

MINUTES
Virtual Regular Council Meeting
September 15, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Collazo introduced Feeding South Florida. He expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the Town Council, and acknowledge their generosity and their efforts in feeding those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Councilmember Collazo said it was an honor to distribute food with this organization and thanked them for creating awareness and for their generosity since the beginning of the pandemic.

Mayor Cid thanked them for their support and for helping our community. Mayor Cid read the Proclamation that was to be given to Feeding South Florida -our partners in food distribution. September 15th was proclaimed Hunger Action Month.

Michele Fernandez, Community Engagement Coordinator from Feeding South Florida, thanked the Town Council for their support and shared some important data and facts about the organization and the community they serve.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Councilmember Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Marilyn Ruano and Councilmember Carlos Alvarez joined the meeting at approximately 6:37 pm.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Pastor Louis Egipciano from Elevate Church led the prayer.
Ariel Fernandez led a moment of mediation from Better You Minute.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Jean Carlos Pineda from Cub Scout 484.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked for a moment of silence in honor of the police officers that have been shot in the last few days.

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

Mayor Cid moved item 13A, to be discussed after Public Comments, Councilmember Dieguez asked to defer his new business item, Item 13B to the October Council Meeting, Item 8B from the Cultural Affairs Committee Report and Item 8C from the Youth Activity Task Force Report to be added to the Agenda. Councilmember Collazo moved to accept the new order of business and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. All were in favor.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, read the instructions of proper decorum that are to be respected and followed in the Council Chambers of the Town of Miami Lakes and that are to be respected also in virtual meetings.

No public comments.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

None

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Economic Development Committee

Chairman Eddie Blanco reminded the Town Council that \$10,000 of the EDC budget goes to the Miami Lakes Chamber of Commerce (MLCC), \$3,000 of that goes to memberships and \$7,000 goes to the Business Expo. He stated that due to COVID-19, it looks like the Business Expo is not taking place this year.

Chairman Blanco requested that the \$3,000 from EDC budget that is allocated to memberships from MLCC, for it no longer to be paid from the EDC budget and asked to remove it from the line item of the EDC; he explained that the committee would like for the \$3,000 to be paid from the Town's General Budget and that the Town should pay directly to the Chamber.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to re-direct and/or re-allocate the \$3,000 membership fee allocated to the Miami Lakes Chamber of Commerce, instead of funding it from the EDC budget, for it to be funded directly from the Town's General Fund Budget as one of our paid memberships and for this to come to fruition starting October 1, 2020 - for the new fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano and all were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez then provided direction to the Town Manager and stated he would like for the EDC to keep \$3,000 in their budget and for the committee to re-program it as they seem fit and for it to come from the contingency budget, but Councilmember Dieguez emphasized that this needed to be discussed in the Sunshine Meeting. Councilmember J. Rodriguez

seconded it for discussion purposes. Councilmember Dieguez emphasized that this needs to be discussed further at the Sunshine Meeting taking place on September 16th but that for the moment, the \$3,000 would come from the contingency budget.

After further discussion on this matter, Councilmember J. Rodriguez made a friendly amendment to Councilmember Dieguez' motion, and stated that he would like to have a discussion pertaining to the \$3,000 to be added to the EDC budget, at the Second Budget Hearing, as part of the Manager's Report. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The main motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

B. Cultural Affairs Committee

Chairman Neil Robinson, requested that a cultural center is needed in the town and asked for the project and ideas of the CAC, be considered and taken into consideration while discussing the Strategic Plan. He explained that due to COVID-19, many of their events were cancelled. He asked that the monies not spent be put in a segregated account or in an escrow to be used for the planning and research for a cultural center in our town. Chairman Robinson asked the Town Council to consider the Committee's request.

Town Manager Pidermann explained that the cultural center has not been adopted by the Town Council as a project in the Strategic Plan, so he thought it would be premature to start funding for a project that has not been accepted nor prioritize. The Town Manager also explained that monies not spent should be re-allocated into the town's reserves Fund Balance, in order to be able to fulfill the demands of having a 20% Town Reserves fund balance as mandated by Ordinance 20-256.

Chairman Robinson then added that the CAC needs to purchase a case to display the Tequesta Indian artifacts and that this case will be placed in Town Hall. The case will cost \$3,000 and that the CAC was requesting authorization from the Town Council to do so. On that discussion, Councilmember Collazo made a motion to sponsor the request from the CAC and to take it from the already budgeted funds, in order to be able to display the remaining artifacts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez.

After discussion, Councilmember Dieguez made an amendment to the motion. He stated that he would like for Town Staff to actively get private sponsors first, and if no private sponsors are found, then to use the CAC monies. This amendment was seconded by Councilmember Collazo.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the amendment to the motion passed unanimously. The Town Council clarified that if no private sponsors are found, Town Staff will bring it back to the Town Council at the second budget hearing, to provide an update under the Manager's Report section of the agenda.

