

## **MINUTES**

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 Yioiset 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:** Mr. Tom Cerra led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  5. **Deletions/Emergency Additions:** A viewing of a promotional video of the city was added as Item 7A. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
  6. **Review of Minutes:** October 7, 2008. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
  7. **Public Comments:** None were offered.
- 7A. The promotional video of the city was presented. Mayor De La Cruz and Chairman Garcia made positive comments of the video made by Spiral Media.

8. **Distinguished Public Service Award for Alexandria Segovia:** Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz.

The Distinguished Public Service Award was presented to Alexandria Segovia a freshman at Hialeah Gardens High School. Mayor De La Cruz had wonderful comments of her accomplishments and how involved she is with her school and community.

9. **Distinguished Public Service Award for Ana Mederos, C.E.O., Palmetto General Hospital:** Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz.

The Distinguished Public Service Award was presented to Ms. Ana Mederos, Chief Executive Officer of Palmetto General Hospital for her efforts in the community and for her work in the health care field. Mayor De La Cruz also thanked Mr. Kaya Ates for his efforts in the community on behalf of Palmetto General Hospital.

10. **Request for approval of 2 COP alcohol beverage license for Cristy's Café, Inc., 9801 NW 79 Avenue, Hialeah Gardens, Florida:** Ms. Aparecida Gutierrez , Owner.

The following individuals came forward and gave testimony:

Ms. Aparecida Gutierrez, owner

Mr. Arturo L. Ruiz, Director of Administration

Mr. Robert Lorenzo, Chief of Business License Tax Department

Ms. Aparecida Gutierrez, the applicant was present. Mr. Arturo L. Ruiz, Director of Administration came forward and introduced Mr. Robert Lorenzo who will be serving as the new Chief of the Business License Tax Department, formerly known as the Occupational License Department. Mr. Lorenzo read staff's recommendation for approval of the 2COP alcohol beverage license into the record. No one addressed the item. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. **Proposed Resolutions:**

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH SELECTED CONTRACTORS FOR THE SAMARI LAKE EAST CONDOMINIUMS REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; 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. Jerry Bell came forward and gave details on the need to approve a pool of general contractors to perform the work necessary at the Samari Lake Condominiums for those applicants which qualified for assistance. Funds are through a grant from Miami-Dade County. Mayor De la Cruz asked questions regarding the time frame for the commencement of the work. Next week inspections will start with contractors in order for them to provide a formal bid for the work to be done. 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 PHASE II CONSTRUCTION OF NW 122 STREET BETWEEN 97 AVENUE AND HIALEAH GARDENS BOULEVARD AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ACOSTA TRACTORS, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,110,051.90; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record memorializing the action taken at the last council meeting. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

12. **City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin announced that the meeting of November 4<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

13. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous Board Appointment (Personnel Review Board)**

Mayor De La Cruz reminded everyone of the Halloween Event.

14. **Council Members Concerns / Reports - Board Appointments (Personnel Review Board and Police Pension Board)**

There were no comments from the council members.

15. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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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, December 2, 2008, 7:30 P.M.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Monday, December 8, 2008, 7:30 P.M.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, December 4, 2008, 11:30 A.M.

**WATER AND SEWER BOARD**

Tuesday, November 25, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

Monday, December 15, 2008, 5:30 P.M.