

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2012**

(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session, Wednesday, June 27, 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: Mayor Shirley Gibson, Vice Mayor Oliver G. Gilbert and Council members Aaron Campbell Jr., André Williams, Felicia Robinson and David Williams Jr. Councilwoman Lisa C. Davis was not present.

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilman David Williams Jr., to excuse Davis' absence. This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Also in attendance were: City Manager Dr. Danny O. Crew, City Attorney Sonja K. Dickens and City Clerk Ronetta Taylor.

(B) INVOCATION

Invocation delivered by Vice Mayor Gilbert.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve the official agenda, as presented. This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

(F) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (5 minutes each)

F-1) Danny O. Crew, City Manager – Employee Recognitions

Manager Crew presented Five Year Service Pins to the following employees: Vanessa Saint-Ristil, Recreation Aide with the Parks and Recreation Department; Evelyn Heisley-Sanchez, Executive Secretary with Building Services; Rafael Suarez, Police Captain III with the Miami Gardens Police Department; Audrey Coney-Brown, Police Sergeant III with the Miami

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Gardens Police Department; Buddy Hunholz, Police Sergeant III, with the Miami Gardens Police Department; Carole Thony, Police Sergeant II, with the Miami Gardens Police Department.

Chief Matthew Boyd appeared before the City Council to present Officer Solonie James with the distinguished recognition as Officer of the Month for June 2012.

F-2) Proclamation – July as Parks and Recreation Month

Vice Mayor Gilbert read the proclamation proclaiming the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month.

F-3) Proclamation – Caribbean Heritage Month

Vice Mayor Gilbert read the proclamation proclaiming the month of June as Caribbean Heritage Month.

F-4) Proclamation – Elderly Abuse Awareness

Vice Mayor Gilbert read the proclamation bringing awareness to Elderly Abuse.

~~F-5) Miami Gardens Junior Council Quarterly Report~~

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dannie McMillon, Chairperson for Miami Gardens Commission For Women appeared before the Council to provide a brief report of the activities spearheaded by the Commission For Women: National Rose Month was celebrated June 8, 2012; July 21, 2012 the second annual Girls and Women’s Summit will take place at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex.

Patricia Lightfoot, 2750 NW 172nd Terrace, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the Council to express concern with the cost associated with the summer camp program as it related to two or more family member participants. She opined that there should be some sort of cost concession made when more than one family member is in the program. She shared that she has three grandchildren in the program at a cost of \$65.00 per child, per week. She asked the Council to look at discount for more than one child. She shared that this is an excellent program and her grandchildren are truly enjoying it.

Sharon Frazier Stephens, 145 NE 193rd Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the City Council to share that the Foster Mother that won Councilwoman Davis Mother Day Contest back in May also won the State Foster Parent of the Year.

Councilman David Williams Jr., asked whether staff was going to look into the fee structure for the summer youth program.

Mayor Gibson said to keep in mind that the budget for Parks and Recreation has already been done for this fiscal year. She said there is a process, which is more involved than just changing fees. She opined the request is a valid one.

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(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING:

None

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07-280

- I-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2-765 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "CONE OF SILENCE"; 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 – June 13, 2012)**

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

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilman David Williams Jr., to adopt this item.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 6-0 vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08-281

- I-2) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE IX, DIVISION 1, SECTION 2-700 "DEFINITIONS" AND DIVISION 3, SECTION 2-752 "PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$50,000" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; 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 – June 13, 2012)**

Mayor Gibson opened the floor for this item. After there were no interested parties to

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speak on this item, the public hearing closed.

