018-31, NW 67TH AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT TO SOUTHEASTERN

ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$602,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cid pulled this item under the Order of Business.

Mayor Cid motioned to approve the resolution under item 10B. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2019-01, CANAL BANK STABILIZATION PHASE II PROJECT TO ARBOR TREE & LAND, INC. DBA ATL DIVERSIFIED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,046,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilmember Ruano pulled this item under the Order of Business.

Councilmember Ruano motioned to approve the resolution under 10C. The Town Manager, Alex Rey, then recommended transferring \$35,000 from the Storm Water Capital Budget and additional PTP funds to negotiate the contingency amount to correct/rehab the Phase I portion of the Canal Bank Stabilization project.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then modified his motion reducing the amount of funds transferred from \$75,000 to \$35,000 to correct the Phase I of the Canal Bank Stabilization project. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

11. ORDINANCE-FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA RELATING TO LANDSCAPING; AMENDING SECTION 13-1701, ENTITLED "REQUIRED LANDSCAPING," OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS REGARDING MINIMUM LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING**

FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez motioned to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion and offered to co-sponsor item 11A. The Town Clerk called the roll, and all were in favor.

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, FINANCE, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT FUND; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Councilmember Collazo motioned to approve the ordinance and Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed, 6-1, with Mayor Cid in opposition.

C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-230; AMENDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Councilmember Ruano motioned to amend the public comment portion for this item. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak on item 11C.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve the ordinance and Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll, and all were in favor.

12. RESOLUTIONS:

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SETTING FORTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020; AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the resolution into the record.

Councilmember Collazo motioned to approve item 12A. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll, and all were in favor.

Councilmember Collazo motioned to reconsider item 12A during the New Business Items discussion. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez then amended the original motion requesting to add, as part of the Legislative Priorities, the discussion of a connecting ramp from NW 87th Avenue to Miami-Dade Expressway (MDX) SR 924 Extension West to the Homestead of the Florida Turnpike. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE MIAMI LAKES SECTION ONE SECURITY GUARD SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND COMPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR MEETING REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the resolution into the record.

Mayor Cid motioned to approve the creation of the 3 Advisory Committees. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Town Manager, Alex Rey, then recommended that the Town Council motion to approve the structure of the advisory committee's as provided for in the resolutions.

Councilmember Collazo motioned to approve the structures of the committee's as provided in the resolutions. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mayor Cid motioned to appoint Royal Oaks East Gustavo Milian, Juan-Carlos Fernandez and Marcos Gutierrez. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion

Councilmember Collazo motioned to approve the adoption of Manny Lopez, Abel Fernandez, Anibel Perez, and Homero Cruz as members of the Royal Oaks Section 1 Advisory Committee. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion stating that these advisory committee's follow the Towns Committee Rules, Regulations and Procedures to ensure effectiveness. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

(2) A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE ROYAL OAKS SECTION 1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND COMPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR MEETING REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the resolution into the record.

This item was discussed along with 11B (1).

(3) A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE ROYAL OAKS EAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND COMPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR MEETING REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the resolution into the record.

This item was discussed along with 11B (1).

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Town Manager Selection Committee (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to change the name of the Town Manager Selection Committee to Town Manager Advisory Committee and setting clear parameters for the selection process regarding the timeline of selection and Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed, 6-1, with Mayor Cid in opposition.

B. Public Transportation and Traffic Summit (N. Rodriguez)

Vice Mayor Rodriguez motioned to host a Transportation and Traffic coalition with neighboring Northwest Dade Cities, Miami-Dade County School Board and all local transportation agencies along with an after-action Town Hall public meeting for residents.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then amended his motion "to do the Traffic Summit withdrawing a coalition meeting to just hosting a public resident Traffic Summit for educational purposes. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

C. Town Attorney (Cid)

Mayor Cid motioned to explore the possibility of assigning Lorenzo Cobiella, from Gastesi & Associates, P.A., to a full-time position for the Town of Miami Lakes and Vice Mayor

Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk then called the roll and the motion passed, 6-1, with Councilmember Dieguez in opposition.

The Mayor then stated that he will follow-up with a request of a Special Call meeting to discuss Attorney contract negotiations.

D. Little Free Library (J. Rodriguez)

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion requesting that the first Little Free Library be installed at Picnic Park West and that staff work with potential residents interested in sponsoring a Little Free Library at their local pocket parks. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. Councilmember Ruano then recommended that the Education Advisory Board could assist staff in the implementation of Little Free Libraries. All were in favor.

E. 2020 Census (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion directing the Town Manager to formulate a Complete Count Committee or form a program to plan for the census and ensure that every resident is accounted for. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

F. Strategic Plan Initiative (Cid)

Mayor Cid demonstrated a remote Public Comment from resident Tony Fernandez. He then made a motion requesting that the Town Clerk begin to incorporate the use of remote Public Comments starting in the February 2019 Regular Council meeting. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

G. Blasting Committee (N. Rodriguez)

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion requesting that Town Staff coordinate the first Blasting Advisory Board meeting soon to gather the members for discussion and have the liaison appointed. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion and all were in favor and all were in favor.

H. Sober Homes (N. Rodriguez)

Assistant Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, provided an update to the Town Council on the sober homes concern. There were no motions for this item.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORT:

A. Senator Marco Rubio & Congressman Diaz-Balart (Zip Code) (Cid)

* This item requires the waiver of Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order
Mayor Cid reported on

Mayor Cid provided a report to the other Councilmembers regarding the Zip Code change. There currently is a hold on the item in the US Senate.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez motioned to add the Police Report under the Manager's Reports to the Agenda. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

15. MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Police Report

Javier Ruiz, Town Commander, reported on the Towns' auto thefts and crime. He also informed the Town Council on the upcoming Coffee with a Cop event taking place at Starbucks on February 6th, 2019.

B. Town Seal on FDOT VMS Structure

Alex Rey, Town Manager, reported on the color of the structure and the needed advice from Council on the placement of the Town Seal on the VMS structure.

Councilmember Collazo motioned to re-open Public Comments. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to speak on the VMS Structure and against the placement of a Town Seal on the structure.

Mayor Cid motioned to approve the placement of the Town Seal onto the VMS Structure. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion and the motion passed, 6-1, with Councilmember Ruano in opposition.

16. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

A. Attorney's Report on Pending Litigation

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, reported that Mr. Gus Abella is pursuing litigation, on Juan Valiente's litigation, and discussion on the 170th and 154th bridges.

Mayor Cid then spoke and stated that he wants to assure the Town's traffic study is considered when Florida. Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion allowing the Town Attorney's to pursue the necessary legal action with concern to the 170th and 154th bridges. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Approved on this 5th day of February 2019.

Attest:

Manny Cid, Mayor

Gina Inguanzo, Town Clerk

