

MINUTES
Virtual Special Call Minutes
August 3, 2020
6:00 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 6:10 pm.

3. ROLL CALL:

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

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

None.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

None.

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

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

8. APPOINTMENTS:

None.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

None.

11. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING:

None.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS – ORDINANCES- SECOND READING:

None.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

None.

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. To Discuss the County's decision to reduce the Municipalities share of the CARES ACT money (Vice Mayor Rodriguez)

Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez explained he requested this Special Call Meeting to discuss the County's decision to reduce the municipalities share of the CARES ACT money. The Miami Dade League of Cities President and Board have discussed negotiations with the Miami Dade County for a few weeks. The County did not consider the negotiations and has unilaterally decided to not provide the \$150-200 million requests from nearly \$500 million CARES ACT money to \$30 million for the 34 municipalities. Vice Mayor motioned to support the Miami Dade League of Cities resolution in joining in the filing litigation against Miami Dade County for fair share of CARE ACT dollars.

After discussion, Town Attorney Raul Gastesi explained that himself along with Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella that they have discussed with other municipalities with the county, if they will be filing a lawsuit along with the League. As of right now, the City of Miami is the only municipality that wants to file a lawsuit. Town Attorney Gastesi advised that the Town of Miami Lakes to not file as plaintiff and just put for a resolution stating the Town will work together with other municipalities and will consider a class action lawsuit. They further advised the Town Council to motion for legal department to inform the council if any other municipality or the Miami Dade League of Cities does file a lawsuit and assess the Town's potential involvement with the lawsuit.

Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez amended his motion based on legal's department. The amended motion was as follows: the Town will work together with other municipalities and will consider a class action lawsuit and direct the legal department to inform the council if any other municipality or the Miami Dade League of Cities files a lawsuit and assess the Town's potential involvement with the lawsuit. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

B. Mayor's 2020 Back to School Event: Virtual Game Night (Mayor Cid)

Education Advisory Board Member Hector Abad stated his committee is in full support and will be volunteering to help with Mayor's 2020 Back to School Event. He said this year there will be a virtual game night component along with backpack school supplies drive thru. Mayor Cid made a motion to host the "Mayor's 2020 Back to School: Virtual Game Night" on Saturday, August 15th from 10 am to 1pm. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

None.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Strategic Plan Retreat (Pidermann)

Town Manager Pidermann advised to re-schedule the September 2020 Strategic Plan Retreat for early 2021 so it may be in-person rather than virtual. Councilmember Collazo moved to re-schedule the September 2020 Strategic Plan Retreat for early 2021 or when management sees fit to host the retreat in-person. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

17. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inganzo, Town Clerk