Motion offered by Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman David Williams Jr., to adopt this item.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 6-0 vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-09-282

- I-3) **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING DIVISION 4. "SYNTHETIC DRUGS"; BY ADDING SECTION 14-346 "PROHIBITING THE SALE AND DISPLAY OF SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS"; BY ADDING SECTION 14-347 "PROHIBITING THE SALE AND DISPLAY OF SYNTHETIC STIMULANT BATH SALTS, SYNTHETIC CATHINONES, SYNTHETIC AMPHETAMINES AND OTHER SYNTHETIC STIMULANTS THAT MIMIC ILLEGAL DRUGS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; 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 VICE MAYOR OLIVER G. GILBERT III) (1st Reading – June 13, 2012)**

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

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Oliver G. Gilbert III, seconded by Councilman David Williams Jr., to adopt this item.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 6-0 vote.

Vice Mayor Oliver G. Gilbert III:	Yes
Councilwoman Felicia Robinson:	Yes
Councilman Andre Williams:	Yes
Councilman David Williams Jr:	Yes

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Councilman Aaron Campbell Jr:	Yes
Councilwoman Lisa C. Davis:	Not present
Mayor Shirley Gibson:	Yes

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

None

(K) CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-80-1675

- K-1) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$85,000.00) IN THE LITIGATION MATTER OF THE *GUARANTEE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA VS. CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS*; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO FINALIZE THE SETTLEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-82-1677

- K-2) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN TO COLLECT DONATIONS FOR THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF THE ROSE GARDEN LOCATED ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT NW 12TH AVENUE AND 183RD STREET; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-83-1678

- K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AMENDING A BID TO QUALITY PAVING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND 76/100 (\$56,624.76), FOR CONSTRUCTION REVISIONS OF THE NW 191 STREET STORMWATER DRAINAGE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO INCREASE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH QUALITY PAVING, INC., A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN**

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EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-84-1679

- K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$158,334.28) TO SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP., THE STATE OF FLORIDA’S APPROVED VENDOR FOR MICROSOFT SOFTWARE LICENSES FOR COMPUTERS, SERVERS AND OTHER DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-85-1680

- K-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED BIDS TO FLEET TIRE TRUCK AND AUTO CENTER AND MIDAS AUTO SERVICE EXPERTS FOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS, ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-86-1681

- K-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO ATRIUM PERSONNEL, INC. D/B/A TRANSHIRE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,000.00) FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR PHASE IB OF THE VISTA VERDE DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-87-1682

- K-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO ATRIUM**

PERSONNEL, INC. D/B/A TRANSHIRE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000.00) FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE NORTHWEST 7TH AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-88-1683

- K-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS, ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, TO TIRE KINGDOM, TIRESOLES OF BROWARD, INC. AND FLEET TRUCK TIRE & AUTO CENTER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NO. 863-000-10-1, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) FOR GOODYEAR TIRE VENDOR SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-89-1684

- K-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES' EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A NEW CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR OLIVER G. GILBERT III)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-90-1685

- K-10) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN VEHICLE USE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU FOR THE USE OF A BAIT AND SURVEILLANCE VEHICLES, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-91-1686

- K-11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR A HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00); AUTHORIZING A TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$25,000.00) CASH MATCH; AUTHORIZING A TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$25,000.00) IN-KIND MATCH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER STEPS NECESSARY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT AWARD; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-92-1687

K-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (LETF) FOR THE PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUDIO VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilman David Williams Jr., to adopt the Consent Agenda. There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Gibson referenced Item K-6, and explained this particular item involves some construction of the Vista Verde drainage infrastructure and roadway improvements project rehab in Residential Area Seat -1. She said this project has taken the city five years to initiate. She commended staff for staying focus with this project and spearheading some much needed improvements in this private development.

Please note, Councilman Andre Williams left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

(L) RESOLUTION(S):

None

(M) REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY/CITY CLERK

M-1) City Manager's Monthly Report

M-2) Miami Gardens Monthly Police Report

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Manager Crew reported the City was only one of five or six cities in the State of Florida to get awarded ten (10) more policemen under the Federal Cops Grant Program for the new fiscal year. This program will only pay for half the cost. The main criteria requirement is that the officers have to be veterans, post 9/11.