After additional discussion, Councilmember Ruano made a motion to table this item, and for this to be discussed at the next Tuesday, Second Budget Hearing; Councilmember Ruano emphasized that private funding should be pursued first and that the Town Council should discuss it next Tuesday at the Second Council Meeting. Mayor Cid seconded the motion to table. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 4-3; Councilmember Alvarez, Collazo and Dieguez voted in opposition.

On a separate item, Chairman Robinson also spoke about the Hialeah Women Club, who have pledge their financial support with purchasing a historical marker to be placed in the Town of Miami Lakes. On a third and separate item, Chairman Robinson stated that the Women Club of Hialeah have pledged money for an art competition to be held in Miami Lakes.

C. Youth Activity Task Force

Chairman Brian Rodriguez, requested to move \$860.00 from the revenues line item to the Movies in the Parking Lot line item to complete the August payment and \$4,000 from the Revenues line item to Movies in the Parking Lot line item for one more movie to take place in the month of October. Councilmember Alvarez made a motion to authorize the movement of monies from one line item to the Movies in the Parking Lot Line Item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo and all were in favor.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember J. Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 18, 2020 Regular Council Minutes
- August 19, 2020 Sunshine Meeting Budget Minutes

Approved on Consent.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE 2021 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY NEAT STREETS TREE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE 2020 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY NEAT STREETS TREE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

Approved on Consent.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, WAIVING SECTION 5 OF TOWN ORDINANCE 17-203; APPROVING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT #2020-04 FOR MISCELLANEOUS DRAINAGE AND ROADWAY SERVICES AS NEEDED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED

FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Pidermann)

Approved on Consent

10. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING:

None.

11. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 35, ARTICLE III, COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, DIVISION 3 PERMITTING AND PLACEMENT OF COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Dieguez)

The Town Attorney read the title of the ordinance into the record.

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

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and explained that this ordinance modifies the Code to improve and preserve the aesthetic appeal and beauty of the Town of Miami Lakes. Councilmember Dieguez stated that this ordinance amends the Code regarding the 5G technology by placing criteria of communication poles in the rights-of-way.

Councilmember Dieguez moved the ordinance in second reading and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 19-251 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 20 – 258; AMENDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

The Town Attorney read the title of the ordinance into the record.

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

Town Manager Pidermann presented the Ordinance to approve the budget amendment to expedite the Breanna Vergara Courtyard project at Royal Oaks Park. Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to approve the ordinance in second reading and it was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed approving the ordinance in 2nd reading, 7-0.

12. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2020 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS TO BECOME A PART OF THE LOCAL AND STATEWIDE HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGY; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS UNDER THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MAYOR, TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.(Pidermann)

The Town Attorney read the title of the resolution into the record.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and explained that this allows us to re-adopt the LMS for our town. Councilmember Alvarez made a motion in support of adopting the 2020 Miami Dade County Local Mitigation Strategy. Councilmember J. Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

12. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. American Flag Retirement Box (Cid and co-sponsored by Town Council)

Mayor Cid introduced his item and introduced longtime resident Sean P. Schwinghammer to speak about this item. Mr. Schwinghammer explained that his Boys Scout Troop has been collecting flags to be retired and that by having an American Flag Retirement Box permanently placed in Town Hall, it will allow more accessibility, consistency and proper handling of American flags. He also pledged that his Boys Scout Troop will maintain it.

Mayor Cid asked the Town Council to approve the concept and for Mr. Schwinghammer to run with the project and coordinate with Town Staff. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Executive Order (J. Rodriguez)

Councilmember Dieguez deferred his New Business Item to the October 20th, Regular Council Meeting.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember Dieguez gave an update on the Census. He gladly stated that the Town of Miami Lakes response pertaining the Census is at 73% plus - one of the leading municipalities in the county. He also mentioned that the quadrant that needs to be a little more responsive is the NE – quadrant where Town Hall sits.

15. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Distance Learning Program Update

Town Manager Pidermann provided an update on the Learning Program at Royal Oaks Park, as requested last month at the Regular Council Meeting.

Parks and Recreation Director, Danny Angel, provided the update and stated that 20 participants are enrolled in the program and 17 of these participants are residents. He explained if the enrollment goes up to 36 participants, Town Staff would open another facility. This program is in collaboration with the YMCA. One teacher assists all students in the afternoon.

Councilmembers stated that they were pleased and moved with the program and the safety guidelines provided in the location.

B. Town Manager Monthly Police Report

Javi Ruiz, Town Commander, presented the Monthly Police report. Town Commander Ruiz stated that LPR's have been installed in 4 guard gates of Royal Oaks area. Police Officers are monitoring the software and any alerts.

16. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

The Town Attorney reported that regarding the Pizzi Case, an Executive Session will be taking place on Wednesday, September 16th.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Approved this 20th day of October 2020

Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk