

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, March 8, 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 L. Urra, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Jorge A. Merida and Councilman Rolando Piña. Also present were Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz and City Attorney Charles A. Citrin.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions/Emergency Additions:** None were offered.
- 6. Review of Minutes: February 15, 2022** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

8. Proposed Resolution:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION ON MARCH 8, 2022; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The item was approved unanimously.

- 9. Swearing in ceremony for Councilman Luciano “Lucky” Garcia and Councilman Elmo L. Urra:** Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney, swore in Councilman Luciano Garcia and Councilman Elmo L. Urra. They will both serve four year terms. A photo opportunity was afforded at this time.
- 10. Reorganization of the City Council’s hierarchical order:** Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney, led the discussion to reorganize the order of the Council. Councilman Piña nominated Luciano Garcia as Chair, seconded by Councilman Merida. The nomination was approved unanimously. Chairman Garcia nominated Councilman Piña as Vice Chair; the nomination was approved unanimously. Councilman Merida was nominated and voted in unanimously as Finance Chair.
- 11. Board Appointments:** Planning and Zoning Board reappointed their nominees to both Boards. Vacancies were discussed.
- 12. City Attorney’s Report:** Mr. Citrin expressed that it has been an honor and a pleasure to have served the Mayor, Council and city for these many years.
- 13. Mayor’s Report – Miscellaneous:** The Mayor also expressed his pleasure at working with the Council and congratulated both Chairman Garcia and Councilman Urra. The Mayor reported that funds requested for the city from the State had passed both the House and Senate and were awaiting the Governor’s approval. Appropriation requests included \$1.6 million for the construction of a new education and youth activities center, an increase to \$500,000 for senior meals and \$1 million in additional funding for the construction of the new senior center.
- 14. Council Members Concerns / Reports:** Councilman Gutierrez, Merida and Piña added their congratulations as well. Councilman Piña was congratulated on becoming a grandfather.
- 15. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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, April 5, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, April 11, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

T.B.D.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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