

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Rolando Piña, Councilman Jorge A. Merida, Councilman Elmo L. Urra, and Councilman Jorge Gutierrez. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz serving for Mr. Charles A. Citrin who was absent, and Mayor Yioset De La Cruz.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor De La Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions / Emergency Additions:** A resolution of the City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida, certifying the results of the scheduled general election on March 3, 2015; providing for effectice date.
- 6. Review of Minutes: February 03, 2015.** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of February 03, 2015 seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Public Comments: None were offered.

7A. Proposed Resolution:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION ON MARCH 3, 2015; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the full title of the resolution into the record. Chairman Garcia then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Piña. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Request for approval of 2COP license for Adrian Fish Market & Restaurant, 13115 W. Okeechobee Road, Suites 11-116, Hialeah Gardens, Florida.
Owner: Mr. Adolfo Benitez-Garcia.

Chairman Garcia read item eight into the record. The applicant Adolfo Benitez-Garcia was present and came forward. Robert Lorenzo, Business Tax Receipt Director came forward and gave city staff recommendation for approval. At this time no one came forward to comment on the item. Chairman Garcia then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Swearing in ceremony for Councilman Jorge A. Merida.

Councilman Jorge A. Merida was sworn in by Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz. Councilman Merida went unopposed in this election and therefore won a four year term. Chairman Garcia congratulated Councilman Merida for all the hard work and dedication throughout the years for the residents of the City. Councilman Merida then thanked everyone. Mayor De La Cruz stated that it was an honor to serve with Councilman Merida in the City Council and hopes to continue working together for many more years. Councilman Gutierrez then also congratulated Councilman Merida for his reelection.

10. Reorganization of the City Council's hierarchical order: Mr. Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney.

Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz asked for a motion to select a Council Chairman. Councilman Piña offered a motion for Luciano Garcia to remain serving as Chairman of the Council, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz asked for a motion to select a Vice Chairman, which was made by Chairman Garcia to select Councilman Piña, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. Chairman Garcia made a motion to select Councilman Merida as Finance Chairman, seconded by Councilman Piña. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Board Appointments: Planning and Zoning Board, Water and Sewer Board and Personnel Review Board (Mayor De La Cruz and Councilman Merida)

Mayor De La Cruz appointed Mr. Ralph Cabrera for the Personnel Review Board, and Councilman Merida appointed Mr. Armando Abreu for the Personnel Review Board as well.

12. City Attorney's Report: On behalf of City Attorney Charles Citrin and herself, Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz congratulated Councilman Merida.

13. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous – No comments.

14. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments – No comments.

15. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maria L. Joffe
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, April 7, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, April 13, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 2, 2015, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 5:30 P.M.