

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Councilman Merida made a motion to appoint Councilman Gutierrez as temporary Chairman. The motion unanimously approved and the meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Councilman Jorge Merida, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Elmo Urrea, Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz and City Attorney Charles Citrin. Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Rolando Piña, and Mayor Yioset De La Cruz were absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Councilman Gutierrez gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Citrin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions/Emergency Additions:** None offered.
- 6. Review of Minutes: May 3, 2016** Councilman Gutierrez made motion to approve minutes of **May 3, 2016** seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None offered.
- 8. Introduction and Swearing in Ceremony for New Police Officers, Probationary Police Officers and Part-Time Officers:** Chief Van Toth. Chief Toth came forward and gave details on his retirement. He also introduced officers to the Council called the officers to stand: Officer Osiel Jimenez, Officer Daniel

Cisar, Officer Jeanette Carballeria, Officer Michael Berroa, Officer Eric Aldana, Officer Wisner Dorismond, Officer Jorge Martinez, and Officer Roland Cruz. All officers raised their hands and were sworn in before the Council and public. Mr. Citrin said, as City Attorney, it has been a great honor representing the Police Department and spoke on behalf of Mr. Frost Walker, III who worked closely with the department as well. Mr. Citrin thanked Chief Toth for his service to the City. A photo opportunity was given at this time. Councilman Gutierrez stated that the Mayor and two councilmembers were not able to attend this meeting, but wanted him to convey their appreciation and congratulations.

9. Proposed Resolutions:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE FY2014 HOME CONTRACT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS FOR THE SAMARI LAKE EAST CONDOMINIUM REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the resolution into the record. Mr. Jerry Bell and Mr. Alex David came forward and gave details of item, which is an extension of the 2014 contract. This brings the total number of units having been rehabilitated to 75. The aforementioned contract expired December 31, 2015 and the extension is administrative. The City continues to receive applications and was awarded an additional \$150,000.00 in funds. After many years in the private sector, Mr. Bell announced that he has accepted a position as Assistant Planner with Miami-Dade County and that Mr. David will be taking over his responsibilities with the Samari program. Mr. Citrin thanked Mr. Bell and wished him well. Councilman Gutierrez thanked Mr. Bell and spoke to the success of the rehabilitation program and how it has changed people's lives. Councilman Gutierrez made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. **(3-0)**

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT FOR DENTAL INSURANCE BETWEEN HUMANA AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the resolution into the record. Ms. Martinez-Ruiz came forward and spoke on the City's dental insurance program. She stated that Humana came in with a lower premium than Guardian, who has been the City's provider in past years. Ms. Martinez-Ruiz gave her recommendation for Humana, which will assist employees that

have families included in the dental plan as the premium will be \$50.00 less per month in comparison to the Guardian plan. Employees pay for the dental program. The calendar year max under the current plan with Guardian is \$1,500.00 and Humana has no calendar max. Mr. Angel Gonzalez, broker for the City, came forward and spoke to the item. Councilman Gutierrez made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. **(3-0)**

- C) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK FOR A LINE OF CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 TO BE UTILIZED AS NECESSARY; AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK; APPROVING AGREEMENTS RELATED TO SAID SERVICES PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the resolution into the record. Mr. Juan Rivera, came forward and gave details of the proposals received for a line of credit. He read from his memo and made a recommendation to enter into an agreement for a line of credit with Florida Community Bank for \$2,000,000.00. Mr. Citrin spoke to the details of the term sheet for the revolving line of credit. The City will be getting loan documents at a later time which will be reviewed. All that is being approved at this time via the resolution is the commitment itself, subject to receiving the loan documents. There is a one-time payment of \$5,000.00 whether the line is used or not. Councilman Gutierrez made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved. **(3-0)**

10. **City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin congratulated Councilman Gutierrez on serving as chair.
11. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** The Mayor was not present.
12. **Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments:** None offered.
13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 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, June 21, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, June 13, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 4, 2016, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

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

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 5:30 P.M.