Mayor Gibson explained for the benefit of the residents that the city manager will have to adjust FY 2012-13 budget to allow for the half million dollar cost for the ten (10) police officers. She said that most times when the city receives grant funding there is a certain monetary match required. He said this will be a three year grant. After that the city has to commit to keeping those officers for an additional year.

Vice Mayor Gilbert said we heard about the need for more police officers, however you must always remember we have to pay for those additional officers. Even free money is not free.

Councilman Campbell asked whether the city will be hiring certified officers or would applicants be put through the academy.

Manager Crew said in this particular cast, the applicant has to be a veteran. There are many cases where these individuals have been military police but they are not sworn officers.

The consensus of the Council was to recruit Miami Gardens' residents for the police officer positions.

Manager Crew reminded everyone to mark their calendar for Thursday, July 12, 2012 for the City Hall Ground breaking ceremony. The event is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Gibson said she noticed the number of people in the lobby waiting for passport services and asked the City Clerk to give a report on the passport processing activity.

Clerk Taylor shared two weeks ago, approximately \$43,000 in revenue had been generated this fiscal year from the passport services. There is always a rush just before the summer vacation months. In addition, the word is spreading that Miami Gardens is a passport acceptance facility therefore more people are coming to here.

Mayor Gibson opined the fact that individuals can come to city hall and have their passport process in privacy rather than standing in line at the post office is also a factor for the increase.

Vice Mayor Gilbert asked whether a camera to take the passport picture can be purchased. He shared that he has been present many times when applicants have been instructed to go to CVS or Walgreens for passport pictures. He said it would be cost effective for the city to provide passport photo service, as well.

Manager Crew further shared that Miami Gardens is the only facility that does not take

appointments, which makes it very convenient for people needing to have their passport application processed.

Councilman Campbell shared the word is out about Miami Gardens' passport processing. He said he has heard nothing but positive responses from people who have had their passport application processed here.

(N) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman David Williams Jr., commended the Miami Gardens Police Department and the Kiwanis Club. He shared that he'd hosted a Jesse Trice Fundraising event, and the Miami Gardens/Kiwanis Club's presence was there. He said several individuals approached him to share their great respect for the city's police department. Those individuals were able to put a human face on the police department.

Vice Mayor Gilbert recognized two members of the Job Corp Student Government present in the audience. These individuals are also residents of Miami Gardens. He further wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

Councilman Campbell said residents in his area have concerns with the three drive-by shootings that have occurred in his neighborhood during the last several months. He said he would like to hear from the police department about what it is doing to put people at ease.

Chief Boyd said the misconception people have is that there are a lot of gangs in Miami Gardens. He stated that is not the case. There are a lot of bad kids out there that group themselves together, hang out together and they do things together. He stated he keeps saying this but nobody is listening. We have some bad parenting skills. Parents are not putting time in with these kids. When Norland or Carol City wins a Championship they are recognized for athletic achievement. However, there are kids out there with 4.5 GPA's that are not recognized. He stressed the importance of pushing the academics. He further shared that a lot of the people getting shot are not innocent. He reiterated the importance of encouraging kids to get an education and make something of themselves rather than circumventing them through athletic activities. He said we have to start putting the heat on the parents. If not, we have not seen anything yet. He further shared that he had spoken with a business owner about hiring students and creating a work program. This business owner said he did not have a problem with this but the student had to be sharp and able to do the job because no mistakes can be made. He stressed again the importance of pushing academic excellence, and instilling in these kids that an education is required to make something of their future.

Councilman Campbell expounded on the drive by shooting victims and said you have to look at their life styles and associations. He further shared his suspicion that a lot of the drive by shooting incidents started in other jurisdictions.

