



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2021
7:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
901 S.W. 62ND AVENUE
WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA**

1. **INVOCATION.** City Attorney Jose A. Villalobos gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Vice-Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron led Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The City Commission for the City of West Miami met in regular session on Wednesday, August 4th, 2021 beginning at 7:32 PM in the City of West Miami Commission Chambers, 901 S.W. 62nd AVE, West Miami, FL 33144.
Present at the Commission Chambers were: Mayor Rhonda A. Rodriguez, Vice-Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron, Commissioner Juan M. Blanes and Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez. Commissioner Candida Blanca was excused.

Also in attendance were: City Manager Yolanda Aguilar, City Clerk Annery Gonzalez and City Attorney Jose A. Villalobos.
4. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR JULY 21ST, 2021 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.** Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron motioned to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Blanes. All voted in favor by a 4/0 voice vote.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** No comments from the public.
6. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER.** The City Manager submitted a verbal report, which included the following:
 - Catering Service Bid for West Miami Community Center– An invitation to Bid will be sent out soon.
 - FEMA – Hurricane Irma Funds.
 - Amendment to Contract with DEP for Potable Water Project.
 - The City Manager expressed she wanted to enter into the record the receipt of an email advising about a petition of what appeared to be a large number of the Public Services Department's employees, as they seek to have a union to represent them. A Representation-Certification Petition advising the City they are going to start the process of unionizing. The Petition is submitted to PERC (Public Employees Relations Commission) out of Tallahassee and they likely will give them the green light to take it to the next step. The Office of the City Manager will periodically update the Commission as necessary on this petition.
 - Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Department regarding a redesign of 1090 Sylvania Boulevard, West Miami, FL. This project had been approved about 18 months ago, for the development of a two-story home. Recently the property was



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purchased by a City resident who wants to develop it with some minor changes, redesigning the project. The Director of Planning and Zoning had issued a Memorandum on July 30th, 2021 addressed to the City Manager, which contained the recommendation of redesign and some exhibits. The Mayor inquired to the City Attorney as to the correctness of the procedure and the City Attorney responded there was no issue about the Director of Planning and Zoning presenting the recommendation. The Director of Planning and Zoning presented the details of the proposed changes and answered questions.

- Major Delgado informed OneBlood was in contact with the Neighborhood Resource Office to have a bus in front of City Hall on August 30th, 2021 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

7. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY. No report submitted.

8. REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER. The City Engineer submitted a verbal report of the following:

- Water Main Improvement Project Phase 1 Status. The restoration process will be done soon.
- His office is working on the next phase of the Water Main Improvement Project.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS. No reports.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A) Status Report by the Office of the Chief of Police Re: Parking surrounding the buildings along the commercial corridor, citations issued, Crime Stats for each building, and report of interactions by the NRO. (Chief Avila). The Chief presented a written and verbal report, which included a Case Analysis for the apartment buildings located at 2001 SW 67th AVE, 2101 SW 67th AVE, 2201 SW 67th AVE, 6290 SW 8th ST, 6320 SW 8th ST and 950 SW 57th AVE. The Chief answered questions. Also the report included the NRO (Neighborhood Resource Officer) Monthly logs for the months of April, May and June 2021. NRO Alvarez was present and answered questions.

B) Appointment of members and alternate members to the Charter Review Board.

Commissioner Suarez nominated Antonia "Toni" Chavez

Commissioner Blanes nominated Ivan Chavez, Jr. and Alternate Martin Torres

Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron nominated Natalie Milian and Alternate was pending confirmation.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor inquired to the City Attorney if a member of another board may be nominated to the Charter Review Board. The City Attorney responded in the affirmative. Mayor Rodriguez nominated Ivan Chavez, Sr. and Alternate was pending confirmation.



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NOTE FOR TE RECORD: The City Clerk informed an email from Commissioner Blanca had been received that afternoon in regards to her nomination to the Charter Review Board. The City Manager read the e-mail.

Commissioner Blanca nominated Eduardo H. Muhiña and the nomination of the Alternate was left pending.

All were in favor to hold the first Charter Review Board meeting on September 1st, 2021 at 6:00 PM, followed by the Regular Commission meeting at 7:30 PM.

11. NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:

- A) Recognition to Angel Rivero on his retirement from the City of West Miami after 24 years of service. (Sponsored by Mayor Rodriguez).** Mr. Rivero was not present. All were in favor to defer this item until the next Commission meeting.
- B) Recognition of Manuel Bello on his retirement from the City of West Miami after 13 years of service. (Sponsored by Mayor Rodriguez).** Chief Avila, Major Delgado and Lieutenant Valencia received the recognition on behalf of Officer Bello, who could not be present.
- C) Request for mitigation of liens for code violations at the property located at 1300 SW 58th AVE and owner Gladys Mayo.** The Chief Code Enforcement informed that as of that afternoon when he inspected the property, said property was not completely cleared, he took pictures and presented them to the Commission. Therefore, he recommended that any mitigation be withheld until the property is in complete compliance. Gladys Mayo, the property owner, 1300 SW 58th AVE, West Miami, FL was present and answered questions. All were in favor to defer this item until such time the property is cleared of all the debris and items in the backyard and surrounding area.
- D) RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A MITIGATION OFFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ FROM GLADYS MAYO ON CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS FOR CODE VIOLATIONS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1300 SW 58 AVE, WEST MIAMI, FL; PROVIDING THAT IF PAYMENT IN FULL IS NOT PAID BY _____ THEN THE AMOUNT OWED SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL LIEN AMOUNT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** This item was deferred indefinitely.
- E) Acknowledgement of response letter from TY Lin International Re: Termination of engineering services to the City of West Miami effective July 30th, 2021. (City Manager)** The City Manager informed a response from TY Lin, dated July 26th, 2021, had been received regarding the termination by the City of their services. TY Lin thanked the City for the opportunity to serve over the years and extended their appreciation for the professional relationship. TY Lin further informed the agreement would terminate effective July 30th, 2021.



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- F) Recommendation to Award A.M.I. Professional Services for engineering services to commence August 1st, 2021 through April 20th, 2022 with an option to renew for additional two years pending ratification of the City Engineer. (City Manager).** The City Manager spoke in support of the item and recommended approval.
- G) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI ACKNOWLEDGING CORRESPONDENCE BY TY LIN INTERNATIONAL DATED JULY 22, 2021 (ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A) STATING THAT TY LIN WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AS OF JULY 30, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M. AS A RESULT OF A TERMINATION LETTER BY THE CITY MANAGER DATED JULY 22, 2021 (ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT B); WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; ENTERING INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH A.M.I. ENGINEERING COMMENCING JULY 31, 2021 AS BETTER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED SERVICE AGREEMENT (ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT C); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Commissioner Blanes, second by Commissioner Suarez and 4/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted and entered into the record.
- H) Report and recommendation by the Office of the City Manager Re: Look Advertising, LLC. letter dated June 24th, 2021 requesting a reduction in the monthly revenue to the City. (City Manager).** The City Manager informed a letter dated June 24th, 2021 had been received from Look Advertising, LLC. asking the city to consider a reduction in the monthly fee. The Director of Public Works provided details of the services provided by look Advertising, LLC. After a discussion all were in agreement to defer this item until the next meeting.
- I) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AMENDING THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AND LOOK ADVERTISING LLC DATED APRIL 12, 2017 (ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A); RENEWING SAID CONTRACT FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) YEARS; ALTERING PAYMENT TO THE CITY FROM \$500.00 PER MONTH TO \$250.00 PER MONTH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH LOOK ADVERTISING LLC; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Item deferred until the September 1st, 2021 Commission meeting.
- J) Report by the Office of the City Clerk Re: Bid Tabulation Results of the Copper Park Playground Shade Canopy and Installation.** The City Clerk informed in July 23rd, 2021 at 2:00 PM the Bid for Cooper Park Playground Shade Canopy and Installation Project was publicly opened and one bid was received as follows:

Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. Amount: \$52,861.00

The Director of Public Works provided details of the project.

The City Manager recommended approval.



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- K) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI APPROVING (DISAPPROVING) THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO BID NO. 202107232021 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIPMENT CO. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$52,861.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AT THE WEST MIAMI COOPER PARK PLAYGROUND SHADE; TO BE FUNDED BY PARKS ACCOUNT #575-600; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Commissioner Suarez motioned to approve the Contract with Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. All voted in favor by a 4/0 voice vote.
- L) Discussion to remand to Planning and Zoning Board for recommendation: Repealing live work units, mechanical parking, and parking bonus credits; Adjusting parking requirements; and Increasing radius for special use permit notice. (Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron) (Phase I- Discussion).** Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron spoke in support of revisiting and remanding the aforementioned Ordinances to the Planning and Zoning Board. In regards to the Live Work units to incorporate more residential units in place of retail. The Mechanical Parking has not been used yet but he considered it needed to be revisited. About the Parking Bonus Credits, which is inclusive in Ordinance 282, needs to be reviewed and be tailored to our community. In reference to the Parking Requirements Ordinance, Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron expressed that due to the parking situation around the area of the buildings on the commercial corridors the Planning and Zoning Board should render a recommendation whether the parking requirements need to be adjusted for these buildings going forward. In closing Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron recommended hearing recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Board on the possibility of increasing the notice radius for new construction in the mixed-use corridor. All were in favor.

12. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: None.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron inquired about short term rentals. The City Manager and Chief of Police provided response.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:53 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED: 9/15/2021 Regular Commission Meeting