

## **MINUTES**

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 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, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, and Mr. Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney. Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz was absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Citrin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions / Emergency Additions:** None were offered.
- 6. Review of Minutes: June 16, 2015.** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015 seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

**8. Presentation of KAPOW (Kids and the Power of the Workplace) Award: Mr. John Casbarro, President of Learning for Success, Inc., and Ms. Sharon Gonzalez, Principal of West Hialeah Gardens Elementary School.**

Mr. Casbarro came forward to thank the council members as well as the City for its sponsorship of KAPOW and its partner school West Hialeah Gardens Elementary. The City has participated in the KAPOW program for the past 8 years. Mr. Casbarro explained the significance of the program and the impact it has had on the students. He took the opportunity to thank Mr. Arturo Ruiz and City employees that participated this past school year. Ms. Sharon Gonzalez, Principal at West Hialeah Gardens Elementary School was introduced and also came forward to thank the Mayor, Council, and City volunteers. In addition, on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the KAPOW awards dinner an award was presented to the City and Mr. Casbarro wanted to present the award formally to the Council at this time.

**9. Proposed Resolutions:**

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS CONCERNING TURF AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record and stated that this resolution approves the annual renewal of the FDOT maintenance agreement with the City. 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, ADOPTING A MAINTENANCE MAP SHOWING PORTIONS OF NW 79TH AVENUE IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 53 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. He stated that Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director was not present and that in his absence he would be reading his memo, regarding the need to adopt a maintenance map for NW 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue, into the record. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- C) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A GIFT OF \$60,000 TO FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Chairman Garcia stated that the City has had a long standing relationship with F.I.U. and this agreement would renew the City's donation for the First Generation Scholarship fund. The agreement is for a four year period with annual payments of \$15,000. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9. Second Reading / Public Haring for consideration and final of the following ordinance:**

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 78, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IX - "SIGNS," HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 78-173 -"EXEMPT SIGNS;" SECTION 78-176 - SIGN STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS (a) "TEMPORARY SIGNS", BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (8) ENTITLED "BANNER SIGNS" AND PROVIDING NEW REGULATIONS FOR BANNER SIGNS INCLUDING DURATION OF DISPLAY, LOCATION, MAXIMUM HEIGHT, WIDTH, NUMBER, PERMIT APPLICATION, MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT; AND UNDER ARTICLE X "DEFINITIONS" ADDING THE DEFINITION OF "BANNER SIGN;" REPLACING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Citrin read the ordinance into the record and swore in those individuals who would be providing testimony on the item. This is a city sponsored ordinance. Mrs. Mirtha Gonzalez, Chief Zoning Official came forward and explained the need to provide regulations in the City's code for "banner signs". Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:45p.m. No one came forward. He then closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. and made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

10. **City Attorney's Report:** No Comments.
11. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous –** Mayor was absent.
12. **Council Members Concerns/ Reports / Board Appointments**  
Councilman Elmo L. Urra appointed Mr. Luis E. Quintero to the Water and Sewer Board.
13. **Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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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**

September 8, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Monday, September 14, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, September 3, 2015, 11:30 A.M.

**WATER AND SEWER BOARD**

Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 5:30 P.M.