

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014
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 Jorge A. Merida, Councilman Elmo L. Urra, and Mr. Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney. Councilman Rolando Piña, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, and Mayor Yioiset 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:** None were offered.
- 6. Review of Minutes: May 06, 2014.** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of May 06, 2014 seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

8. Second Reading / Public Hearing for consideration and final adoption of the following ordinance:

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING REVENUE NOTE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,300,000; PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE DETAILS OF SAID NOTE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin swore in all those who would be providing testimony on items for Second Reading / Public Hearing and proceeded to read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Mr. Citrin stated the terminology was changed from bond to note as passed on first reading, but that there were no substantive changes made to the ordinance. This change was a result of a requirement or request made by the City's financial advisor for their internal compliance. Mr. Juan Rivera, O.M.B. Director then came forward and mentioned that the City was able to negotiate a fixed rate of 2.84% over 12 years which is .10% less when compared to the initial proposed rate provided by Regions Bank which was 2.94%. Chairman Garcia briefly stated that City staff had done their due diligence to make sure that the rate the City was getting was a better rate than other banks were offering. Chairman Garcia then opened the public hearing at 7:35. No one came forward. He then closed at 7:35. He then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was approved unanimously. **(3-0)**

9. Proposed Resolutions:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF REGIONS BANK TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH A LOAN (THE "LOAN") IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,300,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF (1) REFUNDING THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2004, WHICH FINANCED THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS, FUNDING A DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND, FINANCING ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL, LEGAL AND OTHER PLANNING COSTS RELATED THERETO, AND PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE SERIES 2004 BONDS, AND (ii) PAYING RELATED CLOSING COSTS; AUTHORIZING A RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING

REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2014 (THE "NOTE"), IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH LOAN; PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE LOAN AND NOTE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND DETAILS OF THE LOAN AND NOTE; DESIGNATING THE NOTE AS A "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATION" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Chairman Garcia stated that this resolution is related to the ordinance that was just passed. 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. Mr. Citrin made mention that the previous memorandum showed a \$70,000 cost of issuance which should read \$66,000. Mr. Citrin also stated that the rate has been locked in and that the closing would be held sometime next week. The corrected memo was made available to Council.

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CITY FIREWORKS ENTERTAINMENT TO ADD FIRE, INC. FOR THE CITY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION; RENEWING THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH ADD FIRE, INC.; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ADD FIRE, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Mr. Walter Dubon, Director of Parks and Recreation came forward and gave details of the agreement with ADD Fire, Inc., for this year's fireworks display. Mr. Dubon mentioned that this is the ninth year working with this vendor Fire and they have done a great job. At this time no one came forward to comment on the item. 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 THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2014 FORD F-150 VEHICLE TO BE USED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION 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. Juan Rivera, O.M.B. Director came forward and stated that the price for the Ford F-150 is \$15,464 and can be delivered within 90 days. The vehicle has been budgeted for and will be used to replace an existing truck that will be sold at auction. The City will be using the Sheriff's bid and waiving competitive bidding. At this time no one came forward to comment on the item. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- D) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DORAL, 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. Chief Toth came forward and gave details of the mutual aid agreement with the City of Doral and stated that this is a common practice in law enforcement and is done with almost all agencies in Miami-Dade County. Agreements are usually 3 or 5 years depending on the municipality. Chairman Garcia went on to ask when was the last time the City of Hialeah Gardens provided officers to a neighboring city. Chief Toth mentioned that over a year ago the City assisted the City of Doral when the Miami-Dade College parking lot collapsed off the Turnpike. The City's units assisted in closing off the perimeters for the collapse of the garage as well as provided direction for Fire Rescue to newly developed area. At this time no one came forward to comment on the item. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. At this time Chief Toth commented on the progress of the accreditation for the City's Police Department. A mock assessment was done in preparation and the Department was about 80-90% in compliance with standards throughout the State.

There are 262 standards that must be met in order to be accredited. Last week a team from the Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation spent 3 and half days at the Department and out of the 262 standards, 260 standards met compliance. There were two standards that we were not in compliance at that time which have been addressed. As of today the Police Department has met all standards and the team will be recommending to the commission that the City of Hialeah Gardens Police Department be accredited. On June 25, 2014 the Commission meeting for Florida accreditation will be held in Bonita Springs at which that time the official decision will be made for the City's accreditation. Chairman Garcia congratulated the Chief, the officers, and the staff for their hard work in order to achieve this goal.

- 10. City Attorney's Report:** No comments.
- 11. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous –** Chairman Garcia mentioned that the Mayor's father is going through a health issue and our thoughts and prayers are with him, the Mayor, and his family.
- 12. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments –** No comments.
- 13. Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 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

July Recess

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, July 28, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

T.B.A.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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