

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008**

**HOLLINGSWORTH HALL SENIOR CENTER
10003 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 Elmo L. Urra, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, and Councilman Jorge A. Merida. Also present were Mayor Yioset De La Cruz and City Attorney Charles A. Citrin. Councilman Rolando Piña 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:** None were offered.
6. **Review of Minutes:** March 4, 2008. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2008, 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, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRITT PARTY RENTALS FOR THE FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT AT CITY HOLIDAY EVENTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUCH AGREEMENT BY THE MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Mr. Walter Dubon, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department came forward and gave his recommendation to award the contract to Britt Party Rentals to provide food and entertainment at the city's holiday events. Staff further researched with other vendors but the prices were not competitive or were unable to supply all the items necessary. 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 ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICE FURNITURE TO BE USED IN THE NEW WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; UTILIZING AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH OFFICE XPRESS; 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. Marcos Piloto, Director of O.M.B. came forward and gave recommendations to award the contract to Office Xpress using a State of Florida contract. Office Xpress' proposal contained more furniture for a lower cost. 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, MEMORIALIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE CHARTER ELECTION AMENDMENT ELECTION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record and explained the need to correct and reflect the results of the charter amendment question in the election held on September 3, 1996. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. **City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin had no comments.
10. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** Mayor De La Cruz had no comments.
11. **Council Members Concerns / Reports:** The council members had no comments.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 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, May 6, 2008, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, May 12, 2008, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 1, 2008, 4:00 P.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Monday, June 2, 2008, 5:30 P.M.