

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2012**

(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session, Wednesday, September 26, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 1515 NW 167th 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, Felicia Robinson, and David Williams Jr. Councilman Andre Williams was not present.

Also in attendance were: City Manager Dr. Danny O. Crew, City Attorney Sonja K. Dickens and Deputy City Clerk Mario Bataille sitting for City Clerk Ronetta Taylor who was out on bereavement.

(B) INVOCATION

Invocation delivered by Pastor Wreckly

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion offered by Councilman David Williams Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Odom 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)

A presentation by Miami Dade County School Board on the proposed Bond referendum was added to presentation as the first presentation by Mayor Gilbert

City Manager Danny Crew requested Item L-1 be moved forward on the agenda to be heard after Ordinances.

Motion offered by Councilman David Williams Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Robinson 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) Miami Dade County School Board – Bond Referendum

School Board Member Dr. Wilbert “Tee” Holloway of District 1 appeared before the City Council. School Board Member Holloway shared the reasoning behind bringing the proposed School Board Bond to the voters. He indicated the bond will provide replacement and renovations to existing school facilities within Miami Dade County. Additionally, the bond will improve the technology within the County.

Jaime Torrens, Chief Facilities Officer of Miami Dade County School Board, appeared before the City Council. Mr. Torrens reiterated the comments of School Board Member Holloway. He added the Bond Referendum will go before the voters for approval on the November 6th ballot. The bond will provide \$1.2 billion in funds, which will provide for renovations, technology improvements, building replacement, and some new capacity projects throughout the district. Lastly, he shared the highlights and guiding principles of the referendum; which are to provide to enhance the safety and security, renovate and update, guarantee technology equity, and to provide transparency to all of the schools within the district.

Vice Mayor Davis thanked the School Board Members for their attendance and providing the information regarding the bond. She continued to urge all residents to come out and vote for the referendum.

Councilman David Williams Jr. thanked the intergovernmental team for their efforts in partnering with the City of Miami Gardens.

F-2) City Manager – Employee Recognition

The City Manager Provide 5 Year Pins to following employees for their five years of service to the City of Miami Garden

F-3) Police Chief Mathew Boyd – Officer of the Month

Police Chie Mathew Boyd Presented the Civilian of Quarter to Jacqueline Morris, Records Clerk

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jo Ann Harris, 300 NW 199th Street, Miami Gardens, FL, appeared before the City Council. Ms. Harris provided information regarding Alliance for Musical Art and requested for the City’s support in continuing to provide services to the City of Miami Gardens residents through Arts.

Dannie McMillon, 4420 NW 176th Street, Miami Gardens, FL, appeared before the City Council. Ms. McMillon shared on Saturday, September 29, 2012 the Commission for Women

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will be hosting a March Against Domestic Violence starting at 8:30am. She added on October 27th there will be a Breast Cancer Health Fair/Walk and the start of Pink Week with Councilwoman Robinson. Lastly, she provided comments regarding the proposed School Board Bond and hopes this City will monitor that the schools within the City received a fair share.

Harold Lawton, 1860 NW 170th Street, Miami Gardens, FL, appeared before the City Council. He congratulated the newly Elected Mayor and Council Members of the City of Miami Gardens. Additionally, he shared that he has had a wonderful working experience with Councilman David Williams Jr. and Deputy Chief Miller. He commended Councilman David Williams Jr. and Deputy Chief Miller on a job well done.

Bernard Briggs, 1681 NW 155th Street, Miami Gardens, FL, appeared before the City Council. Mr. Briggs shared his experience with an abandoned house issue within his neighborhood. He raised concerns about the activities taking place within the abandoned house. He continued to say he was promised two years ago something would be done regarding the abandoned house however nothing has been done.

Mayor Gilbert gave direction to the City Manager to take a look into the concerns of Mr. Briggs regarding the abandoned home.

Joseph Obadeyl, 18520 NW 42nd Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33055, appeared before the City Council. He shared information regarding the upcoming Nigerian Independence Day Parade. He thanked Councilman David Williams Jr. for his efforts in supporting Nigerian Independence Day.

Margaret Porter-Hall, 1800 NW 31st Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33056, appeared before the City Council. Ms. Porter-Hall encouraged the residents, staff, and Council Members to support the March Against Domestic Violence at the Betty T. Ferguson Community Center.

Mayor Gilbert encouraged everyone to support the event.

(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING:

None

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

None

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-141-1736

L-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, INDICATING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY TO ISSUE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$3,700,000.00) DOLLARS TO FINANCE THE COST OF EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS, AND TO USE A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS TO REIMBURSE

EXPENDITURES PAID OR INCURRED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ISSUANCE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Danny Crew explained this Resolution is a requirement of the IRS, in order to allow the City to spend the money and pay the City back once the Bond has been issued. This item is in relationship to Item K-3.

Motion for approval was made by Councilman David Williams Jr. and second by Councilwoman Odom.

