

## MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 2014  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 Mayor Yiozet De La Cruz. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz serving for Mr. Charles A. Citrin who was absent.
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: February 18, 2014.** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2014 seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
7. **Public Comments:** None were offered.

**8. Proposed Resolution:**

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A REVISED HIALEAH GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the full title of the resolution into the record. Chief Toth came forward and gave details of the request to adopt the revised Hialeah Gardens Police Department General Orders Manual. The revision of the general orders was done in order to continue with the accreditation of the Police Department. Chief Toth stated that every member on the Police Department has been trained in those general orders. The general orders meet the standards for accreditation which are the highest standards in law enforcement in the state of Florida. Chairman Garcia then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. Chief Toth then took a moment to mention that on Thursday members of the Punta Gorda Police Department will be coming to the city Police to assist with a technical review prior to the "mock assessment" which is scheduled for March 27, 28, and 29.

**9. Swearing in ceremony for Councilmen Luciano "Lucky" Garcia and Elmo L. Urra:** The Honorable Judge Betty Capote.

Judge Betty Capote came forward and performed the ceremony. Judge Capote first swore in Councilman Luciano "Lucky" Garcia followed by Councilman Elmo L. Urra. Both Councilmembers will be serving four year terms.

**10. Reorganization of the City Council's hierarchical order:** Aida Martinez-Ruiz, Assistant City Attorney.

Councilman Piña made a motion for Luciano Garcia to continue to serve as Chairman, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. Councilman Merida then nominated Councilman Rolando Piña to serve as Vice Chair, seconded by Chairman Garcia. The motion was unanimously approved. Chairman Garcia nominated Councilman Jorge A. Merida to serve as Finance Chair, seconded by Rolando Piña. The motion was unanimously approved.

**11. Board Appointments: Planning and Zoning Board, Water and Sewer Board.**

All board members from Planning and Zoning and Water and Sewer department were reappointed.

**12. City Attorney's Report:** No comments.

- 13. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous** – Mayor De La Cruz stated that it was a blessing and an honor to serve with all the Council Members and congratulated Councilmen Garcia and Elmo L. Urra on their reelection.
- 14. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments** – No comments.
- 15. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 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**

Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Monday, April 14, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, April 3, 2014, 11:30 A.M.

**WATER AND SEWER BOARD**

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 7:00 P.M.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 5:30 P.M.