



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2014
7:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
901 S.W. 62ND AVENUE
WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA**

1. **INVOCATION.** City Manager Yolanda Aguilar gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Police Captain Carlos Avila led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:45 P.M. Present were Mayor Eduardo H. Muhiña, Vice-Mayor Juan M. Blanes, Commissioner Rhonda A. Rodriguez and Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez. Commissioner Candida Blanca was excused.

NOTE FOR TRHE RECORD: Mayor Muhiña requested taking Item 7. (Report of the City Engineer) out of order.

4. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR OCTOBER 15ST, 2014 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.** Commissioner Suarez motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Blanes. All voted in favor.
5. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER:** The City Manager submitted a verbal report on the following:
 - Garbage, water and sewer can be paid online in the City's website
 - Florida League of Cities Survey of City's assets
 - FRDAP 2013 Electrical wiring project
 - City Hall will close on Tuesday, November 11th, 2014 in observance of Veteran's Day.
 - Community Center Holidays activities
 - City Manager will serve as moderator at the Symposium "Evolving Diversity in the Hispanic Community" scheduled for November 7th, 2014
 - Turkeys will be donated by the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida to the West Miami Community Center seniors for Thanksgiving
 - The Miami Dade County League of Cities donation of turkeys for Thanksgiving
 - Code Enforcement hearings broadcasting
6. **REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** No report submitted.



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7. **REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** Report submitted by Francisco Alonso, City Engineer - Item 11 A).
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** The Mayor reported and requested on behalf of Commissioner Blanca the following:

I want all of you to know that last October our City Manager had an anniversary of 20 years of service as City Manager, which is the longest person on this position in Dade County. Although I know she has been with us for over more than 20 years. At this time, I would like for us to give a proclamation and recognition for the next meeting.

Thank you.

Commissioner Candida Blanca

All were in favor of presenting the City Manager with a recognition at the Commission meeting of November 19th, 2014.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor requested hearing items 11 B) and 11C)

9. **CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS.** No presentations.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A) **REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER AND DISCUSSION RE: CITY'S LIFE INSURANCE GROUP POLICY.** The Mayor recommended the deferral of this item until the meeting of November 19th, 2014.
 - B) **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER PERTAINING TO THE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES/CITY OFFICIALS, WAIVING THE RFP PROCESS DUE TO THE EXPOSURE AND UNFUNDED LIABILITY CREATED BY THE FMIT (FLORIDA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST'S) ABILITY TO FIND A CARRIER TO INSURE OUR GROUP WITH OUR REQUESTED COVERAGE AND CONVERSION OPTIONS AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL BY MUTUAL OF OMAHA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF DECEMBER 1ST, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2015; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Item deferred.



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- C) **REQUEST BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER AND DISCUSSION RE: WORKER'S COMPENSATION PROGRAM.** The City Manager recommended deferring this item indefinitely. All voted in favor.

11. **NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A) **COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS AND PROGRESS OF CITY PROJECTS TYLIN INTERNATIONAL.** City Engineer Francisco Alonso made a detailed report and provided a status update of projects in the pipeline for the City as follows:
1. City of West Miami Building Department
 2. Citywide LAP Traffic Calming Improvements
 3. City of West Miami Public Works/Building department Facility
 4. City of West Miami Police Department Expansion
 5. Citywide Potable Water Master Plan
 6. Garden Club Park
 7. Recreational Center Electrical Improvements
 8. City Hall Roofing Improvements
 9. Citywide Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to proceed with item 11 K).

- B) **PRESENTATION BY FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES RE: 70TH AVENUE CORRIDOR CONCEPT FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.** Roly Marante and Alfred Lurigados made a presentation on behalf of Florida East Coast Industries giving the highlights of the project and its benefits to the community.
- C) **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN CHANGE REQUESTED BY FLAGLER DEVELOPMENT FOR THE LUDLAM TRAIL RAIL CORRIDOR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Commissioner Suarez, second by Vice-Mayor Blanes and unanimous 4/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Items 11 D) and 11 E) were heard.



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- D) **REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER RE: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AND THE POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONTRACT COMMENCING OCTOBER 1ST, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2016 (A 2 YEAR CONTRACT) FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.** The City Manager submitted a brief report and proceeded to introduce Cristina Escobar, Esq., PBA Staff Counsel, who recommended approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of West Miami and the Police Benevolent Association for a period of two years commencing October 1st, 2014.
- E) **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI RATIFYING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AND THE POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 1ST, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2016; PROVIDING, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO INCLUDE AN ORIGINAL CONTRACT IN THE RESOLUTION FILE AS PART OF THE RECORD OF THE NOVEMBER 5TH, 2014 CITY COMMISSION MEETING; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, second by Commissioner Suarez and unanimous 4/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to read item 11 M).

- F) **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUED MUTUAL SUPPORT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Vice-Mayor Blanes, second by Commissioner Suarez and 4/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.
- G) **REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK RE: UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF CITY OF WEST MIAMI CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT OF NOVEMBER 4TH, 2014 ELECTIONS.** The City Clerk reported the results of the November 4th, 2014 were unofficial and were reported to the Commission and published in the City's website. The official results and certification would be submitted by the Elections Department on November 14th, 2014. The City Clerk was instructed to report the official results at the Commission meeting of November 19th, 2014.



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- H) **REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEGAL LEGEND AWARD TO OUR CITY ATTORNEY, JOSE A. VILLALOBOS.** Mayor Muhiña stated he was very happy to announce that our City Attorney Jose A. Villalobos had been nominated by the 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society to the Legal Legend Award 2015. The Mayor requested a proclamation recognizing the City Attorney to be presented at the Commission meeting of November 19th, 2014. All voted in favor.
- I) **REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER RE: 2014 LIGHTING OF THE TREE CEREMONY EVENT AND SPONSORSHIPS.** The City Manager reported the event has been scheduled for December 16th, 2014 and the necessary arrangements are being coordinated through her office.
- J) **REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE CITY HALL ON DECEMBER 24TH, 2014 AND ON DECEMBER 31ST, 2014.** All voted in favor.
- K) **BID TABULATION REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK RE: MODIFIED ROOF SYSTEM FOR CITY OF WEST MIAMI PROJECT.** On November 3rd, 2014 the bid for the Modified Roof System for City Hall and Commission Chambers was publicly opened and one bid from Margo Roofing in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) was received. The Director of Public Works and the City Manager recommended awarding the bid to Margo Roofing.
- L) **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MARGO ROOFING FOR AN AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$50,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCOMPLISHING THE MODIFIED ROOF SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI MUNICIPAL BUILDING; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** The City Manager recommended amending the Resolution to include the funding from GSA Impact Fees. Upon motion by Commissioner Suarez, second by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimous 4/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted with the proposed amendments.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor requested taking item 8. out of order.



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- M) **REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY RE: LEGAL CHALLENGE - RED LIGHT CAMERAS.** The City Attorney submitted a report with updates regarding a recent legal challenge between the City of Hollywood and Eric Arem before the District Court of Appeal of the State of Florida, Fourth District. Orlando Torres, Executive Account Manager from American Traffic Solutions spoke on the item. Elliot Asbel, resident of 15345 SW 77th Court, Palmetto Bay, FL spoke on the item.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to proceed with the regular order of the Agenda, with item 4.

12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER.** The City Manager informed District Six Commissioner Rebeca Sosa had nominated the West Miami Community Center and the Recreation Center for the "Healthy Weight Community Champions Recognition Program" through a healthy weight campaign launched by the Florida Department of Health. The City Manager requested a proclamation to be submitted with the application. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:36 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY ANNERY GONZALEZ, CITY CLERK