

MINUTES

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

HOLLINGSWORTH HALL SENIOR CENTER 10003 NW 87 AVENUE

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Elmo L. Urra, Councilman Jorge A. Merida, and Councilman Rolando Piña. Also present were Mayor Yiozet De La Cruz and City Attorney Charles A. Citrin. Councilman Jorge Gutierrez was absent.
3. **Invocation:** Chairman Garcia led 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:** August 21, 2007. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2007, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
7. **Public Comments:** None were offered.
8. **Recommendation of City's various Insurance Providers (Life, Disability, Workers Compensation, Liability, Property and Automobile) R.F.P. No. 2007-04:** Aida Martinez-Ruiz, Assistant City Attorney.

Mrs. Aida Martinez Ruiz came forward and gave details of the proposal received for disability and life insurance coverage. She recommended the City continue with Jefferson Pilot which has maintained the same rates and coverage as last year. A resolution will be prepared meeting to this effect. Mrs. Martinez-Ruiz will review and recommend coverage for the remaining insurance needs at the next council meeting.

The City will also go out for an RFQ for broker services for next year's insurance renewals. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. **First Reading for consideration of the following ordinances:**

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 REDUCING THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED MILLAGE OF 6.12 TO 4.909 MILLS, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF 9.00% OF THE 5.395 ROLL BACK RATE AS PER HOUSE BILL HB 1B REFORM LEGISLATION OF 2007; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. This is a first reading and a public hearing. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m. No one came forward; Chairman Garcia closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Chairman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote **(Vote 4-0)**.

- B) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. This is a first reading and a public hearing. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. No one came forward; Chairman Garcia closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Chairman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote **(Vote 4-0)**.

- C) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE PARK TRUST FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. This is a first reading and a public hearing. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. No one came forward; Chairman Garcia closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Chairman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote **(Vote 4-0)**.

- D) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. This is a first reading and a public hearing. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. No one came forward; Chairman Garcia closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Chairman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote **(Vote 4-0)**.

- E) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE STORM WATER UTILITY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. This is a first reading and a public hearing. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. No one came forward; Chairman Garcia closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Chairman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote **(Vote 4-0)**.

- F) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE STREETS AND ROADS FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. This is a first reading and a public hearing. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. No one came forward; Chairman Garcia closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Chairman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote **(Vote 4-0)**.

- G) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the ordinance into the record. This is a first reading and a public hearing. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. No one came forward; Chairman Garcia closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Chairman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote **(Vote 4-0)**.

Mr. August Torres, accountant for the city came forward and gave a strong review of the city's finances.

10. **City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin commented that the bond documents for the archdiocese would be ready for the next meeting.

11. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** The Mayor had no comments.

12. **Council Members Concerns/Reports – Board Appointments (Police Pension Board)**

Councilman Piña made mention of the fire in his neighborhood and the great response by the police and fire department.

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 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, October 2, 2007 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, October 22, 2007, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 25, 2007, 4:00 P.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Tuesday, September 25, 2007, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

T.B.A.