

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

**(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session, Wednesday, September 12, 2012, beginning at 7:07 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 1515 NW 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami Gardens, Florida.

The following members of the City Council were present: Mayor Oliver Gilbert, Vice Mayor Lisa Davis and Council members Lillie Odom, Andre Williams. David Williams Jr., arrived at 7:10 p.m. Councilwoman Felicia Robinson arrived at 7:27 p.m.

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 Mayor Gilbert.

**(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited in unison

**(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular City Council Meeting – July 25, 2012**

Motion offered by Councilman David Williams Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Davis 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)

Item K-16 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Odom.

Item K-18 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Vice Mayor Davis.

Item K-7 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councilman David Williams Jr.

Item F-2 was pulled from the Agenda by the City Manager Crew.

Item F-1 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Mayor Gilbert.

Mayor Gilbert asked that Item L-1 be moved forward on the agenda to be heard after Order of Business.

Motion offered by Councilman David Williams Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to approve the official agenda, with the necessary changes. This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**(F) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (5 minutes each)**

**F-1) Monthly Municipal Project Report – Skanska**

Nicole Heran, Project Manager for Skanska appeared before the City Council to provide an update on the development of the City Hall Municipal project. The project has been underway for 84 days. Foundations have been poured. The goal is twenty percent local participation and ten percent minority participation. To date, 14 local residents have been hired. All contractors are being urged to buy in the local community. Skanska has also partnered with Scott Lake Elementary School to revitalize the garden area, and Carol City High School construction academy.

Councilman David Williams Jr., asked about the sales tax savings.

Ms. Heran said Skanska gave the city over \$700,000.00 back from sales tax savings.

Brandon DeCarlo, Director of Construction Services appeared before the Council to expound on the sales tax savings. He shared since the city has the benefit of not having to pay sales tax, rather than having the company purchase the materials, the materials are actually purchased through the city's procurement department. Therefore the \$700,000.00 is the savings in sales tax.

Councilman David Williams Jr., commended Skanska in terms of their public-private partnership at Carol City Senior High School. Skanska is training 30 students, at their own expense. These students will get their apprenticeship at the end of the training. Furthermore, Skanska is making a Botanical Garden at one of the local elementary school; again at Skanska's expense.

Vice Mayor Davis inquired about the date of completion and move in.

Ms. Heran said the date of completion is July 30, 2013. The move in date for City Hall is August 13, 2013 and the move in date for the police department is September 25, 2013.

**(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sharon Frazier-Stephens, 145 NE 193<sup>rd</sup> Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the City Council to encourage everyone to come out and support CFCE next month during their annual fundraising festivities.

**(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING:**

None

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

None

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

Please note Councilman Andre Williams left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-121-1716**

- J-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ELECTING TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FOR STORMWATER USER FEES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 197, FLORIDA STATUTES; STATING THE NEED FOR SUCH LEVY; ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER FOR THIS PURPOSE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENGAGE A CONSULTANT FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

Manager Crew explained there are two ways to collect stormwater user fees. Currently the city has agreements with the City of North Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County. Miami Gardens' fees are placed on their water bills. The problem is with the current system the city is paying the City of North Miami Beach approximately \$125,000.00 per year. The city is only getting 80 percent. The other way of collecting stormwater user fees is by placing it on the tax bills. The fees are not being changed since 1990. By placing the stormwater fee on the tax bill there will be about a 99% collection rate. This would also save the city an additional \$500,000 per year by not going through the City of North Miami Beach or Miami-Dade County.

Mayor Gilbert opened the floor for this public hearing.

Patricia Lightfoot, 2750 NW 172<sup>nd</sup> Terrace, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the Council and shared there is a separate stormwater bill that comes to some residents that is separate from Miami-Dade County's. She wanted to know how that bill will relate to this and whether residents will have to pay both.

Manager Crew said he was not aware of a separate bill and would have to take a look at what Ms. Lightfoot was referring to.

Mayor Gilbert asked Ms. Lightfoot to provide the city manager with a copy of this bill.

There being no other interested parties to speak on this item, the public hearing closed.

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Odom to adopt this item.

Councilman David Williams Jr., asked the city manager to expound on the consultant mentioned as part of this item.

