

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2012**

(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida met in regular session, Wednesday, April 11, 2012, beginning at 7:10 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 1515 NW 167th Street, Building 5, Suite 200, Miami Gardens, Florida.

The following members of the City Council were present: Vice Mayor Oliver G. Gilbert III, and Council members Aaron Campbell Jr., Lisa C. Davis, Andre Williams, Felicia Robinson, and David Williams Jr.

Motion offered by Councilman Campbell, seconded by David Williams Jr., to excuse Mayor Shirley Gibson's absence. This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

(B) INVOCATION

Delivered by Pastor Errol Cooper

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular City Council Meeting – March 14, 2012

Motion offered by Councilman David Williams Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Davis, to approve the minutes, with necessary corrections, if any. This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Regular City Council Meeting – March 28, 2012

Motion offered by Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman David Williams Jr., to approve the minutes, with necessary corrections, if any. This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

(E) ORDER OF BUSINESS (Items to be pulled from Consent Agenda at this time)

Motion offered by Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to pull Item K-01 from the official agenda. This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The following item was added to the official agenda as Item K-01: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE HEARINGS RELATING TO THE "STAND YOUR GROUND" LAW AND TO REPEAL THE LAW; SUPPORTING GOVERNOR SCOTT'S TASK FORCE ON CITIZEN SAFETY AND PROTECTION; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON)

(F) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (5 minutes each)

F-1) Vice Mayor Gilbert – Miami Norland Vikings Basketball Team

Vice Mayor Gilbert along with members of the City Council presented Certificates to the Basketball Team Members, Coaches and Administrative Staff of Miami Norland for their outstanding accomplishment.

F-2) Vice Mayor Gilbert – Proclamation-Donate For Life

Vice Mayor Gilbert presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Donate For Life Month, to Rosetta Rolle-Hylton.

Ms. Rolle-Hylton was afforded an opportunity for comments. She introduced several Miami Gardens residents who are recipients of organ and tissue donations.

F-3) Mathew Boyd, Chief of Police – Officer of the Month – January 2012.
Chief Boyd bestowed the distinguished honor of Officer of the Month upon Officer Jesse Brown.

F-4) State Representative Barbara Watson appeared before the City Council to provide an update from the Legislative Session in Tallahassee. She encouraged constituents to contact her with their concerns at it relates to proposed legislation being considered in Tallahassee. She placed emphasis on the importance of looking at the “Stand Your Ground” law.

Please note, Councilman Andre Williams left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Frazier Stephens, 145 NE 193rd Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the City Council to comments on Center for Family and Child Enrichment, which will be hosting the third annual walk-a thon, at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Center Complex in May. May is designated as Foster Care Month.

Beverly Bush, 3125 NW 205th Street, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to ask the City Manager why panhandling is not allowed in the city. She opined loitering is a violation. The city is in need of money and citing loiters is a good way to get money.

(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING:

None

(I) ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-05-278

I-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING DIVISION 3 OF

CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "UNSAFE STRUCTURES" TO REPEAL ALL EXISTING SECTIONS, AS ADOPTED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AMENDING SECTIONS 28-68 THROUGH 28-123 TO CREATE A NEW UNSAFE STRUCTURES ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER) (1st Reading – March 28, 2012)

Vice Mayor Gilbert opened the floor for this public hearing. After there were no interested parties to speak on this item, the public hearing was closed

Motion offered by Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Davis to adopt this item.

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilwoman Lisa C. Davis:	Yes
Councilman Aaron Campbell Jr:	Yes
Councilman Andre Williams:	Not present
Councilwoman Felicia Robinson:	Yes
Councilman David Williams Jr:	Yes
Mayor Shirley Gibson:	Not present
Vice Mayor Oliver G. Gilbert III:	Yes

(J) RESOLUTION(S)/PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

(K) CONSENT AGENDA:

~~**K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE 2013 JAZZ IN THE GARDENS EVENT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS AND TO RETAIN CONSULTANTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL JAZZ IN THE GARDENS EVENT TO BE HELD IN MARCH 2013; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF BID PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASES MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXCEED HIS PURCHASING AUTHORITY AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE EVENT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN**~~

~~EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHIRLEY GIBSON)~~

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-59-1654

- K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE HEARINGS RELATING TO THE "STAND YOUR GROUND" LAW AND TO REPEAL THE LAW; SUPPORTING GOVERNOR SCOTT'S TASK FORCE ON CITIZEN SAFETY AND PROTECTION; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-56-1651

- K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, REAPPOINTING VINCENT T. BROWN TO SERVE AS THE LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-57-1652

- K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CHANGE ORDER TO J & S TIRE AND AUTO, INC. D/B/A FLEET TIRE TRUCK AND AUTO CENTER, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00), TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR FLEET MAINTENANCE AND REMEDIAL REPAIRS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-58-1653

- K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO MAGNA CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS (\$314,334.90), WHICH INCLUDES A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS (\$28,575.90), FOR PHASE 1B INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE

VISTA VERDE NEIGHBORHOOD; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH MAGNA CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THIS PURPOSE, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Motion offered Councilman David Williams Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adopt the Consent Agenda. This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

(L) RESOLUTION(S):
None

(M) REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY/CITY CLERK
No reports

(N) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
Councilman David Williams Jr., stated at the last city council meeting he had asked the city's auditor to put his comments in writing. He asked for a status of that request.

Manager Crew said that information was provided to the Council members on yesterday. He further complimented Renee Crichton and Daniel Rosemond for the stellar work done in assisting him with putting the summer camp science lab together. Some of the biggest name supports in the country were at a meeting last week. He said this is going to be another historic event for Miami Gardens, as we turn the corner and do some other things in this community.

Councilwoman Davis asked for a status on the city hall project.

Manager Crew said he did not believe the permit process with Miami-Dade County has not finished as of yet. A meeting was held this morning with the contractor to go over his bid and his prices. Another meeting is scheduled for this Friday, with another one scheduled for next week. Hopefully within the next two weeks the city will have an agreement with the contractor. The project is behind schedule. The permitting process is taking much longer than anticipated. Phase One is almost complete, which is approximately 2 Million Dollars in improvements. There will be an approximate 12 month construction time for city hall once the Notice to Proceed is issued. The parking garage and police station will take another few months to complete. He anticipates having city hall completed sometime in May 2013.

Councilwoman Davis announced she is sponsoring the second annual Mother of the Year award. The last day to submit the 300 word essay is May 1st. She encouraged everyone to participate.

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Vice Mayor Gilbert said the second annual Easter Egg Hunt was a wonderful event, thanks in part to Councilwoman Robinson who does most of the work. He further thanked staff for its participation as well.

Vice Mayor Gilbert acknowledged Renee Crichton, Deputy City Manager who will be leaving the city to take the position of City Manager for the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida. He said Ms. Crichton is an extremely talented young professional and Hallandale Beach is very lucky to get her. The city is diminished by her leaving. When Miami Gardens was founded it was said that we would develop young intelligent professionals and while it is said to see Ms. Crichton go, the fact that she is going to be a city manager some place is a tribute that that principle on which the city was founded is actually working. He congratulated Ms. Crichton.

(O) WRITTEN REQUESTS, PETITIONS & OTHER WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

(P) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Body, and upon a motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:


Shirley Gibson, Mayor


Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk