

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2002

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10001 NW 87 AVENUE

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Valdes called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Chairperson Valdes, Council members Luciano Garcia, Rolando Piña, Miguel Haddad and Manuel Zardon. Also present were Mayor Yioset De La Cruz and City Attorney Charles A. Citrin.
3. **Invocation:** Council member Garcia gave the invocation.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor De La Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **Deletions/Emergency Additions:** No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.
6. **Review of Minutes: February 19, 2002:** Council member Piña requested a correction to Item 8. of the minutes. The location of the pine trees referenced by Mr. Menendez should read north of their property instead of behind their property. Chairperson Valdes made a motion to approve the minutes with this correction, seconded by Council member Piña and the minutes were unanimously approved by individualized voice vote of the council.
7. **Citizens' Miscellaneous:** Requests to place items on future agenda(s) No requests were made.
8. **Proposed Resolution:**

***A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH  
GARDENS CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF  
THE SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION ON  
MARCH 5, 2002; PROVIDING FOR  
EFFECTIVE DATE.***

Mr. Charles A. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. A motion was made by Chairperson Valdes to approve, Council member Haddad offered a second and the resolution was unanimously approved by individualized voice vote of the council.

9. **Swearing in ceremony:** Council members Luciano Garcia and Manuel Zardon. Mr. Charles A. Citrin administered the oath of office to Council members Garcia and Zardon. Mayor De La Cruz congratulated both council members for their hard work and dedication to the residents of Hialeah Gardens. Council member Zardon and Garcia expressed their appreciation for being given the opportunity to continue to serve the City.
10. **Discussion of terms for unopposed candidates:** Mr. Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney noted that both Council member Garcia and Zardon having been unopposed were to receive four year terms each. This determination was based on City ordinance 98-01.
11. **Reorganization of the City Council's hierarchical order:** Mr. Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney explained that the City Charter called for a reorganization of the council's hierarchical order after every election. At this time nominations were made for the position of Chair, Vice Chair and Finance Director. Council member Piña nominated Council member Garcia for Chair, seconded by Council member Valdes and the motion was unanimously approved. A motion was then made by Chairperson Garcia to nominate Council member Piña for Vice Chair, also seconded by Council member Valdes and unanimously approved. Chairperson Garcia followed with a motion to nominate Council member Zardon for Finance Director, seconded by Council member Valdes and unanimously approved.
12. **Board Appointments-**

Pursuant to City Charter the following appointments were made:

**Water and Sewer Board:**

Council member Haddad appointed:	Mr. Mario Cavadia 12698 N.W. 102 Avenue Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018
Council member Piña appointed:	Mr. Ovidio Eijan 10372 N.W. 130 Street Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018
Council member Zardon appointed:	Mr. Romelio V. Garcia 9985 N.W. 130 Street Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018
Council member Valdes appointed:	Mrs. Elsy Rodriguez 8862 N.W. 110 Lane Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018

Chairperson Garcia asked to postpone his nomination until the next council meeting.

**Planning and Zoning Board:**

Council member Haddad appointed:	Ms. Sonia Bances 9021 N.W. 114 Terrace Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018
Council member Piña appointed:	Mrs. Fanny Rossell 9013 N.W. 114 Terrace Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018
Council member Zardon appointed:	Mr. Jorge Merida 9928 N.W. 133 Street Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018
Council member Valdes re-appointed:	Mr. Guillermo Arguelles 10047 N.W. 129 Terrace Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018
Chairperson Garcia appointed:	Ms. Susie Cordero 10471 N.W. 133 Street Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018

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Chairperson Garcia called for a fifteen-minute recess at 7:50 p.m.

Chairperson Garcia reconvened the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

13. **Opening of sealed bids for payroll services:** Mr. Marcos Piloto, O.M.B., came forward and explained that a request for proposals to provide payroll services for the City had been publicly advertised. The deadline to submit the proposals was February 28, 2002 and the sealed bids were to be opened at tonight's meeting. Two proposals were received by the deadline; one from ADP and the other from Ceridian Benefits, a third bid from CompuPay was received after the deadline and therefore did not qualify. Mr. Piloto was instructed to review the bids and report his recommendations back to the council at the next meeting.
14. **Discussion of bids for construction of restrooms and concession stand at Westland Gardens Park and Golden Eagle Park:** Mr. Ray Garcia, Director, Parks and Recreation Department was present and informed the council that a request for bids had been advertised for construction projects at both Westland Gardens and Golden Eagle Parks. No proposals had been received by the February 19, 2002 deadline; therefore Mr. Garcia requested an extension to solicit contractors on the City's behalf. As a result, GEM Construction had presented him with a sealed bid

which Mr. Garcia opened at tonight's meeting. The bid was for \$61,000.00 for the proposed construction work at Golden Eagle Park. Mr. Garcia was instructed to review the bid document and continue to seek competitive proposals from other contractors and report back his recommendations at the next council meeting.

**15. Proposed Resolution:**

***A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A DICTAPHONE RECORDING SYSTEM INCLUDING THE "CALL CHECK" CAPABILITY; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING DUE TO THE EXISTENCE OF A SOLE PROVIDER; APPROVING AGREEMENTS RELATED TO SAID PURCHASES, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.***

Charles A. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. It was noted that this resolution was drafted to ratify the action taken by the council at their last meeting. The resolution authorizes the purchase of a Dictaphone recording system for use by the Police Department. Council member Haddad made a motion to approve, seconded by Council member Valdes and resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote of the council.

16. **Discussion of concerns:** Mr. & Mrs. Sergio Menendez, 9900 N.W. 137 Street, Hialeah Gardens, FL, came forward and voiced their concern over the vacant lot located behind their home. Mayor De La Cruz informed Mr. and Mrs. Menéndez of the steps the City had taken to address this issue and that as a result of D.E.R.M.'s findings the City was limited in their clean up efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Menendez were advised to follow up their concerns with D.E.R.M. as that agency had jurisdiction over this matter.
17. **Discussion of Maco Commerce Center:** Council member Rolando Piña made a motion to reconsider this item, seconded by Council member Haddad and unanimously approved by individualized voice vote of the council. Public notice will be given and the item will be brought back for substantive discussion with the applicant at the next scheduled council meeting.
18. **City Attorney's Report** – Informed that the Julio Martinez lawsuit had been dismissed and that an executive meeting will be held this evening on the Hameetman lawsuit.
19. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous** - Mayor De La Cruz reported on his trip to Tallahassee which had been successful in the securing of an additional \$50,000.00 for the Senior Center with the help of Representative Arza. The Mayor also gave a run down of the numerous projects underway in the City, including improvements to the Parks and Recreation program as well as street and road improvements.
20. **Council Members Concerns/Reports – Miscellaneous** -

**Council member Haddad** – No comments

**Council member Piña** – Congratulated Chairperson Garcia and Council member Zardon on their re-election.

**Council member Valdes** – Also congratulated Chairperson Garcia and Council member Zardon.

**Chairperson Garcia** – No comments

At 8:52 p.m. Chairperson Garcia convened for an Executive Meeting to discuss the on-going litigation concerning the case of George Hameetman v City of Hialeah Gardens.

Chairperson Garcia reconvened the council meeting at 9:22 p.m.

21. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 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 FUTURE MEETINGS:**

CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 19, 2002, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Wednesday, April 1, 2002, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Monday, April 3, 2002, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Tuesday, March 26, 2002, 7:30 P.M.