

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, May 21, 2024
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 Councilman Elmo Urra, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Jorge Merida, Councilman Rolando Piña, Chairman Luciano Garcia, Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz, and Mr. Charles Citrin, serving as City Attorney.
- 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:** May 7, 2024 Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of **May 7, 2024**. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

8. Opening of sealed bids for PW-24-106 Utility Work Okeechobee Frontage Road from E. of 116 Way to E. of NW 87 Avenue: Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director.

Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director, came forward. The Department advertised a notice to contractors for utility work in the aforementioned area. Due to the complexity and size of the project and to ensure a competitive bid process the Department extended the opening date from today, May 21, to June 4, 2024. All registered bidders were informed of the extension and this memorandum was posted as a public notice.

9. Opening of sealed bids for PW-24-107 Utility Work NW 107 Avenue from NW 138 Street to NW 147 Street: Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director.

Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director, came forward once again. Two bids were submitted for this project. Mr. Lopez opened the first, from Marcdan Inc., with a bid amount is \$987,960.00. The second bid was from Acosta Tractors, Inc., with a bid amount of \$598,169.04. Mr. Lopez stated that the Department would review them and come back to the Council with a recommendation.

10. Proposed Resolutions:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS AND BARBARA JOY FOR WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT CONSULTING SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the resolution into the record. Mayor De La Cruz briefly introduced Kristopher Perez, the new Water & Sewer Director. This agreement is with Mrs. Barbara Joy, the previous Department administrator, who recently retired, and will be kept on board on a consulting basis. This is ratifying the consulting contract which will be used as needed by the Department.

At this time, Mr. Perez came forward and spoke briefly about his career history up until this point. Chairman Garcia welcome Mr. Perez to the City.

The Chair made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was approved unanimously. **(5-0)**

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2023 FORD F-250 SUPER DUTY 4WD CREW CAB 160" TO BE USED BY THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; UTILIZING AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 46-121 OF THE HIALEAH GARDENS

CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GARBER FORD, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the resolution into the record. Mayor De La Cruz stated that this item and items C and D are all for the purchase of vehicles for the Water & Sewer Department. All have been budgeted for. Mr. Perez clarified that these are additions to the fleet for existing personnel. No further questions or comments.

The Chair made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was approved unanimously. **(5-0)**

- C) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2023 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 HD 172" 4x2 CREW CAB TRUCK TO BE USED BY THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; UTILIZING AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 46-121 OF THE HIALEAH GARDENS CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GARBER CHEVROLET GMC, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the resolution into the record. There were no questions or comments. The Chair made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was approved unanimously. **(5-0)**

- D) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER XLT RWD TO BE USED BY THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; UTILIZING AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 46-121 OF THE HIALEAH GARDENS CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GARBER FORD, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the resolution into the record. There were no questions or comments. The Chair made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was approved unanimously. **(5-0)**

11. First Reading for consideration of the following ordinances:

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SITE PLAN FOR AMC PARK I TO DEVELOP A NEW TRUCK PARKING AND AN OFFICE BUILDING, CONCERNING PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: TRACT "A" WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF TRACT 58 OF FLORIDA FRUIT LANDS COMPANY'S NO. 1, SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 52 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS BY RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED RECORDED DECEMBER 23, 2011 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 27940, PAGE 122 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. FOLIO #: 27-2019-001-0651; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (TRC Vote: 6-0; P&Z Vote: 5-0)

Mr. Citrin read the ordinance into the record. This is a first reading; an opportunity for input would be afforded at the next meeting. The Chair made a motion to approve the ordinance upon first reading, seconded by Councilman Merida. The item was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- B) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SITE PLAN FOR AMC PARK II TO DEVELOP A NEW TRUCK PARKING AND AN OFFICE BUILDING, CONCERNING PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: TRACT "B" THE EAST 165 FEET OF THE WEST ONE-HALF (W 1/2) OF TRACT 58, IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 52 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST, OF FLORIDA FRUIT LANDS COMPANY'S NO. 1, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE NORTH 35 FEET FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSED AS PER RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED OF CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS RECORDED OCTOBER 18, 2012 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 28318 PAGE 2940, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. FOLIO #: 27-2019-001-0652; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (TRC Vote: 6-0; P&Z Vote: 5-0)

Mr. Citrin read the ordinance into the record. This is a first reading; an opportunity for input would be afforded at the next meeting. The Chair made a motion to approve the ordinance upon first reading, seconded by Councilman Merida. The item was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- 12. City Attorney's Report:** The Chair welcomed Mr. Citrin back to the City. Mr. Citrin spoke briefly.
- 13. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** Mayor De La Cruz reported that we are a few months away from opening the new Senior Center. Mr. Joe Lopez added that there are some issues with the location of the FPL transformer that still need to be worked out.
- 14. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments N/A**
Water & Sewer Board Appointment (J. Merida, E. Urra) - Pending
- 15. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maria L. Joffe, 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 ensure 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 18, 2024, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, June 10, 2024, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 6, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

T.B.D.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Thursday June 20, 2024, 1:00 P.M.