Manager Crew in response to Councilman David Williams' inquiry said as part of this

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item a study has to be conducted. An outside firm will need to be hired to conduct the study. The one-time fee of \$35,000 will be taken from the stormwater fund.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **(K) CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-122-1717**

- K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT WITH THE FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (“FRDAP”) AND TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) FOR ROLLING OAKS PARK; AUTHORIZING A MATCH IN FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-123-1718**

- K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT WITH THE FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (“FRDAP”) AND TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) FOR NORWOOD PARK; AUTHORIZING A MATCH IN FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-124-1719**

- K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RATIFYING COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS JR. RE-APPOINTMENT OF JANICE ANN COAKLEY TO THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS COMMISSION FOR WOMEN FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY DAVID WILLIAMS JR)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-125-1720**

- K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDDING A BID TO CONSTRUCT GROUP CORP., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT NORTHWEST 42<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE AND NORTHWEST 175<sup>TH</sup> STREET, AND FOR THE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS NEAR PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY LOCATED 17631 NORTHWEST 230<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT HUNDRED ELEVEL THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS (\$811,647.10), WHICH INCLUDES A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH CONSTRUCT GROUP CORP. FOR THIS PURPOSE, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-126-1721**

- K-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE “COPS” GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,250,000.00), A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; AUTHORIZING A TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) MATCH IN FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-127-1722**

- K-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE MEMORIAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$200,959.00), 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)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-128-1723

- K-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND OTHER DADE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO IDENTIFY AND CONTROL POLLUTANT DISCHARGES IN MUNICIPAL STORMWATER SYSTEMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL POLLUTANTS DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM STORMWATER PROGRAM, FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM, IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$18,470.00), 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)

RESOLUITON NO. 2012-129-1724

- K-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDDING A BID TO FLORIDA TURF AND LANDSCAPE HORTICULTURE, INC., TERRA BELLA ASSOCIATES, INC., ARAZOZA BROTHERS CORPORATION, PINE ISLAND NURSERY, INC. AND AL'S FARMERS MARKET LLC FOR PALMS AND ORNAMENT TREES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGETED AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00), FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL YEARS, ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-130-1725

- K-10) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE

EDUCATION COMMISSIONER'S TASKFORCE ON INCLUSION AND ACCOUNTABILITY RELATING TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS JR.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-131-1726**

- K-11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR DEDICATION OF EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH FOR THE NEW MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 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) \*USE (2) RESO.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-132-1727**

- K-12) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR FUNDING FROM THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (GOB) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) FOR RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT NORTH DADE OPTIMIST PARK, 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)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-133-1728**

- K-13) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO ATLANTIC ICON, CORP., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS (\$658,196.12), WHICH INCLUDES A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY,

TO FURNISH AND INSTALL AN ESTATE FENCE WITH GATES, IRRIGATION AND LANDSCAPING ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE BETTY T. FERGUSON RECREATIONAL COMPLEX; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH ATLANTIC ICON, CORP., 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)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-134-1729

- K-14) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO URS CORPORATION TO DEVELOP THE DESIGN CRITERIA FOR THE PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM FOR THE MIAMI GARDENS MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$58,870.00), WHICH INCLUDES A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-135-1730

- K-15) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO URS CORPORATION FOR THE PREPARATION OF A DESIGN CRITERIA FOR THE EXTERIOR ILLUMINATED METAL SIGNS FOR THE NEW CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$24,732.00), WHICH INCLUDES A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-136-1731

- K-17) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN REVISED AGREEMENT FOR THE BILLING OF STORMWATER CHARGES BETWEEN

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS FLORIDA, 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 by Councilman David Williams Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to adopt the Consent Agenda.

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**(L) RESOLUTION(S):**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-120-1715**

**L-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT’S NOMINATION OF ERHABOR IGHADORA TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF AT-LARGE SEAT 6; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER G. GILBERT III)**

Mayor Gilbert passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Davis and recounted the process used in making his selection, which included advertisement as well as an interview process. He stated that all the individuals who submitted their application for this position were wonderful.

Motion offered by Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilwoman Odom to nominate Erhabor Ighodaro to fill the unexpired term of At-Large Seat 6.

