

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013
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 Jorge Gutierrez, and Councilman Elmo L. Urra. Also present were Mr. Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney and Mayor Yioset De La Cruz.
- 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: October 1, 2013.** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2013 seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

8. Presentation of Christian Aguilar Child Alert Mobile App, Missing Children's Network: Mr. Ricardo Barredo.

Mr. Ricardo Barredo on behalf of Missing Children's Global Network came forward to present the Christian Aguilar Child Alert Mobile App which would provide technology to assist in finding missing children. He also took this opportunity to thank the Mayor and Council for their continued support. He then introduced Mr. Gerardo Reyes with Way Out Mobile Solutions who created the application who came forward and gave a powerpoint presentation. Mr. Reyes went on to explain the app and how it works. The app is currently available on Android, Apple, and Blackberry devices for download. Mr. Fernando Alvarez was also introduced and came forward. Mr. Alvarez is currently training volunteers to work with local and county police in search efforts for missing children. The volunteer team will also work on cold cases here in Dade County. Mr. Barredo then introduced Mr. Carlos Aguilar and his wife, parents of Christian Aguilar who went missing and was found deceased in Gainesville. Mr. Aguilar came forward and thanked the City for their support and thanked the Global Missing Childrens Organization for naming the application in honor of his son. Mr. Aguilar stated that he has started a non profit for missing children using search dogs in the effort. Chairman Garcia then praised the hard work commitment of these individuals.

9. Proposed Resolutions:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING REPAIRS TO HOLLINGWORTH HALL SENIOR CENTER; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,180.00; 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. Cintrin stated that this resolution serves to memorialize the action taken at the last Council Meeting. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2014 FORD FIESTA VEHICLES TO BE USED BY THE ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LICENSE DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND PURCHASING THE VEHICLE FROM A DEALERSHIP MATCHING THE PURCHASE PRICE SET FORTH IN THE FLORIDA SHERRIFF'S BID;

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GUS MACHADO FORD; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Juan Rivera OMB Director came forward and gave the recommendation to purchase two (2) Ford Fiesta vehicles waiving competitive bidding and purchasing the vehicles from Gus Machado Ford which is matching the purchase price set forth in the Florida Sherriff's bid. The vehicles are to be used by the Zoning/License/Code Department and will replace the older vehicles which are going to be auctioned off. 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 CITY MAYOR TO APPLY FOR THE FEDERAL DRUG CONTROL AND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AVAILABLE THROUGH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, EXPEND AND AMEND BYRNE/JAG FORMULA PROGRAM FUNDS AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A RECORDS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Captain Luis Diaz came forward on behalf of Chief Toth and gave details of the Byrne/Jag grant 2014. The total amount of the grant is \$3,201.00 and is to be used by the Police Department for records improvement and the replacement of officer's laptop computers. Chairman Garcia 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 CITY MAYOR TO ACCEPT A TRANSFER OF MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO MIAMI DADE COLLEGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AN EDUCATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN; THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Mayor De La Cruz explained that this fiscal year the city received one (1) million dollars from the state of Florida to build an educational botanical garden. Mayor De La Cruz also stated that the money was given through Miami Dade College and their educational fund and that this is basically to allow the city to receive the funds from Miami Dade which will now be transferred to the city. The botanical garden will be built on a 5 acre site at Westland Gardens Park and the garden will have over 40,000 plants as well as a walking trail. Ana Maria Bradley-Hess, the dean of academic and student affairs from Miami Dade College Hialeah Campus then came forward. Mrs. Hess spoke about the importance of the botanical program at MDC and urged the Mayor and Council to visit the program at the campus. The school is also known for the earth ethics institute which provides all manner of initiatives related to sustainability. Mrs. Hess looks forward to working with the city as are the faculty and students, and congratulated the city for putting forth the effort to develop this facility. Chairman Garcia mentioned there is already a design in place and will work with MDC to improve it over time. Mayor De La Cruz mentioned that it will be free of charge for city residents and students of MDC. Mrs. Hess also mentioned that the Hialeah campus is undergoing major construction and expansion and MDC is very proud of their expanded capabilities. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. First Reading for consideration of the following ordinance:

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-17 CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS POLICE PENSION TRUST FUND PROVIDING FOR A DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Chairman Garcia stated that this was a first reading and as such an opportunity for public input would be provided on second reading. He then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- B) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING WAIVER OF PLAT AND VARIANCE TO PERMIT A LOT AREA OF 1.20 ACRES WHERE 1.25 ACRES IS REQUIRED FOR DOUGLAS VALLEJOS. PROPERTY IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: PARENT TRACT PARCEL A: THE WEST 159.03 FEET OF THE EAST 523.63 FEET OF TRACT 19, OF FLORIDA FRUIT LANDS COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION NO. 1, OF SECTION 29,

TOWNSHIP 52 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE SOUTH 35 FEET THEREOF WHICH HAVE BEEN DEDICATED FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY. SAID LANDS SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. FOLIO #: 27-2029-001-0205. APPROXIMATE LOCATION: NORTH SIDE OF NW 135 STREET BETWEEN NW 102ND AVENUE AND THEORETICAL NW 104TH AVENUE, HIALEAH GARDENS, FL., PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. Mr. Douglas Vallejos the applicant was present. Chairman Garcia stated that this was a first reading and as such an opportunity for public input would be provided on second reading. He then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- 11. City Attorney's Report:** No comments.
- 12. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous –** No comments.
- 13. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments –** Councilman Rolando Piña stated that the City's Halloween event had been a great success and thanked the City's law enforcement for providing a safe environment.
- 14. Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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, December 3, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, December 9, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 5, 2013, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, November 27, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 5:30 P.M.