

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, April 5, 2016
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 A. Merida, Councilman Rolando Piña, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Elmo L. Urra and City Attorney Charles A. Citrin. Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz was absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Charles Citrin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions/Emergency Additions:** None were offered.
- 6. Review of Minutes: March 1, 2016** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of **March 1, 2016** seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.
- 8. Proposed Resolutions:**
 - A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARDED FOR THE PURPOSE MAKING RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS BY PURCHASING LAPTOPS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Renewal Mr. Citrin read the resolution into the record. Chief Toth came forward and gave details on the Byrne grant, which has been applied for and awarded to the Police Department for the past 15 years. It is \$3,488.00. The grant amount this year is for \$3,488.00 will be used for additional computer equipment. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF MEDLEY, FLORIDA REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND NEEDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUCH AGREEMENT BY THE MAYOR; RATIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Chief Toth came forward and reported on the renewal of the mutual aid agreement with the Town of Medley for law enforcement needs. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- C) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CITY'S SENIOR CENTER'S CONGREGATE AND HOME DELIVERED NUTRITION PROGRAM TO CONSTRUCTION CATERING, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSTRUCTION CATERING, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Ms. Viviana Freire, Senior Center Director, came forward and read her memo into the record wherein it stated that on March 3, 2016 the City had advertised RFP 2016-01 in order to establish a contract for the purpose of food catering services for the City of Hialeah Gardens Senior Center congregate meals and the home delivered nutrition programs for the elderly for a period of twenty-four (24) months, beginning April 7, 2016 with one option to renew for two (2) additional years on a year-to-year basis. Only one bid was received by the advertised deadline and was publicly opened at 2 p.m. on March 17, 2016. The only bid received was from Construction Catering which is the City's current provider. The City has been utilizing this company for many years with success and Ms. Freire recommended that the City continue to utilize Construction Catering's services. At this time no one came forward to comment on the item.

Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- D) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF RETIREMENT PLAN VIA ADOPTION OF VALIC RETIREMENT SERVICES COMPANY RETIREMENT PLAN FOR GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(Tabled: 02/16/2016)**

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Chairman Garcia made a motion to remove the item from the table. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Michael Madalena, District Manager for Valic was present and came forward. The resolution before Council would serve to bring the City's pension plan into compliance to abide with current IRS and DOL regulations. At this time a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the request made by Council at the February 16, 2016 meeting to have Mr. Madalena provide a summary review of the City's 401A Pension and 457 Deferred Compensation plans and their performance to date. As a result of questions asked by Council members and Mr. Citrin, it was agreed that a meeting would be scheduled by Mr. Madalena to address their specific concerns. As for the resolution at hand which has a deadline for compliance of April 30, 2016, Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. **City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin emphasized the fact that the issue with the City's pension plans is of major importance and needs to be addressed.
10. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** Mayor was not present.
11. **Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments:** Chairman Garcia stated that it was a pleasure to have Councilman Urrea back with them.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Agenda certified by:

Maria L. Joffee
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 19, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, May 3, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 5, 2016, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 5:30 P.M.