

## MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Jorge A. Merida, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Elmo L. Urra, and Mr. Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney. Councilman Rolando Piña and Mayor Yioset De La Cruz were absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Charles A. Citrin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions / Emergency Additions:** Resolution of the City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida, approving and ratifying the agreement for dental insurance between guardian and the City of Hialeah Gardens was added as Item 7A.
- 6. Review of Minutes: May 20, 2014.** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2014 seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

**Proposed Resolution:**

- 7A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT FOR DENTAL INSURANCE BETWEEN GUARDIAN AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. At this time Aida Martinez-Ruiz, Assistant City Attorney came forward and gave details of resolution for renewal of dental insurance. The City's Insurance Brokers solicited proposals from several dental insurance companies. The responses to the solicitations were from two companies, Guardian and MetLife. Guardian is the City's current carrier and the City is satisfied with its services. The rates will increase 4% for the HMO and 5% for the PPO. Although MetLife is offering rates that are slightly less costly, it does not offer the roll over of unused benefits that have proven to be an economic benefit to the employees. Mrs. Martinez-Ruiz recommended that the City remain with its current dental insurance company. 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.

**8. Proposed Resolutions:**

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CITY'S SENIOR CENTER'S CONGREGATE AND HOME DELIVERED NUTRITION PROGRAM TO CONSTRUCTION CATERING, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSTRUCTION CATERING, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. At this time Viviana Freire, Senior Center Director came forward. Mrs. Freire stated that on May 22, 2014 the City advertised RFP 2013-02 in order to establish a contract for the purpose of food catering services for the City of Hialeah Gardens Senior Center congregate meals and the home delivered nutrition programs for the elderly for a period of 18 months, beginning July 1, 2014 with one option to renew for 2 additional years on a year-to-year basis. Only one bid was received by the advertised deadline and were publicly opened at 2pm on June 3, 2014. The only bid received was from Construction Catering which is the City's current provider. The City has been utilizing this company for many years and the cost amounts for the meals have remained the same. Mrs. Freire recommended that the City continue to utilize Construction Catering's services. 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.

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE TOWN OF MEDLEY AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY REGARDING AN OFF-SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT; 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. At this time Joe Lopez, Public Works Director came forward. Mr. Lopez stated that the FDOT intends to undertake and complete Project Number FM405615-3. The project includes improvements on NW 87<sup>th</sup> avenue from north of the Okeechobee Road right of way line to NW 103<sup>rd</sup> street which shall include, roadway improvements, a bridge over C-6 canal, installation of drainage, installation of a Miami-Dade WASD 36 inch water main, street lighting, traffic signals and signing and pavement markings, within the Project Limits. The Project shall further include all activities associated with, or arising out of the construction of the Roadway Improvements. Mr. Citrin stated that this has been a laborious negotiation and feels comfortable with having the Mayor sign the agreement in its current form. If there are any substantive changes made it will be brought back before council. 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. **City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin complimented Aida for doing a nice job on the FDOT/Medley resolution and also mentioned that the City closed the bond issue rate at 2.84%.
10. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous –** No comments.
11. **Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments –** Mr. Citrin reminded Chairman Garcia to motion for the July recess. Chairman Garcia then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
12. **Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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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, August 5, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Monday, August 11, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, September 4, 2014, 11:30 A.M.

**WATER AND SEWER BOARD**

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 7:00 P.M.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 5:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 5:30 P.M.