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 6-0 voice vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-142-1737

- J-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ALLOCATING FISCAL YEAR 2012 -2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$82,000.00) TO SUNSHINE FOR ALL, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

Daniel Rosemond, Assistance City Manager & Community Development Director, presented the item to the City Council. He highlighted this is an action of the Council performed annually, which is to provide funding to agencies to provide public services to the residents of the City of Miami Gardens. Mr. Rosemond continued to share the perspectives on CDBG allocations and the three recommendations provided in Item J-1, J-2, and J-3.

Andres Kristi, representative of Sunshine for All, appeared before the Council. He thanked the Council for their consideration.

H. John Wells, 3340NW 215th Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33056, appeared before the City Council. Mr. Wells indicated he is representing the Mt Pisgah Seventh Day Adventist Church and Director of the Pisgah Food Pantry. Mr. Wells shared on July 31st the Pisgah Food Pantry received a letter of funding recommendation. Based on the recommendation the agency moved forward in preparation to provide the services. However on September 11th they were notified the previous funding recommendation was withdrawn. Therefore, on September 12th they submitted a letter of appeal and to this date they have not received a response. Lastly, Mr.

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Wells requested respectfully that the City Council reconsider the withdrawal of the fund.

Daniel Rosemond explained the competitive proposals and appeal process. Mr. Rosemond indicated yes the Pisgah Food Pantry initially did receive a recommendation of funding. However, due to the appeals process another agency was able to receive more points than the Pisgah Food Pantry resulting in the withdrawal of the recommendation. Nonetheless, the award is solely made by the City Council.

Councilwoman Robinson questioned whether they were given a letter for funding.

Daniel Rosemond indicated they were given a funding recommendation letter. He added the letter is premature in nature because it is a recommendation letter and not an award letter because ultimately the Council makes the award.

Vice Mayor Davis questioned when did staff know this particular organization had not qualified?

Daniel Rosemond explained it is not an issue of the qualifications of this particular agency; it is an issue that through the appeals process another agency received more points than the Pisgah Food Pantry.

Councilwoman Odom asked for clarification as to whether the agency received a letter of recommendation or award.

Mr. Wells responded it was a letter of recommendation

Vice Mayor Davis asked how long did it take to get the withdrawal letter from the recommendation letter?

Mr. Wells stated the recommendation letter was received on July 31st and the withdrawal letter was received on September 11th.

Councilman David Williams asked for clarity of the appeals process.

Mr. Rosemond clarified the appeals process and the response given to Mr. Wells appeal. Additionally, Mr. Wells appeal did not meet the grounds for an appeal.

Councilwoman Robinson asked was Mt. Pisgah the only agency to receive a letter of withdrawal.

Mr. Rosemond indicated yes they are the only ones.

Councilwoman Robinson asked if in the past that past recommendations has always received the award of the recommendation.

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Mr. Rosemond replied no.

Mayor Gilbert question whether Mr. Pisgah received notification of the appeal process.

Mr. Rosemond replied no.

Mayor Gilbert opinion those that might be affected by an appeal process should be notified because they are an affected party.

Mayor Gilbert asked if everyone who has been recommended for funding are previous recipients.

Mr. Rosemond responded yes.

Councilman David Williams Jr. stated he would like in the futures that the Arts are part of the process.

Mr. Rosemond stated the challenge that we have is great demands for very limited resources. He invited the Council to provide the criteria for what they deem priorities in the Cities CDBG Program.

Vice Mayor Davis stated she would like to see new businesses given an opportunity as part of the process.

Councilman David Williams Jr. stated at some point the Council needs to revisit all of the Ordinance and Resolution we have for any updates and change.

Mayor Gilbert made it know the Community Development Block Grant Process is reviewed and approved every year, basically approving the priorities.

Attorney Dickens added the City's Ordinance are up to date. A lot of the time it is not the Ordinance that is the issue but the administrative process.

Mr. Rosemond stated the comments of the Council will be noted and submitted when the Community Development Block Grant plan is proposed to the Council in the spring.

Councilwoman Robinson provided an alternative to reduce the recommended amount for other agency in order to have the Mt. Pisgah agency receive public service funds.

Mayor Gilbert indicated the Council can make the decision.

Mr. Rosemond suggested the other agencies given an opportunity whether the adjusted reduced amount would allow them to continue to provide the service.

Mayor Gilbert asked whether deferring all of the items will hinder the services provided

by Switchboard of Miami Inc.

Mr. Rosemond responded yes because they will not have a contract for October 1st.

Mayor Gilbert requested that the Council move forward item J-1, and to not hinder the services provided by Switchboard of Miami Inc. , while deferring item J-2 and J-3 to divide the money a certain way to include funding for Mt. Pisgah Food Pantry.

Councilman David Williams Jr. asked in essences will the City have two food programs.

Mr. Rosemond responded yes should the Council wish to have Mt. Pisgah receive an awarded for funding.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman David Williams Jr. and properly second by Councilwoman Odom.

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 6-0 voice vote.

J-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ALLOCATING FISCAL YEAR 2012 -2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND, FORTY DOLLARS (\$19,040.00) TO SWITCHBOARD OF MIAMI, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Motion to defer this item to the October 10, 2012 City Council Meeting was made by Vice Mayor Davis and second by Councilwoman Robinson.

