

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 24, 2012**

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

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens met in regular session, Wednesday, October 24, 2012, beginning at 7:10 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 1515 NW 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Building 5, Suite 200, Miami Gardens, Florida.

The following members of the City Council were present: Mayor Oliver Gilbert, Vice Mayor Lisa C. Davis and Council members Lillie Q. Odom, Felicia Robinson, David Williams Jr., and Erhabor Ighodaro. Councilman Andre Williams was not present.

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

**(B) INVOCATION**

Mayor Gilbert delivered the invocation.

**(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited in unison.

**(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Special City Council Minutes – September 14, 2012**

Motion offered by Councilman David Williams Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to approve the minutes, with necessary corrections, if any.

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

**Special City Council Minutes – September 26, 2012**

Motion offered by Councilman David Williams Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Odom to approve the minutes, with necessary corrections, if any.

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

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

Councilwoman Robinson asked that a Pink Week Presentation be placed on the agenda as Item F-4)

The following items were added to the official agenda, as items K-10 and K-11,

respectively:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM'S APPOINTMENT OF ANITA PINDER TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HOLIDAY STEERING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON'S APPOINTMENT OF KAREN B. LAING TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HOLIDAY STEERING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Item K-2 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Robinson.

Mayor Gilbert clarified that it was not necessary for individual council members' appointments to be confirmed by the council before an appointee can serve on a committee. All that is needed is for the Council member to send an email or letter to the City Clerk.

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilman David Williams Jr., to approve the official agenda, with the additions. There being no discussion, the motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote, of the members present.

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

**F-1) City Manager – Employee Recognition**

Manager Crew presented five year service pins to Police Department Personnel.

**F-2) Greater Miami Gardens Chamber of Commerce**

James Bussey, Chair of the Miami Gardens Chamber of Commerce appeared before the City Council to recount what has transpired with the Chamber over the last twelve months. February 2011, this Council adopted a resolution establishing the Miami Gardens Chamber of Commerce. Antranette Pierre was the first director of the Chamber. However, the Chamber was not in a position at that time to provide the necessary benefits to draw members. Elbert Waters was appointed Interim Director after Ms. Pierre's departure. He took over the Business Initiative Program. Mr. Waters did a good job with that program however the membership did not grow. Ula Zucker Williams is the current Executive Director of the Miami Gardens Chamber of Commerce.

Ula Zucker Williams, Executive Director of the Miami Gardens Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Council and shared prior to being hired not much had been done to keep the Chamber organized. Within the past four (4) months the Chamber taxes have been filed and other affairs of the Chamber are now in order. The process is underway to build a website for the Chamber, which should be completed by December 15, 2012. New members are very

receptive about being a part of the Miami Gardens Chamber. The business incentive program is still available. The Chamber will be hosting a Crime Prevention meeting in November. A holiday party is planned for December.

Mayor Gilbert suggested making this information available on the city's website.

**F-3) Skanska-City Hall Complex monthly report**

Brandon DeCarlo, Director of Capital Improvement Projects for the City of Miami Gardens appeared before the City Council to update them on the progress of the City Hall Project. He indicated the information provided in the package is from September therefore, that information is four weeks behind. If you pass by the area you will notice the tremendous progress Skanska is making.

Nicole Herms, Skanska representative appeared before the City Council to expound on the project. The foundations are completed for city hall and the police building. The first second and third floor slabs for city hall are complete. The first floor slab for the police department is also completed. Skansa is preparing for its second job fair. Now that more contractors are on board it is now to re-partner with Jog Corps. Skansa also partnered with Work Force One and was able to provide contractors with good labor workers.

Councilman David Williams Jr., commended Skanska and its entire development team for their community partnership. The project at Miami Carol City Elementary school is unbelievable.

**F-4) Councilwoman Robinson – Pink Week Event.**

Councilwoman Robinson appeared before the City Council and shared that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The City of Miami Gardens is hosting a Pink Week, in support of Breast Cancer awareness. She shared with the Council a Congressional Record document issued by Congresswoman Frederica Wilson. This Congressional Record placed emphases on Councilwoman Robinson and the important work she has been doing for many years, promoting Breast Cancer Awareness, in the community.

**(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sharon Frazier-Stephens, 145 NE 193<sup>rd</sup> Street, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to comment on a much needed job fair for the residents of Miami Gardens.

Marvlyn Scott, a representative of All Star HR, 17600 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #121, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council in support of Item K-4. She announced the Job Fair, November 9, 2012. The job fair is designed specifically for Miami Gardens' residents. The focus is to get people working especially for the holiday season.

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

**H-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE**

**CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE SECTION 4-46 - "SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVE REMOTE BROADCASTS"; 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 MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT III)**

Mayor Gilbert passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Davis and explained this item was brought to him by staff.

Shellie Ransom-Jackson, Building Official/Code Department Director appeared before the City Council to expound on this item. She explained a local radio station representative came to her asking about the City's Special Event Permit process. The concern was sometimes local businesses wanted to do advertisements. The City's permit process is quite cumbersome to have to come in and obtain a permit each time. From that concern, the following ordinance is being presented for Council's approval, which would allow for an annual Live Broadcast Permit. Any radio or television station hired by local businesses in the City of Miami Gardens will be able to obtain this permit.

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

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

Councilman Ighodaro:	Yes
Councilwoman Odom:	Yes
Councilwoman Robinson:	Yes
Councilman Andre Williams:	Not present
Councilman David Williams Jr.:	Yes
Mayor Gilbert:	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis:	Yes

After this vote was taken, Vice Mayor Davis relinquished the gavel to Mayor Gilbert.

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

None

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-162-1757**

**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 TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$12,500.00) TO KRISTI HOUSE, 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)**

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

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

Manager Crew explained this is the last of the contracts for the Social Services.

