

## **MINUTES**

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS  
TUESDAY, May 16, 2023  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Luciano Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Councilman Elmo Urra, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Jorge Merida, Chairman Luciano Garcia, Mayor Yioset De La Cruz, and Frost Walker III serving as City Attorney. Councilman Rolando Piña and Mr. Charles A. Citrin, City Attorney were absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor De La Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions/Emergency Additions:** N/A
- 6. Review of Minutes: April 4, 2023** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

## 8. Proposed Resolutions:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIFTY (50) GLOCK 47 MOS GEN5 WITH AIMPOINT ACRO OPTICS FOR USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURCHASING FROM A POLICE EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTER AS THE LIMITED SUPPLIERS AVAILABLE OF THIS TYPE OF FIREARM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE THE NECESSARY FIREARMS FROM LOU'S POLICE DISTRIBUTORS, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Walker read the resolution into the record. Captain Michael Lopez, Hialeah Gardens Police Department, came forward on behalf of Chief Luis Diaz and read a memorandum for recommendation into the record. The Department is requesting approval of the aforementioned resolution authorizing the purchase of 50 Glock 47 firearms. This purchase will replace their current inventory of Glock 22's. Captain Lopez described some of the benefits of this new model of firearm. The total cost of this purchase is \$38,740; it has been budgeted for and will be funded through their federal forfeiture assets. No reoccurring fees. They will be purchased from Lou's Police Supply, an authorized Glock distributor, and their contracted vendor. Chairman Garcia asked what would be done with the old inventory of firearms; Captain Lopez answered that Lou's agreed to purchase them, giving the City a \$265 credit per firearm. No further comments or questions. The Chair made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER VOICE STRESS ANALYZER III (CVSA III) INSTRUMENT FOR USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURCHASING FROM A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FROM NITV FEDERAL SERVICES LLC; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Walker read the resolution into the record. Captain Michael Lopez, Hialeah Gardens Police Department, came forward once again on behalf of Chief Luis Diaz and read a memorandum for recommendation into the record. The Department is requesting approval of the aforementioned resolution authorizing the purchase of a computerized voice stress analyzer [to supplement their outsourcing of a polygraph service]. This is a one-time buy for \$10,995; there

are no recurring fees. There are two background investigators trained to use the computerized voice stress analyzer; this will enable all polygraph testing to occur in house. Many local agencies are utilizing this instrument. This has been budgeted for and will be paid through federal forfeiture assets. Chairman Garcia asked whether this was a software or standalone computer system. Captain Lopez explained that the instrument includes a laptop with a microphone. The training for use of the system must be re-certified every four years. No further comments or questions. The Chair made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was approved unanimously.

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**9. First Reading for considerations of the following ordinance:**

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS 2015-2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCORPORATE A NEW ELEMENT, THE PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT; OBJECTIVE 1.1., POLICY 1.1.1 THROUGH 1.1.4; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Walker read the ordinance into the record. Mayor De La Cruz commented that this ordinance serves to comply with legislative intent of current Florida Statutes. This is a first reading; an opportunity for public input will be afforded upon second reading. The Chair made a motion to approve the ordinance upon first reading, seconded by Councilman Merida. The ordinance was approved unanimously upon first reading. **(4-0)**

**10. City Attorney's Report:** No comments.

**11. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** No comments.

**12. Council Members Concerns/Reports:** Chairman Garcia recognized Councilman Gutierrez's son Jorge Jr. who was attending tonight's meeting. Jorge Jr. introduced himself and answered a few questions.

Police Pension Board Appointment – Pending

Water & Sewer Board Appointment (J. Merida, E. Urra) - Pending

**13. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 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, June 6, 2023, 7:30 P.M.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

T.B.D.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, June 1, 2023, 11:00 A.M.

**WATER AND SEWER BOARD**

T.B.D.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

Friday, August 4, 2023, 5:30 P.M.