Councilman David Williams Jr., said he would like for the nominee to tell the Council and audience a little about himself.

Erhabor Ighodaro appeared before the Council and expressed heartfelt thanks to Mayor Gilbert for his nomination. He recognized Pastor Rogery Adams, County Commissioner Barbara Jordan, Delores Ingram, the widow of the Late Dr. Robert B. Ingram, as well as members of the Mt. Zion Church family. He introduced his wife Shannon Ighodaro and his twin daughters. He acknowledged former Mayor Shirley Gibson and former County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson for their foresight and establishing the foundation of this great city. He stated that he came to build, not to destroy.

Councilman Andre Williams congratulated Dr. Ighodaro on this nomination.

Vice Mayor Davis asked if in the future the entire Council could receive information about the candidate being nominated.

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Mayor Gilbert in response to Vice Mayor Davis' question said. "Probably not; the Charter is very clear on how the process works. Mayor Gibson set up the process that we advertise in the newspaper, as well as having the interested parties fill out documentation, which would qualify them for the nomination. The Charter requires that the Mayor submit a name, which in theory means the potential nominee did not have to be interviewed or anything else. The Charter requires that the Mayor submit a name. He further said if the Council did not confirm the nomination of Mr. Ighodaro the choices for him would not be limited to the people who submitted applications for the position. It would be anybody he wanted to nominate.

Councilman David Williams Jr., said he would like for this issue to be reviewed at the next Charter Review process. He stated he is being asked to rubber stamp a name that he could conceivably know nothing about. He shared he went through this same process and had some reservations then. He said he had information ready in case he was asked questions because he did not want to sit on the dais and let my constituents think that I had no clue about what was going on. This is not the case here.

There being no further discussion on this item, a motion was offered by Councilman Andre Williams, seconded by Councilman David Williams Jr., to amend the resolution to insert the name Erhabor Ighodaro.

There being no discussion on the amendment, the motion passed and carried by a 6-0 vote.

There being no further discussion on the motion as a whole, this passed and carried by a 6-0 vote.

Mayor Oliver Gilbert:	Yes
Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom:	Yes
Councilwoman Felicia Robinson:	Yes
Councilman Andre Williams:	Yes
Councilman David Williams Jr.:	Yes
Vice Mayor Lisa C. Davis:	Yes

At this time the Oath of Office was administered to Councilman Erhabor Ighodaro by the City Clerk.

County Commissioner Barbara Jordan appeared before the Council to congratulate the entire Council for their election. She commended the previous Council as well as former Mayor Gibson for being the catalyst for the City of Miami Gardens. She said she is looking to working with the Council in an effort to do all that can be done to make the City of Miami Gardens the best city in Miami-Dade County.

Mayor Gilbert acknowledged the presence of Gwen Wallace, a judicial candidate and a very dear friend.

Mayor Gilbert also acknowledged the presence of Cynthia Stafford, a law school associate and dear friend.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-137-1732**

**K-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE USAGE FEES FOR THE BETTY T. FERGUSON RECREATIONAL COMPLEX AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

Councilman David Williams Jr., said he did not pull this item because he has a problem with the fee, but because he, as a council member needs more time to review the items in order to make an intelligent decision. The agenda package is provided on Friday, with the Council having to make a determination by the next Wednesday. He asked if there was a way to get the items faster than this short turn-around time.

Manager Crew said staff has a hard enough time right now trying to get the agenda out twice a month, on time. This particular item is a minor issue, but if it was a major item staff could discuss the item with council members, especially if we are making major changes.

Mayor Gilbert suggested that Manager Crew have staff meet weekly with Councilman David Williams Jr., to brief him on items they have coming down the pipeline.

Manager Crew said this would be possible.

Councilman David Williams Jr., said at least he would have the opportunity to get some opinions from the citizens.

Mayor Gilbert asked staff to further expound on this item.

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Miami Gardens appeared before the Council and shared that the fees are not being increased but rather to simplify the fee structure to seven.

Mayor Gilbert made it clear that he did not want to see the fees go up.

Councilman Ighodaro referenced Councilman David Williams’ concern with regard to having enough time to review the agenda items. He shared that other organizations he is familiar with work through committees with regard to proposed agenda item. He said he was sure this is something this Council would want to explore. The United States Congress, Miami-Dade County Commission and the Miami-Dade County School Board all work through committees.

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He opined this is an opportunity for elected officials who have to make important decisions to have dialogue within the compounds of the Sunshine Law.

Motion offered by Councilman David Williams Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Odom to adopt the item.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-138-1733**

**K-16) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO WORLDCARE, INC. AND ITS' CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT & BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 12, 2012; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LISA C. DAVIS)**

Councilwoman Odom said she had pulled this item because there was no documentation provided as backup, and she wanted to know more this organization and this event.

Vice Mayor Davis asked Mr. Glen Joseph to come forward to expound on this event.

Glen Joseph, 6645 Evergreen Drive, Miramar, Florida, appeared before the City Council and shared World Care, Inc., is a disaster relief organization that has been operating since 2004. This organization has also been in collaborative agreements with municipalities, one of which is Miami Gardens. Over the life of World Care, relief has been provided to almost every major disaster including Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma. World Care also sent a boat load of supplies to Haiti. The golf tournament is the only major fund raising event for World Care, Inc.

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Odom to adopt this item.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a unanimous vote.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-139-1734**

**K-18) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO URS CORPORATION TO DESIGN NORTHWEST 25<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR THE MIAMI GARDENS MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$143,897.00), WHICH INCLUDES A TEN PERCENT**

**(10%) CONTINGENCY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

Vice Mayor Davis said she had pulled this item for clarification purposes.

Manager Crew explained the proposed city hall has one entrance. The street that will be located behind city hall would be 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He placed emphasis on the importance of getting this road designed so that it can go out for bid. This would provide public access.

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Odom to adopt this item.

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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

**M-1) Cancellation of second meeting in November and December 2012.**

Manager Crew informed the Council of what has historically happened around the holidays and asked whether they wanted to cancel the last meeting in November, which falls around the Thanksgiving holiday and the last meeting in December, which falls after Christmas.

By a consensus of the Council, staff will bring back a resolution cancelling the November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup> City Council meetings.

Clerk Taylor shared a representative from The Department of State was present today to conduct an annual inspection of the Office of the City Clerk, as it relates to being a Passport Facility. The inspection was favorable with only one minor infraction (recently expired form, which is not yet available to the public). The Miami Gardens Passport Facility will also be offering passport picture service in the very near future.

**(N) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilman Ighodaro thanked the Council, the appointed staff for doing an excellent job. He further thanked the residents for their support. "Let's keep the good work going."

Councilman David Williams Jr., asked whether a workshop will be held for the newly elected officials.

Mayor Gilbert in response to Councilman David Williams Jr., inquiry replied, "Absolutely."

Councilwoman Robinson announced that she is sponsoring a Miami Gardens Pink Week scheduled October 2012 in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Flyers are available in the back of the Chambers.

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Councilwoman Odom thanked the residents for their continued support. She further encouraged those in the audience to continue attending the meetings.

Vice Mayor Davis shared that she was voted in as Vice Mayor by her colleagues and conveyed to them a heartfelt thank you for having this confidence in her. She further announced that she is sponsoring a Diabetes event at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex on November 18, 2012, this is a free event and open to the public.

Councilwoman Robinson further announced that the Commission For Women will be hosting a Domestic Violence Walk, September 29, 2012 at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex.

Mayor Gilbert thanked the residents for their support and continued prayers as we all go forward with the singular goal of serving the community.

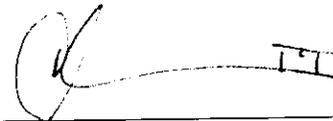
Manager Crew referenced the city's crime states and shared with listening audience that over the last few years the City of Miami Gardens has the lowest crime rate than Miami Beach, North Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Pompano, Orlando and St. Petersburg.

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

None

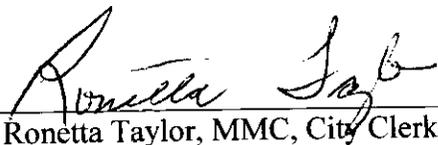
## **(P) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before this Body and upon a motion being duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 8: 12 p.m.



Oliver Gilbert, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk