

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, February 1, 2022
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Luciano Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Elmo Urra, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Jorge Merida, Councilman Rolando Piña, and Deputy City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz. City Attorney Charles Citrin and Mayor Yiofet De La Cruz were absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Ms. Aida Martinez-Ruiz led the pledge of allegiance.
- 5. Deletions/Emergency Additions:** N/A
- 6. Review of Minutes: January 4, 2022, January 18, 2022** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes for January 4; the minutes were approved unanimously. Chairman Garcia made another motion to approve the minutes for January 18; the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

8. Opening of sealed bids for WS-21-101 Utility Relocates Okeechobee Road From East of NW 107 Avenue to East of NW 116 Way: Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director.

Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director, came forward and opened the single bid that was submitted for this project. The bidder is Marcdan, Inc. Total base bid is \$1,350,000. He asked that he be allowed to review the bid package; protocol must be followed and the item will be readdressed at the following meeting.

9. Proposed Resolution:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$16,504.73 FROM THE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS (HIDTA) FUND AND THE FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2022 POLARIS RANGER SP 570 UTV IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,504.73; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND USING AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AS ALLOWED BY ORDINANCE 2002-54; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAFE AND SOUND CUSTOMS CORP; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Deputy City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Captain Lopez is out of town, so Ms. Martinez-Ruiz will cover this item for him. The Mayor has put into a place a new park initiative to assign police officers to park grounds for the majority of opening hours. These vehicles, to be used by the officers, are fast driving golf carts that can be utilized on both terrain and street surfaces. The program will begin with one park, so only one Polaris is needed as of now. The Chair made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was approved unanimously. **(5-0)**

10. First Reading for consideration of the following ordinance:

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION #1697 FROM SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE FOR DAY CARE FACILITY TO SCHOOL FACILITY LOCATED AT: 8318 NW 103RD STREET, HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, UNDER GROWING TREASURES LEARNING CENTER #2, PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. (TRC Vote: 6-0; P&Z Vote: n/a)

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Mr. Cesar Mestre, attorney representing the applicant, came forward and stated his name and address for the record. This is a first reading; an opportunity for public input would be afforded at

the next meeting. The Chair made a motion to approve the item upon first reading, seconded by Councilman Merida. The ordinance was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- 11. City Attorney's Report:** Ms. Martinez-Ruiz relayed Mr. Citrin's message of congratulations to Chairman Garcia and Councilman Urra on their reelection. Also, the PBA voted this morning to enter into a new collective bargaining agreement and that item will be coming before the Council at the next meeting.
- 12. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** N/A
- 13. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments –** No comments
Police Pension Board Appointment – Pending
Water & Sewer Board Appointment (L. Garcia, J. Merida, E. Urra) - Pending
- 14. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maria L. Joffee, City Clerk

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Pursuant to Section 286.0105 Florida Statutes, 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, March 8, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, March 7, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 3, 2022, 11:00 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

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POLICE PENSION BOARD

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 5:30 P.M.