



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
10:00 AM  
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING  
<https://zoom.us/j/3255236059>**

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** The City Clerk read the instructions to participate in the virtual Commission Meeting.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Carlos Avila, Chief of Police, led Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL.** The City Commission for the City of West Miami met in special virtual session on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 beginning at 10:00 A.M. through Zoom Video Conferencing <https://zoom.us/j/3255236059>  
Present virtually were: Mayor Rhonda A. Rodriguez, Vice-Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron and Commissioner Candida Blanca. Commissioner Juan M. Blanes and Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez were excused.  
Also in attendance were: City Manager Yolanda Aguilar, City Clerk Annery Gonzalez and City Attorney Jose A. Villalobos were present through Zoom.

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** The Mayor expressed although this was a Special Meeting, which does not contemplate an Invocation, she delivered a special invocation for Commissioner Suarez and his family on the loss of Ines Suarez. A moment of silence followed.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.
4. **SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:**
  - A) **Updated report by the Office of the City Attorney Re: Banyan Healthcare vs. City of West Miami litigation.** The City Attorney informed the oral argument has been scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - B) **Report by the Legal Department of Akerman in reference to former member of Banyan Healthcare Board of Directors.** Melissa Hill, from the Office of the General Counsel at Akerman was present, she informed Akerman has offered employment to an associate who is a former Director and served on the Board at Banyan Healthcare. In an over abundance of caution, the associate resigned from his position at Banyan and has not been exposed to any confidential information on the case.



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**C) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF CITY OF WEST MIAMI MAKING PROVISIONS FOR HYBRID PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION, PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND GENERAL PUBLIC, FOR PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND FOR THE USE OF COMMUNICATION MEDIA TECHNOLOGY FOR ATTENDANCE BY USING SUCH TECHNOLOGY BY ELECTED AND APPOINTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC; REQUIRING A QUORUM OF THE COMMISSION TO BE PRESENT AT THE COMMISSION MEETING; EXEMPTING CITY COMMISSIONERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF THAT FOR REASONS OF HEALTH AND/OR MEDICAL NECESSITIES CANNOT ATTEND THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS, HOWEVER CAN PARTICIPATE AND VOTE VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS; IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, CITY STAFF AND GENERAL PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** The City Attorney provided the highlights of the Resolution. A discussion ensued in regards to the technical preparations to conduct hybrid meetings. Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. The item passed by a 3/0 voice vote.

**5. GOOD OF THE ORDER:** The Vice-Mayor expressed his office had issued a Memorandum in reference to Commission meeting times, citing that due to the pandemic and the technical challenges that arose, the Commission began holding regular meetings at 10:00 AM. Holding evening meetings at 7:30 PM has been the tradition for West Miami's meetings, as well as the standard across nearly every municipality in Miami-Dade County. In closing, the Vice-Mayor addressed the importance of revisiting the issue and working towards in-person meetings and regular meeting times. After a discussion all were in agreement to keep holding the meetings at 10:00 AM until such time in-person meetings are allowed, then it will be brought before the Commission for consideration.

The Mayor reminded all about the Candy Drive-By Halloween Event at the Recreation Center happening on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:44 A.M.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annery Gonzalez".

**ANNERY GONZALEZ, CMC  
CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED: 11/18/2020 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**