

MINUTES
First Budget Hearing
September 10, 2019
7:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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 Cid.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

The Town Manager, Edward Pidermann led the invocation.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez shared some inspirational words in remembrance on 9/11.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Item 14E from the Regular Council Meeting Agenda will be discussed with Item 11A of the First Budget Hearing Agenda. Councilmember Collazo motioned to move the order of business and it was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. All were in favor.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Boris Foster came before the Town Council to speak on item 11A. He stated that he is grateful to live in Miami Lakes, and for them to scrutinize what I is proposed in the Special Taxing District budgets. Also, he congratulated the Town Council on the traffic improvement and traffic flow on 77 Court and 154 Street.

Esperanza Reynolds came before the Town Council to speak on the importance of being heard by the government institutions and upsell I general by the government abuse. She stated that the Palmetto Express lanes has made the lives of many resident a nightmare and

about the taxation increase by government. She also spoke about the current town Council not doing anything about the situation of the Mayor of Hialeah.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak about the town budget, about the money allotted to the Par 3 and the Police contract.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

10. ORDINANCE-FIRST READING:

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE IF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, 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.

Town Attorney read the title of the ordinances for item 10A and 10B, together into the record.

Esther Colon came before the Town Council to speak on Item 10A. She asked the Town Council to reduce the Police Town Budget.

The Town Manager, Edward Pidermann, read into the record the following statement: the proposed millage rate for Fiscal year 2019-20 is 2.3127 the same rate as the current fiscal year. The gross taxable value for operating purposes is three billion, three hundred and sixty-five million, five hundred ninety-two thousand, and sixteen dollars (\$3,365,592,016). The proposed millage rate will generate seven million, three hundred nine-four thousand and four hundred and twenty-four (\$7,394,424) in ad valorem revenue budgeted at 95% collection rate. The proposed millage rate of 2.3127 is above the roll back rate of 2.2255.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the millage rate at 2.3127. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to amend the main motion to raise the millage rate to 2.3698, to be able to put some austerity measures back into the Town Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, for discussion.

During the discussion, Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to waive the Special Rules of Order regarding the 3 minutes. It was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and the motion passed, 6-1, with Mayor Cid being in opposition.

Ms. Carol Westmoreland, Membership Relations from the Florida League of Cities, spoke on behalf of the FLC and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Mr. Isaac Salver, President of the Florida League of Cities, spoke on behalf of the FLC and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Mr. Richard Kuper, Esq., Executive Director of the Miami Dade County League of Cities, spoke on behalf of MDCLC and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

After some discussion, Vice Mayor Rodriguez pulled his motion to raise the millage rate.

The Town Clerk called the roll on Councilmember Dieguez' main motion, and it passed 7-0, approving Item 10A Ordinance on first reading.

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; 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. (Pidermann)

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to move the budget and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez.

Councilmember Alvarez motioned to amend the main motion, to remove the membership of Florida League of Cities and Miami Dade County League of Cities and travel and per diem for the Town Council from the Austerity Measures and for Town Staff to find alternatives to find and bring back \$22,000 to be discussed during the second budget hearing. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez.

Shortly thereafter, Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to amend Councilmember Alvarez' amendment to the motion, to only keep memberships of the Florida League of Cities and the Miami Dade County League of Cities and to not add travel and per diem. The amendment was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion did not pass, 3-4, with Councilmember Alvarez, Councilmember Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Rodriguez and Mayor Cid voting in opposition.

Councilmember Ruano then made a motion to amend Councilmember Alvarez' motion, to add \$10,000 for the Special Needs Advisory Board to the budget for next the fiscal year and to include memberships to the Florida League of Cities and the Miami Dade County League of Cities and to the travel, which is already in there. The motion died due to a lack of second.

The Town Clerk called the roll on Councilmember Alvarez' amendment to the main motion and the motion passed 6-1, with Councilmember Ruano voting in opposition.

The Town Manager explained the importance of the Miami Dade City/County Management Association (MDCCMA) and asked for \$1,000 to be added to the budget for membership to said Association. After some discussion, Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to add the MDCCMA membership to the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez and the motion passed 5-2, with Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid voting in opposition.

The Town Clerk then called the roll on the main motion, as amended twice, and the motion passed 5-2, with Councilmember Rodriguez and Councilmember Ruano voting in opposition.

11. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING, ADOPTING, A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS; APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RATES FOR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SECURITY GUARD AND MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

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

Mayor Cid reminded everyone that this Ordinance in Second reading was to be discussed in conjunction with item 14E of the Regular Council Meeting Agenda, as previously voted on during the Order of Business Section of the Regular Council Meeting Agenda. The motion was made by Councilmember Collazo and seconded by Councilmember Ruano. All were in favor to add item 14E to the discussion on item 11A.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing.

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

The Town Manager introduced the item.

Danny Angel, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the item and explained in depth, the Summary Chart titled "Special Taxing Districts 2019 Non-Advalorem Rate Chart, which summarized each district description and states the rate provided for each one. Mr. Danny Angel also answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to approve the information assessed as presented on the "Special Taxing Districts 2019 Non-Advalorem Rate Chart, on behalf of the residents of Loch Lomand and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to approve the "Special Taxing Districts 2019 Non-Advalorem Rate Chart, preliminary assessments as presented on the summary chart, on behalf

of the residents of Royal Oaks East, and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor.

Once Mr. Angel finished summarizing the special assessments regarding all the districts, Councilmember Collazo made a motion to approve the budget as presented in item 11A and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion approving the ordinance in second reading passed 7-0.

Regarding item 14E Regular Council Meeting, titled “Golf Cart Friendly Zones/Districts”, it was pulled by Councilmember Collazo, because it became a moot point. During the discussion of the Loch Lomand district, it was discussed that they will use low speed vehicle that are allowed by Florida Motor Vehicles.

12. RESOLUTIONS

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER’S REPORT:

None

15. MANAGER’S REPORT:

None

16. ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Approved on this 24th day of September 2019.

Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:

Gina Inguanzo, Town Clerk