

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Rolando Piña, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Jorge A. Merida and Councilman Elmo L. Urra. Also present were Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz and City Attorney Charles A. Citrin.
- 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: August 18, 2015.** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2015 seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

8. Request for approval and compliance of requirements of the U.S. Army Donations Program for Combat Equipment to be displayed at Bay of Pigs Museum. Mayor De La Cruz.

Mayor De La Cruz stated that the City is requesting combat equipment, specifically a tank, from the U.S. Army Donations Program to be displayed on City owned property where the new Bay of Pigs Museum is being constructed. The City will assume all responsibility for the upkeep and safety of the display item. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the request and the compliance of the requirements for the display item, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Proposed Resolutions:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI, 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. Captain Luis Diaz came forward and stated that this was a renewal of the mutual aid agreement with the City of Miami to assist in law enforcement issues. The agreement will be in effect until September 2020. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE BETWEEN AVMED AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Mr. Citrin went on to read the memo prepared by Ms. Aida Martinez-Ruiz in her absence wherein she provided details of the proposals received by the City through its insurance broker, Millennium Benefits. AvMed the City's current provider presented a plan with an increase of 6% over last year's plan. Therefore Ms. Martinez-Ruiz recommended renewing the health coverage with the current carrier AvMed. Representatives from Millennium Benefits were present to answer any questions. Chairman Garcia then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- C) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY'S SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE BETWEEN ALL STATE INSURANCE AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. He mentioned that this is the City's supplemental insurance or Gap as it is known and was included in Ms. Martinez-Ruiz's memo which was discussed during the previous resolution. Chairman Garcia then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- D) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2015 FORD F-150 (XIC) TRUCK TO BE USED BY THE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; UTILIZING AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 46-119 OF THE HIALEAH GARDENS CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DUVAL FORD LLC; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Mr. Andres Delgado, Director of the Water and Sewer Department came forward. Mayor De La Cruz took the opportunity to inform the Council that the department would be purchasing two pickup trucks (the second truck is provided for in the following resolution). The purchase was included in the W & S budget and the old trucks, if operational will be used in other departments or will be auctioned. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- E) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2015 FORD F-150 (FIC) TRUCK TO BE USED BY THE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; UTILIZING AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 46-119 OF THE HIALEAH GARDENS CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DON REID FORD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Mr. Andres Delgado, Water and Sewer Director remained at the podium. This item was discussed during the previous resolution and Chairman Garcia inquired as to the difference in the two purchases. Mr. Delgado state that one truck is a standard cab while the other is an extended cab. Chairman Garcia then make a motion to approved, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. First Reading / Public Hearing for consideration of the following Budget ordinances:

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, AT 5.1613 MILLS, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 9.61% OVER THE ROLL BACK RATE SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY REVENUE TO MEET THE DETERMINED BUDGETARY NEEDS OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin stated that is a Public Hearing on the budget ordinances and proceeded to read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Mayor De La Cruz clarified for the record that the millage is the same as last year's. The City will be receiving more money due to the County increasing its assessment on property values but the City will not be increasing its millage rate. The Mayor mentioned that the current millage rate is lower than it was in 1981 when it was 7.0 and the City has been able to lower the rate for numerous years. Chairman Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak on the item, they could step forward at this time. No one came forward and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m. Chairman Garcia then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- B) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. No comments were offered and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- C) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m. No comments were offered and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- D) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE STORM WATER UTILITY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m. No comments were offered and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- E) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE STREETS AND ROADS FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m. No comments were offered and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- F) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m. No comments were offered and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- G) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITIZEN'S INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m. No comments were offered and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

11. **City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin mentioned that he would be entering his sixteenth year with the City and that it has been a pleasure representing the Council.
12. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous –** No comments.
13. **Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments:
Police Pension Board:**
14. **Adjournment –** The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 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, October 6, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, October 5, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 1, 2015, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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