

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Piña called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present serving as Chairman was Councilman Rolando Piña, Councilman Jorge A. Merida, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, and Councilman Elmo L. Urra. Also present was Mr. Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney. Mayor Yioset De La Cruz and Chairman Garcia were absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Councilman Gutierrez gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Piña led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions / Emergency Additions:** There were none.
- 6. Review of Minutes: November 20, 2012.** Chairman Piña made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2012 seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

8. First Reading for consideration of the following ordinance:

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 46-1 ENTITLED "TAXATION AND FINANCE: ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING SENIOR CITIZENS" TO BE APPLIED TO MILLAGE RATES LEVIED BY MIAMI-DADE; INCREASING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING SENIOR CITIZENS BY \$25,000.00 FROM \$25,000.00 TO UP TO \$50,000.00; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the ordinance into the record. Marcos Piloto came forward and read his memo into the record which gave details of the ordinance on first reading. This ordinance will allow senior citizens who reside in the city and meet qualifying criteria to apply for an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption. Chairman Piña stated that this was a first reading and as such an opportunity for public input will be provided upon second reading. He then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized vote. **(4-0)**

- B) ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN APPROPRIATE SUBSECTION, ENTITLED "ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION; LOW-INCOME SENIORS WHO MAINTAINED LONG-TERM RESIDENCY ON PROPERTY; EQUAL TO ASSESSED VALUE"; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the ordinance into the record. Marcos Piloto had made reference to the action of this ordinance in the previous ordinance and added that we are the first city to allow this exemption under the new amendment 11 which passed on

November, 6. Chairman Piña stated that this was a first reading and as such an opportunity for public input will be provided upon second reading. He then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized vote. **(4-0)**

9. **City Attorney's Report:** No comments.
10. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous –** The Mayor was absent.
11. **Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments –** No Comments.
12. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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, January 8, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

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

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, January , 2013, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, January 25, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Monday, February 5, 2012, 5:30 P.M.