

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Jorge Merida, Councilman Elmo Urra, Mayor Yioset De La Cruz and Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz. Councilman Rolando Piña was 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:** None were offered.
- 6. Review of Minutes: September 4, 2018** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** No comments.
- 8. Proposed Resolutions:**

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JEM PRINTING & COPY SERVICES FOR PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS COMMEMORATIVE MAGAZINE, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. She then read a memo by Ada Morales, in charge of the magazine project, into the record. They are the printers for the City's newsletters and cards. Chairman Garcia asked if there was anyone that would like to speak to the item. No comments were offered. Chairman Garcia 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 APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE BETWEEN AVMED AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. As Personnel Director, Ms. Martinez-Ruiz explained the process she completed to renew the agreement with Avmed health insurance. They have provided good rates and good service. The City has been with Avmed for three years. Chairman Garcia asked if there was anyone that would like to speak to the item. No comments were offered. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

- C) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY'S SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE BETWEEN BEAZLEY INSURANCE AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. This is the supplemental insurance provided for employees to lower some of the out of pocket costs associated with the particular plan the City chooses. The rates are the same and they have seen good results. Chairman Garcia asked if there was anyone that would like to speak to the item. No comments were offered. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

- D) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY'S LONG AND SHORT-TERM DISABILITY, ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT, AND LIFE INSURANCE BETWEEN UNUM AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. This a new company for the City. They are providing better rates and better service—will have a designated representative. Chairman Garcia asked if there was anyone that would like to speak to the item. No comments were offered. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

9. Second Reading / Public Hearing for consideration and final adoption of the following Budget ordinances:

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, AT 5.1613 MILLS, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 8.71% OVER THE ROLL BACK RATE SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY REVENUE TO MEET THE DETERMINED BUDGETARY NEEDS OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Chairman Garcia asked if there was anyone in the audience who intended to speak on any of the items. No one came forward. Mr. Juan Rivera, OMB Director, came forward to answer any questions the Council might have concerning these items. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:37; no comments were offered; public hearing closed at 7:37. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Merida. The ordinance was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

- B) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:38; no comments were offered; public hearing closed at 7:38. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Merida. The ordinance was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

- C) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:38; no comments were offered; public hearing closed at 7:38. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Merida. The ordinance was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

- D) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE STORM WATER UTILITY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:39; no comments were offered; public hearing closed at 7:39. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Merida. The ordinance was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

- E) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE STREETS AND ROADS FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:39; no comments were offered; public hearing closed at 7:39. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Merida. The ordinance was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

- F) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:40; no comments were offered; public hearing closed at 7:40. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Merida. The ordinance was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

- G) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITIZEN'S INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Chairman Garcia opened the public hearing at 7:40; no comments were offered; public hearing closed at 7:40. Chairman Garcia thanked all of the Department heads for being in attendance and for all of their hard work. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Merida. The ordinance was approved unanimously. **(4-0)**

- 10. City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin sent his regards.
- 11. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** Mayor De La Cruz thanked the department heads for a great year and for their hard work.
- 12. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments:** Councilman Gutierrez thanked all the Staff and mentioned the addition of his newborn son.
- 13. Adjournment:** Chairman Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Agenda certified 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, October 2, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, November 19, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 4, 2018, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 5:30 P.M.