

MINUTES
Planning and Zoning Minutes
April 7, 2020
6:30 P.M.
Government Center
6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Robert Julia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

The Deputy Town Clerk, Ashley Shepple, called the roll with the following Board Members being present: Juan Carlos Fernandez, Avelino Leoncio, Fred Senra, Raul De La Sierra, Mariam Yanes, Vice Chairman Lynn Matos, and Chairman Robert Julia were all present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Chairman Robert Julia led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- March 3, 2020 Planning and Zoning Meeting minutes

Board Member De La Sierra motioned to approve the minutes and Board Member Senra seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

5. Business Requiring Board Action:

A. Canopy Encroachments into Required Rear Yards Ordinance (Yanes)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ATTACHED CANOPIES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY BUILDINGS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", AT ARTICLE V, "ALLOWABLE ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE REQUIRED YARDS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED HEIGHTS", AT SECTION 13-1506, "CANOPIES,"; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, read the ordinance into the record. The Principal Town Planner, Susana Alonso, explained and answered questions posed by the Board about the ordinance.

Mrs. Alonso explained the current code allows accessory structures of single-family homes in the rear yard and to be located 5 feet away from the property line and 10 feet away from the home. The structures end up being constructed 10 feet by 35 feet and taking up most of the rear yard.

Staff has considered two options to help with these issues. First option would be to reduce the required distance between the main property and the second structure. Second option would be allowing these structures completely attached to the main structure. It has been recommended to implement the second option and allow encroachments distance up to half the distance of the rear yard.

Board Member Yanes motioned to approve the ordinance with staff recommendations. Board Member Senra seconded the motion. All were in favor.

B. Infinity Pools in Waterfront Properties Ordinance (Yanes)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ENCROACHMENTS BEYOND THE TIE-LINE FOR WATERFRONT SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY BUILDINGS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, “LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE”, AT ARTICLE VI, “SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS”, AT SECTION 13- 1605, “WATERFRONT PROPERTIES”; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chairman Julia read the ordinance into the record. The Principal Town Planner, Susana Alonso, explained and answered questions posed by the Board about the ordinance.

Board Member De La Sierra motioned to approve the ordinance with staff recommendations. Board Member Yanes seconded the motion. All were in favor.

6. Director’s Report:

Susana Alonso, the Principal Town Planner, stated at the April regular council meeting the Landscape and Artificial Turf, West Lakes Driveways, and Mobility Fee Ordinances will be brought forth to the council. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 5th.

7. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Robert Julia
Chairman

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo
Town Clerk