

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, and Councilman Elmo L. Urra. Also present were City Attorney Charles A. Citrin and Mayor Yioset De La Cruz. Councilman Rolando Piña and Councilman Jorge A. Merida were absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor De La Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions / Emergency Additions:** None were offered.
- 6. Review of Minutes:** February 2, 2010. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2010, seconded by Councilman Gutierrez. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

8. Introduction of Community Improvement Organization: Mrs. Iris Paguada.

Mr. Juan Paguada came forward and gave a power point presentation on the community service projects the organization sponsors. The Community Improvement Organization is a non profit organization that uses volunteers to help with community projects for needy families. Mr. Paguada then introduced Mrs. Iris Paguada as the Chief Executive Officer. Mrs. Paguada thanked Mayor De La Cruz and the Council for allowing the organization to use an office in City Hall. Chairman Garcia commended Mrs. Paguada for her efforts on behalf of the community. Mayor De La Cruz expanded on the Community Improvement Organization's Caridad Project that with the help of the city, a grant of \$7,500.00 was secured from Home Depot to remodel a trailer which is in dire need of repairs.

9. Request to renew agreement for Financial Advisor Services: Mr. Marcos Piloto, O.M.B. Director.

Mr. Marcos Piloto, O.M.B. Director came forward and read his memorandum into the record, recommending the renewal of the First Southwest Company who has served the city well in the past with their financial services. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Gutierrez. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Presentation of financing proposals: Mr. Marcos Piloto, O.M.B. Director.

Mr. Marcos Piloto, O.M.B. Director came forward and gave details of the financing proposals received for road construction on NW 122 Street Phase II between Hialeah Gardens Boulevard and NW 87 Avenue. The city will pledge revenue from the Citizens Independent Transportation Tax (CITT) to cover the annual debt service payments. A review and recommendation of the proposals will be made at the next council meeting.

11. Storm Water Utility Fee Rate: Mr. Jose M. Lopez, Public Works Director.

Mr. Jose M. Lopez, Public Works Director came forward and gave details of the recommendation to increase the storm water utility fee from \$2.00 to \$3.00. The original fee rate of \$3.50 was reduced to \$2.00 in the year 2000 by Resolution 1785 and has not been increased since. At this time the fee increase will help finance the equipment necessary to accomplish the goals of the city's storm water related infrastructure, and capital improvements. A resolution to this effect will be prepared for the next council meeting.

12. Proposed Resolutions:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CITY'S BASEBALL UNIFORMS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO STRIKE ZONE, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH STRIKE ZONE, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. This resolution serves to memorialize the action taken at the last meeting. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Gutierrez. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND NEEDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUCH AGREEMENT BY THE MAYOR; RATIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Chief Van Toth came forward and gave details of the renewal of the mutual aid agreement regarding law enforcement issues and needs with the City of Hialeah. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Gutierrez. The motion was unanimously approved.

- C) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE CITY'S BULK TRASH TO WASTE MANAGEMENT-REUTER TRANSFER STATION; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT-REUTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin surrendered his chair as counsel due to conflict of interest. Mrs. Aida Martinez Ruiz read the full title of the resolution into the record. Mr. Arturo L. Ruiz, Director of Administration came forward and read his memorandum into the record stating that the city will reduce the cost of disposing of bulk trash as well as the wear and tear of city vehicles. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Gutierrez. The motion was unanimously approved.

13. First Reading for Consideration of the following ordinance:

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR DON CAMARON SEAFOOD GRILLE & MARKET RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 9491 NW 77 COURT, HIALEAH GARDENS, FL. TO PERMIT THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES 2COP (WINE AND BEER) TO BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Chairman Garcia stated that this was a first reading and as such, an opportunity for public input would be provided upon second reading. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Gutierrez. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote **(3-0)**.

14. City Attorney's Report: Mr. Citrin commended Mr. Piloto for his work.

15. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous: Mayor De La Cruz had no comments.

16. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments

The council members had no comments.

17. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maria L. Joffee
City Clerk

Any person desiring to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and it will be their responsibility to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, March 8, 2010, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 4, 2010, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Tuesday, March 23, 2010. 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 5:30 P.M.