

**MINUTES**  
**First Budget Hearing**  
**September 4, 2018**  
**5:05 P.M.**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Tim Daubert, Cesar Mestre, Nelson Rodriguez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Frank Mingo and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Luis Collazo arrived at 5:27 p.m.

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Councilmember Nelson Rodriguez led the moment of silence.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilmember Tim Daubert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public comments were heard under the following Public Hearings.

**6. ORDINANCES- FIRST READING (PUBLIC HEARING):**

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, 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.

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, read the title of the ordinance for item 6A and 6B, together, into the record.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak on the budget.

Esther Colon came before the Town Council to speak on the budget.

Angelo Garcia came before the Town Council to speak on item 7C.

Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to speak on the budget.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, read into the record the following statement: The proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2018-19 is 2.3353, the same rate as the current fiscal year. The gross taxable value for operating purposes is \$3,213,878,488.00. The proposed millage rate will generate for \$7,130,200.00 in ad valorem revenue budgeted at 95% collection rate. The proposed millage rate of 2.3353 is 5.24% above the roll back rate of 2.2190, the difference between the proposed millage rate and roll back rate will be primarily used to handle increases for police contracting services, the cost of establishing the aesthetic pruning of the tree-trimming cycle prior to last year and to funnel allocation for the transfer of \$200,000 for the construction of the Optimist Park.

Councilmember Rodriguez motioned to approve the millage rate. Councilmember Mestre seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Mingo then presented a motion requesting to see a change in the roll back rate for the difference between \$365,000 and \$227,000 which is 2.2906, presented as the new millage rate. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion.

After some discussion, Vice Mayor Mingo amended his motion by reducing property taxes to \$69,000 bringing the new millage rate to 2.3127 which is 4.22% above the roll back rate of 2.2190. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed, 6-1, with Councilmember Rodriguez 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 2018-19; 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.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, recommended reducing the first line item in the budget by \$69,000 to obtain a balance which would a reduction of \$200,000.00 to \$131,000.00 available for the transfer of funds to parks capital.

Councilmember Mestre motioned to approve the recommendation. Vice Mayor Mingo seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed, 5-2, with Mayor Cid and Councilmember Rodriguez in opposition.

Councilmember Daubert made a motion requesting that the Town Manager present alternatives for the sources of funding for the school safety and the cost of living increase for employees during the second budget hearing. Councilmember Mestre seconded the motion.

Councilmember Ruano amended Councilmember Daubert's motion directing the Town Manager to pull the \$59,000 for school security and the cost of living adjustment for employees from the \$200,000 park's capital transfer, no. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the motion amended by Councilmember Ruano and the motion failed, 2-5, with Councilmembers: Tim Daubert, Ceasar Mestre, Nelson Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Mingo and Mayor Cid in opposition.

The Town Clerk then called roll on the previous motion presented by Councilmember Daubert and all were in favor.

Councilmember Daubert motioned to approve the Budget Ordinance and Councilmember Mestre seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll, and all were in favor.

**7. ORDINANCES- SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):**

- C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA APPROVING, ADOPTING A NON-ADVALOREM 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 INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance in second reading onto the record.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing.

Javier came before the Town Council to speak on item 7C.

Angelo Garcia came before the Town Council to speak item 7C.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, explained and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Vice Mayor Mingo motioned to re-open public hearing. Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Esperanza Hope Reynolds came before the Town Council to speak on item 7C.

Raul de la Sierra came before the Town Council to speak on item 7C.

Boris Foster came before the Town Council to speak on item 7C

Iliana Colombo came before the Town Council to speak on item 7C.

Mayor Cid closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Ruano motioned to approve item 7C as is. Councilmember Mestre seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed, 5-2, with Vice Mayor Mingo and Mayor Cid in opposition.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Approved on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2018.

Attest:

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Manny Cid, Mayor

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Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk