

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, June 7, 2011
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Rolando Piña, Councilman Jorge A. Merida and Councilman Jorge Gutierrez. Also present were City Attorney Charles A. Citrin. Councilman Elmo L. Urra was absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor De La Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions / Emergency Additions:** Presentation of the FY09-10 Audit Report by Mr. Nestor Cabellero, CPA, Alberni Caballero & Company, was added to the agenda as Item 7A.
- 6. Review of Minutes:** May 17, 2011. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2011, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

8. Proposed Resolutions:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT (THE "DREAM ACT"); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Councilman Rolando Piña sponsored this resolution in support of the Dream Act which serves to help immigrant students in the United States. 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, SUPPORTING WORKER'S RIGHTS TO ORGANIZE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Councilman Rolando Piña sponsored this resolution in supporting the rights of public and private sector worker's to organize. 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 THREE (3) 2005 CROWN VICTORIA VEHICLES AT A UNIT PRICE OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,000), ONE (1) 2005 CROWN VICTORIA VEHICLE AT A PRICE OF TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED (\$2,400) AND ONE (1) 2005 FORD TAURUS AT A PRICE OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND PURCHASING THE VEHICLES FROM THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. This resolution serves to formalize the action taken at the last Council meeting authorizing the purchase of five surplus vehicles from the Village of Key Biscayne. 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 PURCHASE OF TWO (2) CROWN VICTORIA VEHICLES AT A UNIT PRICE OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000) TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND PURCHASING THE VEHICLES FROM THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. This resolution serves to formalize the action taken at the last Council meeting authorizing the purchase from forfeiture funds of two surplus vehicles from the Village of Key Biscayne to be used by the Police Department. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- E) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND RATIFYING FOLEY & LARDNER LLP AS THE CITY'S BOND / DISCLOSURE COUNSEL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. This resolution serves to formalize the action taken at the last Council meeting to approve the City's bond disclosure counsel. It was noted that the resolution had to be corrected to include Richard Kuper, PA. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- F) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT SALES

FOR A RAPID VIEW IBAK-PORTABLE MAINLINE INSPECTION SYSTEM AS PART OF THE INFILTRATION AND FLOW STUDY MANDATED BY THE SECOND CONSENT DECREE AND OVERSEEN BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DERM; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT SALES; 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. This resolution serves to formalize the action taken at the last Council meeting authorizing the purchase of inspection equipment for use by the City's Water & Sewer Department. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. **City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin commented on the successful meeting recently held with bond counsel. The meeting, chaired by Mr. Marcos Piloto, served to work out a schedule for preparation of the special assessment district. A first resolution will be prepared for the next Council meeting.
10. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** Mayor De La Cruz thanked Mr. Marcos Piloto, for all his hard work with the preparation of the budget. He also thanked his department heads and the Council for their support. The Mayor stated that he was very proud of the City's audit and the fiscal responsibility shown during difficult economic times. Chairman Garcia added his congratulations to Mr. Piloto and the Mayor for having the discipline to plan ahead for situations such as the present economy. This planning allowed the City to ride through tough times and not affect the City's residents by having to raise taxes or lessen services
11. **Council Members Concerns / Reports/ Board Appointments:** Councilman Piña thanked Mayor De La Cruz and Marcos Piloto for their work on the budget. He also commented on the opening of the new DMV at the Mall of the Americas.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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

July Recess

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

July Recess

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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