Councilwoman Robinson said there are some conversations that we as a community need to start having, that we don't have. Until we start having these conversations things are not going

to change. She opined parents now do not have any parenting skills. Most of the parents that we have now are kids themselves. She reiterated, we as a community has to stop ignoring, or turning our heads. She opined the community is afraid to say something to our kids, and from personal experience because she works with them the kids want someone to say something to them. They respect you when you say something to do. She opined this cannot be on the police or the parents; it is going to have to be a collective effort on all of us. The shootings are not random acts they are shooting at a particular person. The only way this is going to stop is that people need to tell. We keeping adding police officers and spending more money, the bottom line is each and every one of us is going to have to do something about it, if we really want it to stop.

Vice Mayor Gilbert shared that people express concern about the police department not being present to prevent crimes. That does not happen in real life. The way that you prevent crimes is that you enforce every other law, every traffic law, etc. You make it appear that the police is everywhere, and as such people will not want to get caught, so they do not commit the crime. You prevent murders by creating an environment that is unacceptable and you do that by enforcing every law. Therefore, the message should be simply “obey the law.”

N-1) Mayor Gibson – Legislation regarding the naming of city streets.

Mayor Gibson said over the years there have been request to co-designate streets. The City does not have a policy in place for this purpose. We need to determine what would be the criteria for co-designating a street in Miami Gardens. She said she had spoken with the City Attorney about this issue and she suggested that in order to give her some direction that it be discussed at the Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Gilbert recommended as one of the criteria that the item be sponsored by a Council member.

Mayor Gibson agreed with Vice Mayor Gilbert’s recommendation. She further stated that as a criteria Miami Gardens Drive will not be renamed.

Vice Mayor Gilbert said that issue has already been addressed.

Councilman Campbell said another discussion that took place previously that the street would be renamed after a deceased person. He further shared concern with naming streets after ministers due to the number of churches in the city.

Attorney Dickens asked if Councilman Campbell was asking that the criteria should included that streets should only be named after deceased individuals. If that is the case that would determine which applications would be accepted.

Mayor Gibson emphasized the importance of establishing the criteria.

Attorney Dickens said she would address this in the body of the document. Council has approved criteria in some of the awards it has already adopted.

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Manager Crew shared the city does not control street signs therefore someone will have to pay for the sign.

Councilman Campbell asked if staff could also look at what other cities are doing. He said he did not have a position on the matter at all and just wanted to provide some history as to why this was not done in the past. He said if the majority of the Council wanted to move forward to support the renaming or co-designation of streets he would support the majority of the Council.

Councilman David Williams Jr., said he was not in agreement with limiting the co-designation or street naming to individuals that are deceased.

Vice Mayor Gilbert opined a criteria is good, but maybe the vote just ought to be an unanimous vote of this Body. He shared that he has been approached by two individuals about naming a street after them (Dr. Lester Brown and Pastor G. David Horton).

Mayor Gibson recounted there have been instances where individuals have gone to the state or the county to get a street named after someone. She said that street naming does not happen unless this Council approves. She opined that the process needs to be cleared so that people understands that there are state and county roads in the city. However, just because those roads are in the City of Miami Gardens does not mean that the request put through the state of the county would be approved. The City of Miami Gardens City Council makes the final decision as to whether a street will be named after anyone when those street run through the city's boundaries. She emphasized the importance of setting criteria for giving out awards because if not, they would be devalued. These awards are given out because they should mean something.

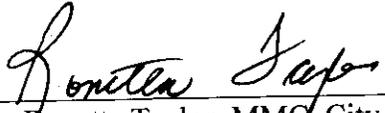
(O) WRITTEN REQUESTS, PETITIONS & OTHER WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

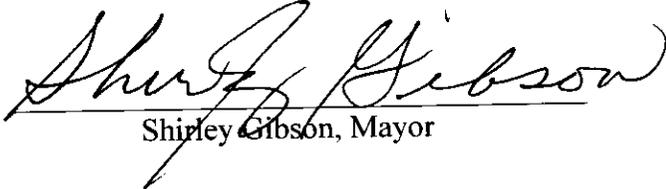
(P) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Body, and upon a motion being duly made, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Attest:



Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk



Shirley Gibson, Mayor