

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, February 20, 2018
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. with Councilman Rolando Piña serving as Chairman.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Councilman Elmo L. Urra, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Jorge A. Merida, and Councilman Rolando Piña. Also present were Mayor Yiozet De La Cruz and Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz. Chairman Luciano Garcia and City Attorney Charles A. Citrin were absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Councilman Gutierrez gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Yiozet De La Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions/Emergency Additions:** None were offered.
- 6. Review of Minutes: January 16, 2018** Chairman Piña made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

8. Presentation of Distinguished Public Service Awards to Mrs. Sharon Gonzalez, Principal of West Hialeah Gardens Elementary School and Mr. Louis J. Algaze, Principal of Hialeah Gardens Senior High School.

Mayor De La Cruz commented that the City is very proud of its schools and that he believes Hialeah Gardens has some of the best schools in the County, and some of the best Principals, Staff, and Administrations in the County. On behalf of the City he acknowledged Ms. Maritza Jimenez, Principal of the Year from Hialeah Gardens Middle School who was in attendance and officially recognized Principal Sharon Gonzalez of West Hialeah Gardens Elementary School and Principal Louis J. Algaze of Hialeah Gardens Senior High School for their contributions to education. Mayor De La Cruz stated he believes that helping our schools and our kids will make the City better; he personally thanked the recipients on behalf of the City and its residents and presented them each with a Distinguished Public Service Award.

Mayor De La Cruz then made a statement concerning the epidemic of mass shootings and the most recent incident at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The City has created a School Safety Team together with its Police Officers and will be working closely with the administration of every school to provide as much safety as possible to students. Hialeah Gardens PD will be specially training its officers during Spring Break in order to familiarize them with every school campus and will be assigning officers to every school/Principal to help track suspicious social media posts. Officers have been and will be trained in fast-response tactics to directly minimize damage at public schools and avoid having to rely on a delayed SWAT team response in the case of a threat. He concluded by thanking the Principals and teachers in attendance for all of their work and dedication.

9. Presentation of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) plan: Ms. Aileen Boucle, Executive Director, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization.

Ms. Aileen Boucle came forward and began the presentation for the SMART plan that was adopted by the TPO and their efforts for funding the 30-year plan. A PowerPoint presentation including a video was shown to explain the details of the program. The goal is to meet with each municipality to brief them on the SMART plan, obtain input, and request a resolution of support to include the City as part of their funding application. Ms. Boucle concluded and offered to answer questions or concerns.

Chairman Pina asked if there was any future planning to bring better mass transit specifically closer to Hialeah Gardens because it was not included on the corridor map. Ms. Boucle answered that yes, there was, and that the map they were looking showed the buildout of the base network which was originally contemplated when the People's Transportation Tax was approved by the voters. This proposal seeks to complete building the base network. In addition to the principal SMART Plan, they are proposing SMART Plan 2 and SMART Plan 3. SP2

is the connection with the Northwest quadrant of the County in which Hialeah Gardens is included so that there is an integrated transit system. SP3 is looking at every major East-West arterial in the County to connect it with the larger system. Councilman Pina then asked what the green dotted lines on the map represent. Ms. Boucle answered that they represent an express bus service that would utilize an express lane.

The Mayor asked about the plan to spend \$30 million for the next thirty years. Ms. Boucle confirmed that they are allocating \$30 million of funding starting 2023, which would count towards the local commitment. The Mayor asked if the plan was fully funded at the County level. Ms. Boucle answered no, that this is the first wave of funding and that Federal funding requires a 50% funding partnership, thus the goal is to maximize state and federal funding. Mayor De La Cruz also inquired as to how many miles will be added to the transit system, to which Ms. Boucle responded that approximately 50 miles will be added.

Councilman Gutierrez asked whether each corridor would see expansions of the Metrorail specifically, or of other types of rapid transit. Ms. Boucle answered that each corridor might have a slightly different transit technology. Many different technological proposals are on the table, but they want to find the best one, the one that's going to move the maximum amount of people within a corridor that they can afford to build.

The Mayor and the Council thanked Ms. Boucle and this concluded the discussion.

10. Proposed Resolution:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", RELATING TO THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES WHEN IMPLEMENTING THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES BOND PROGRAM AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK, AS ATTESTING WITNESS, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, TO ENTER INTO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor De La Cruz explained that this is a grant that was secured years ago from the County for \$300,000. The City is in the final stages of receiving the money and this is one of the steps that has to be taken. The funds will go to Westland Gardens Park/Botanical Gardens bathroom facilities and for a passive park.

Chairman Pina made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion passed unanimously. **(4-0)**

11. First Reading for consideration of the following ordinance:

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR CANSICAN GROUP INC,; CONCERNING PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: A PORTION OF TRACT 24, SECTION 19-52-40, FLORIDA FRUIT LANDS COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION, LYING EAST OF THE FLORIDA EXT., AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 17, BEING 4.05 ACRES M/L. BEGINNING SE CORNER OF TRACT 24, WEST 581.36 FEET (LEGAL DESCRIPTION) – S 89029'28" W 581.36' (C & M), NORTH 18 DEGREES EAST 341.30 FEET (LEGAL DESCRIPTION) – N 14024'11" E 341.28' (C), EAST 489.70 FEET (LEGAL DESCRIPTION) – N 89029'33" E 481.70' (C), SOUTH 329.99 FEET (LEGAL DESCRIPTION) – S 02033'57" E 329.99' (C & M) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS THE EAST 40 FEET OF TRACT 24 IN RIGHT OF WAY DEED TO CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 27592 PAGE 3790. FOLIO: 27-2019-001-0260, APPROXIMATE LOCATION: BETWEEN THEORETICAL N.W. 146 STREET AND THEORETICAL N.W. 147 STREET AND WEST SIDE OF N.W. 112TH AVENUE, HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. **(TRC Vote: 5-0; P&Z Vote: 4-0)**

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the full title of the item into the record. Mayor De La Cruz commented that the staff would be present at the second reading of this ordinance to provide their review and recommendation. Chairman Pina stated that this was a first reading and that public input could be offered upon second reading. Chairman Pina made a motion to approve the item, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was passed unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(4-0)**

12. City Attorney's Report: No comments.

13. Mayor's Report - Miscellaneous: Mayor De La Cruz reiterated that he and the HG Police Department as well as the Miami Dade County School Board Police are working closely together to make schools in the City as safe as possible.

14. Council Members Concerns/Reports/Board Appointments: No comments

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 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, March 20, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, March 12, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 5, 2018, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 5:30 P.M.