

## **MINUTES**

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:32 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:** Deletion of item 8A.
- 6. Review of Minutes: December 4, 2012.** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2012 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, FLORIDA DECLARING THE ACQUISITION OF PARCEL ONE REQUIRED FOR THE WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF N.W. 102<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS TO BE NECESSARY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT WITH THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE HOLDER OF PARCEL ONE BY CONSENT FINAL JUDGMENT IN EMINENT DOMAIN COURT PROCEEDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Item 8A was deleted.**

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

- 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. Cintrin swore in all those would be providing testimony on items for Second Reading / Public Hearing. Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Marcos Piloto came forward and gave details of both this ordinance and the one to follow which allows qualified low income seniors who have lived in the same home in Hialeah Gardens for 25 years to apply for added Homestead exemption. The Mayor made mention that we are the first city to do this in collaboration with State Representative Gonzalez and State Senator Garcia in the Florida Legislature. Chairman Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. No comments were offered and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:36 p.m. Chairman Garcia then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. **(Vote 5-0)**

- 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 full title of the resolution into the record. Chairman Garcia mentioned this ordinance goes hand in hand with the previous one. Chairman Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m. No comments were offered and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m. Chairman Garcia then made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. **(Vote 5-0)**

10. **City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a wonderful Hanukkah, and a peaceful 2013.
11. **Mayor's Report:** The Mayor wished everyone Happy Holidays, a Happy New Year, and also wished Mr. Citrin a Happy Hanukkah.
12. **Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments:** Chairman Garcia reminded everyone that Thursday is the toy giveaway at the schools and Friday is the Toy's at Palmetto Hospital and Senior Center holiday party. The Mayor then added that gift cards will be given out tomorrow at the Courtly Manor trailer park starting at 5:30 p.m.
13. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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 5, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Monday, February 11, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 7, 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.