

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Luciano Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Elmo Urra, Councilman Jorge Merida, Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz, and City Attorney Charles Citrin. Councilman Rolando Piña was absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz led the pledge of allegiance.
- 5. Deletions/Emergency Additions:** None were offered.
- 6. Review of Minutes: March 20, 2018** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 7. Public Comments:**

Chairman Garcia opened the meeting to public comments. Ms. Dania Victores, a local resident, came forward and introduced herself. Ms. Victores voiced her concerns in reference to pedestrian safety on Hialeah Gardens Boulevard particularly in the area of Hialeah Gardens High School.

Students are zig-zagging through traffic and there are no crosswalks safe for students to cross. The speed limit is 40 mph, and it is a very congested road during the morning hours and at release time. Ms. Victores expressed great concern because she is a parent of two students that attend the high school. She believes it is the job of elected officials in cooperation with the community at large to improve on this issue. She has spoken to FDOT and has met with the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee that reports to the Transportation Planning Organization. She has requested that speed limits be lowered and understands this goes through the legislature. Ms. Victores stated that she had also spoken to Mr. Louis Algaze the High School principal and with County Commissioner Diaz's office. Ms. Victores knows that it will take a combined effort from everyone to accomplish this and she is here to ask for help, encourage, and challenge anyone that can step forward.

Chairman Garcia commended Ms. Victores for taking action on this issue in her community. He knows exactly what she is talking about on Hialeah Gardens Boulevard and thanked her for the actions she's taken. He explained that the City does not have jurisdiction on that road; they cannot change the speed limit. They can increase police presence if the personnel are available during drop-off and pick-up hours.

Mayor De La Cruz then explained that he had previously requested for the County to place a sidewalk on Hialeah Gardens Boulevard. He is willing to use City forces to construct a sidewalk but he must secure permission from the County first. The Mayor stated that he is willing to do whatever he can to make that street safer. He also has a child attending the local middle school and drives by the area often; he is very aware of the problem. It is irresponsible of parents to stop in the middle of the street to drop off their children and while there are police officers spread around the City's schools, it is impossible to be everywhere at all times. The Mayor stated that he would be contacting the County Commissioner and one of our State Representatives next week to work toward a solution to these issues.

Ms. Victores also brought up the lack of pedestrian crossing signs. She emphasized the need for them despite not knowing who can implement them. Mayor De La Cruz explained that anything that has to do with street signs has to be done by the County, even on City roads. He promised to personally contact the aforementioned officials to try to speed up that process. Ms. Victores thanked the Council for listening.

8. Request for approval of a 2 COP alcohol beverage license for Polynesian Lake Restaurant & Bar, 13155 W. Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, Florida. Owner: Mr. Barbaro Blanco.

Chairman Garcia read the item into the record and asked whether the applicant was in attendance. Seeing that the applicant was not there, the Chair made a motion to table the item, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. **(4-0)**

- 9. Request for approval of transfer of 3PS alcohol beverage license for Tillo's Liquor Store II, 11300 N.W. 87 Court #116, Hialeah Gardens, Florida:** Owner: Ms. Damary Garcia.

Chairman Garcia read the item into the record. Ms. Damary Garcia, the applicant was present and stated her name and address for the record. Mr. Robert Lorenzo, Director of Business Tax Receipt came forward and gave staff recommendation for approval of the transfer and also recommends that the new owners be encouraged to review the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 and all the restrictions of the 3PS license so that no violations occur. Councilman Merida asked whether the establishment was a convenience store before; Mr. Lorenzo explained that it was previously Gardens Liquors. Chairman Garcia explained that because this is a transfer it would have had to have been the same type of establishment. The Chair made a motion to approve the item, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. **(4-0)**

- 10. First Reading for consideration of the following ordinance:**

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SITE PLAN FOR CHEROKEE ENTERPRISES, INC., CONCERNING PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: TRACT B, ANDREW INDUSTRIAL PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 144, PAGE 23, PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOLIO: 27-2029-020-0020, APPROXIMATE LOCATION: BETWEEN N.W. 107TH AVENUE AND N.W 104TH AVENUE AND SOUTH OF N. W. 134TH STREET, HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the item into the record. Mr. Alex Sanchez, Executive Vice President of Cherokee Enterprises was present and came forward. Chairman Garcia stated that there would be an opportunity for public input upon second reading. He then made a motion to approve the item, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote. **(4-0)**

- 11. City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin commented that it's good to be back again after being away for two months.
- 12. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** No comments.
- 13. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments:** Councilman Gutierrez welcomed back Mr. Citrin.
- 14. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 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, May 15, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, May 7, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 3, 2018, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, April 23, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 5:30 P.M.