

**MINUTES**  
**Attorney-Client Executive Session**  
**October 22, 2019**  
**8:30 A.M.**  
**Council Chambers**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Councilmember Carlos Alvarez, Councilmember Luis Collazo, Councilmember Josh Dieguez, Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez, Marilyn Ruano, and Mayor Manny Cid. Vice Mayor Rodriguez participated via telephone call during the Public Meeting of the Attorney-Client open session only. Present as well were: The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, Town Attorneys, Raul Gastesi, Jose Lopez, from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC; and the Certified Court Reporter.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**4. MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Councilmember Josh Dieguez led the invocation.

**5. Recess of the Public Meeting and beginning of the closed Executive Attorney-Client Session:**

Mayor Manny Cid read into the record the following statement:

“That an attorney-client session, pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, was starting, to discuss strategy related to litigation expenditures and/or settlement negotiations in the case of: *Town of Miami Lakes v. Miami Dade County et al.*

Mayor Cid also read into the record

“that Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes provides an exemption from the public meetings law in order to allow the Town Council to conduct a closed session to discuss strategy related to litigation expenditures and/or settlement negotiations in a pending lawsuit. This is what the Town Council will be doing today. This session will be recorded by a court reporter. The transcript will be filed with the Town Clerk and it will remain sealed until the conclusion of

the litigation. When the litigation has concluded, the transcript becomes public record and can be requested by anyone.

This attorney-client session is estimated to last two hours. The names of those individuals attending today's attorney-client session are:

1. Myself,
2. Town Councilmembers Carlos O. Alvarez, Luis Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Jeffrey Rodriguez, and Marilyn Ruano
3. Town Manager Edward Pidermann;
4. Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Jr., Esq. and Jose Lopez, Esq. from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC.
5. A Certified Court Reporter

The individuals I have just named will now move to the Community Conference Room to conduct the private attorney-client session. Once the attorney-client session is done, the Council will return to the Council Chambers to adjourn.”

At 8:47 am, the Town Council left the Dais and convened to the Community Conference Room.

Once the private session was done, they all convened at the Council Chambers and re-opened the Public Meeting at 10:30 am. No action was taken by the Town Council.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Approved this 12th day of November 2019.

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Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:

  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  

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Gina Inguanzo, Town Clerk