There being no discussion, the motion to defer passed and carried by a 6-0 voice vote.

J-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ALLOCATING FISCAL YEAR 2012 -2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) TO JPM CENTRE AT MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Motion to defer this item to the October 10, 2012 City Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Robinson and second by Vice Mayor Davis.

There being no discussion, the motion to defer passed and carried by a 6-0 voice vote.

(K) CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-143-1738

- K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SECOND ANNUAL ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN IN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-144-1739

- K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL DIABETES PREVENTION MONTH; IMPLEMENTING A DIABETES PREVENTION EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-145-1740

- K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GARBER CHEVROLET-BUICK-PONTIAC-GMC TRUCK, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$1,744,349.00), FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE FLEET VEHICLES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NO. 071-000-12-1; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-146-1741

- K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2012**

INTERGENERATIONAL FASHION SHOW, WHICH WILL BE HOSTED BY THE ELDERLY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-147-1742

- 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 CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS AND 96/100 CENTS (\$31,356.96) FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPE SERVICES FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, 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. 2012-148-1743

- K-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 10 OF THE CITY'S HOUSING PROGRAM POLICIES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-149-1744

- K-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER TO URS CORPORATION FOR THE DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT OF THE RELOCATION OF THE OVERHEAD UTILITIES ALONG NORTHWEST 185TH TERRACE, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$58,766.00), 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. 2012-150-1745

- 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 ENCROACHMENT EASEMENT AGREEMENT, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BUS SHELTERS, WITH RACETRAC PETROLEUM, INC., 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. 2012-151-1746

- K-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012 AS “NIGERIA DAY” IN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS; 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. 2012-152-1747

- K-10) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CANCELING THE NOVEMBER 28, 2012, AND DECEMBER 26, 2012, CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY CLERK)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-153-1748

- K-11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT, III TO SERVE AS THE CITY’S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-154-1749

- K-12) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE CITY’S INTENT TO DECLARE THAT THE FREEDOM FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-155-1750

K-13) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID FOR CITY DEMOLITION PROJECTS TO THE BG GROUP, LLC, ABSOLUTE DEMOLITION, INC., THE BANNERMAN GROUP, INC. AND MIAMI WRECKING CO.; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE ANNUAL BUDGET AMOUNT, ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Motion offered by Councilwoman Robinson and properly seconded by Councilwoman Odom to adopt the Consent Agenda.

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 6-0 voice vote.

(L) RESOLUTION(S):

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-156-1751

L-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH AVMED HEALTH PLANS FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$3,285,359.00), 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)

Mayor Gilbert indicated that initially this item was on the Consent Agenda because he had some questions. Since taking this item off the Consent Agenda his questions have been answered.

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

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 6-0 voice vote.

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

M-1) Calling of Executive Session in Margolis vs. City of Miami Gardens, ATS, et. al. for October 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

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City Attorney Sonja Dickens informed the Council of a need to have an Executive Session, on October 10, 2012.

Lastly, Attorney Dickens announced the City Employees will hold a farewell party for former Councilmember Aaron Campbell and Mayor Shirley Gibson. She invited everyone to come out for this momentous occasion.

M-2) City Manager's Monthly Report

M-3) City of Miami Gardens Monthly Police Report

(N) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilwoman Robinson announced October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Additionally, along with the Commission for Women they will have a Pink Week starting October 27, 2012 to November 3, 2012.

Councilwoman Odom reported that she was proud of the representation of the Miami Gardens Junior Council during the Congressional Black Caucus, where they took part in a class on hazing. She added their biggest concerns is bullying in school. She recommended that Vice Mayor Davis to involve the Junior Council with her National Bullying Campaign.

Councilwoman Odom suggested having a retreat for the Council added with the orientation for new Council Members.

Mayor Gilbert indicated the City will have a strategic planning session in the near future.

Councilman Ighodaro reported next Monday, October 1st he will be having his swearing in ceremony at Florida Memorial at 6:00 pm. Additionally, the Miami Gardens Bunche Park Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held tomorrow at Mt. Zion from 7pm to 8pm. Lastly, he shared an initiative of his to encourage the Elders of the City of Miami Gardens by holding meeting with them once a month.

Vice Mayor Davis reported on her Anti Bulling Campaign to be held on October 12th and encouraged the participation of the City of Miami Gardens Junior Council. Additionally, she will have a Vice Mayor Reception to take place on October 19th at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Gilbert reported on the recent trip to Washington D.C. Mayor Gilbert shared a quote "that this Council as we gather ourselves to be the next round of leaders we won't be custodians of mediocrity." He shared his thoughts with the Council that the purpose of the current Council would be to mold the City into a Community.

Mayor Gilbert shared the latest bond rating for the City is sustained an A+ financial rating with a stable future.

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

None

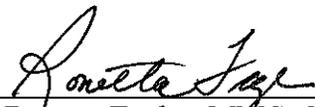
(P) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Body and upon a motion being duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Oliver Gilbert, Mayor

Attest:



Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk