

## **MINUTES**

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS  
TUESDAY, January 17, 2012  
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 Councilman Jorge Gutierrez. Also present were Mr. Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney, Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz and Mayor Yioiset 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:** January 03, 2012. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of January 03, 2012, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** The following individuals came forward and voiced their concerns regarding issues at the Courtly Manor Mobile Home Park:

Ana Lourdes Cuesta, 1601 S.W. 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, Florida  
 Adalberto Martinez, 12401 W. Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, Florida  
 Ricardo Ortega, 12401 W. Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, Florida  
 Maria M. Martinez, 12401 W. Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, Florida  
 Mario Prieto Jr., 12401 W. Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, Florida  
 Maria (did not provide last name), 12401 W. Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, FL  
 Gelio Hernandez, 12401 W. Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, Florida

Concerns included increase in rent, charges for water consumption, frequent water shut offs, water quality, lake contamination, broken pavements, public lighting, flow of water pressure for Fire Department, maintenance of common green areas, trash pick up and condition of trash containers. Mayor De La Cruz addressed the concerns one by one and reminded the residents that the Courtly Manor Mobile Park is a privately owned property and that he was limited in his jurisdiction as Mayor. He stated that he was working with State and Federal Representatives and had scheduled a meeting in Tallahassee for February 1, 2012 with the Director of the State's Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes in order to ensure all the resident's complaints were being addressed and that thorough investigations were being conducted. The Mayor also informed that the city's water which is provided by Miami-Dade County is tested every year for water quality and a copy of the report was mailed to all residents. He also informed that the water in the lake behind Courtly Manor had been tested on December 21, 2011 by the Health Department and was reported to be uncontaminated. The Mayor continued to state that the inspection done on January 6, 2012 by the Miami-Dade Fire Department regarding water pressure in the flow pumps were also in good standing.

## **8. Proposed Resolution:**

### **Tabled: January 03, 2012**

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LOOK ADVERTISING, LLC FOR THE INSTALLMENT OF ADVERTISING GARBAGE CONTAINERS IN DESIGNATED LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH LOOK ADVERTISING, LLC; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chairman Garcia made a motion to remove item from table, seconded by councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Aida Martinez-Ruiz served as council attorney and read the full title of the resolution into the record. Mr. Carlos LaValle was present on behalf of Look Advertising, LLC.

Mayor De La Cruz informed that this contract, which was still being worked out, would serve to implement the use of attractive trash containers placed throughout the City. The containers would provide for advertising space whereby the City would collect a percentage of the revenue and at the same time keep the city cleaner. No one else came forward to speak on the item therefore Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9. Second Reading / Public Hearing for consideration and final adoption of the following ordinances:**

**Tabled: January 03, 2012**

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, GRANTING VARIANCES FOR WEST GARDEN PLAZA LLC TO PERMIT TWO (2) PYLONS SIGNS AT NW 95<sup>TH</sup> STREET (NORTH ENTRANCE) AND AT W. OKEECHOBEE RD. (SOUTH ENTRANCE). LOCATION: 8040 N.W. 95 STREET, HIALEAH GARDENS, FL., FOLIO #: 27-2030-014-0131, PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. (TRC Vote: 6-0; P&Z Vote: 3-0)

The applicant was not present for this item therefore the item remained tabled.

**10. City Attorney's Report – No Comments**

**11. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous** – Mayor De La Cruz told the students, jokingly, that they had finally picked a fun meeting to attend.

**12. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments:** Chairman Garcia addressed the students and teased that there would be a test on everything presented at tonight's meeting. All kidding aside, he said that this meeting was a perfect example of how residents can approach their elected officials and voice their concerns. The meeting was an opportunity for the students to see their local government at work.

**13. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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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, February 7, 2012, 7:30 P.M.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Monday, March 5, 2012, 7:30 P.M.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 1, 2012, 11:30 A.M.

**WATER AND SEWER BOARD**

Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 5:30 P.M.