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

**(K) CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-163-1758**

**K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RELAY FOR LIFE OF MIAMI GARDENS/OPA-LOCKA 2013 EVENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-164-1759**

**K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT SUBMITTED BY M & M INVESTMENT, INC. FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT N.W. 177TH STREET AND N.W. 27TH AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-165-1760**

**K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A JOB FAIR TO BE HOSTED BY ALL STAR HR, THE GREATER CARIBBEAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HOLY FAMILY**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN ERHABOR IGHODARO)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-166-1761**

- K-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND FLORIDA STATUTE 790.33, "THE JOE CARLUCCI UNIFORM FIREARMS ACT" TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER THE ENACTMENT OF STRICTER FIREARM CONTROL MEASURES TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THEIR CITIZENS AT CITY PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT III)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-167-1762**

- K-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RATIFYING APPOINTMENT OF C. VERNON MARTIN TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ADVISORY COMMITTEE; FOR A ONE YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR REPRESENTATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN ERHABOR IGHODARO)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-168-1763**

- K-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RATIFYING APPOINTMENT OF VIVIANNA SMITH TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ADVISORY COMMITTEE; FOR A ONE YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR REPRESENTATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-169-1764**

- K-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RATIFYING APPOINTMENT OF PHYLLIS SLOANE SIMPKINS TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ADVISORY COMMITTEE; FOR A ONE YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR REPRESENTATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-170-1765**

- K-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS JR'S APPOINTMENT OF NORVICK MYERS TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS JR.)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-171-1766**

- K-10) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM'S APPOINTMENT OF ANITA PINDER TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HOLIDAY STEERING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-171-1766-A**

- K-11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON'S APPOINTMENT OF KAREN B. LAING TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HOLIDAY STEERING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON)**

Motion Offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Odom to adopt the Consent Agenda.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-172-1767**

- K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING INFORMED FAMILIES' RED RIBBON WEEK CAMPAIGN; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT III)**

Councilwoman Robinson explained she pulled the item from the Consent Agenda so that Councilman David Williams Jr., would have an opportunity to recuse himself from the proceeding.

Mayor Gilbert explained Councilman David Williams Jr., has a conflict with this item therefore, he is recused from voting.

Motion offered by Councilman Ighodaro, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to adopt this item.

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

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

M-1) City Manager's Monthly Report

M-2) City of Miami Gardens Monthly Police Report

Manager Crew said there is only one item for the December Zoning meeting and request to have that item considered at the regular city council meeting.

Mayor Gilbert in response to Manager Crew's request replied, "Absolutely."

Manager Crew invited everybody to come out to the staff Halloween Costume Party.

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

Councilman David Williams Jr., thanked the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police for participating in the crime initiative workshop held last week. He further thanked the Council members for their support and shared he received great feedback from the community about the workshop. He said he is now ready for the second phase of this initiative.

Councilwoman Robinson encouraged everyone's participation during the Pink Week events. She shared on October 31<sup>st</sup> there will be a costume party as part of the Pink Week activities. She reminded everyone that early detection is our best protection.

Councilwoman Odom reported the City received a plaque from the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board due to the historic designation of the Sunshine Industrial Park Arch, and the historic farm house at NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 185<sup>th</sup> Street. She further announced the Elderly Affairs Advisory Committee will be hosting an Intergenerational Fashion Show, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Miami Carol City High School, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Ighodaro announced his inaugural meeting of the Elders Council/100 Women of Virtue will take place November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the City Hall City Council Chambers. Women 70 years and older are invited to attend. He further shared that the Miami Gardens Bunche Park Neighborhood Watch has changed its meeting date to the first

Thursday of every month.

Vice Mayor Davis thanked everyone, especially the Council for coming out to her Vice Mayor's Reception. The event was very well attended. She further announced that she will be hosting a free Diabetes Awareness Event, Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m., at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex.

Mayor Gilbert announced a memorial service celebrating the live of Fitzroy S. Taylor, family member of City Clerk Ronetta Taylor will be held, Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Greater Miami Church of God Church, 1695 Opa-locka Boulevard from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Mayor Gilbert said he would like for staff to review all the committees established by the Council and whether they are active. He further asked for a centralized calendar of all the meetings held by local crime watches and community groups. He shared the Mayor sits on the Education Compact, and although he has an abiding love for education, he does not have the time to sit. He asked Councilwoman Robinson to sit on the Education Compact, on his behalf.

Councilwoman Robinson agreed to sit on the Education Compact.

Mayor Gilbert shared the City's tenth birthday is coming up next year (2013), and he wanted every activity sponsored by the City to mention the fact that the tenth year anniversary is coming up (MLK event, etc). He asked the City Manager to explore having a ten year commemorative pin. He said the tenth anniversary activities will also take some planning therefore he asked Councilwoman Odom and Vice Mayor Davis to serve on that planning committee. Both agreed.

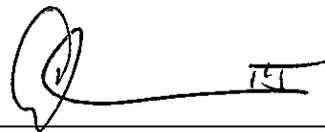
Mayor Gilbert further shared that one of the things that he did not realized Mayor Gibson did so many of were proclamations. He said there are a lot of worthy causes, but we give days away fairly easy. He acknowledged the Clerk's Office gets a lot of pressure to have it done. He said that is not going to be done that way anymore. He opined when you give somebody a day, it should mean something. He directed the City Clerk to develop something, a meaningful presentation that can be given to people for special occasions, which does not involve giving away the calendar. He opined when we proclaim a day, it should mean something.

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

None

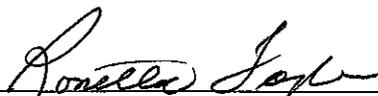
**(P) ADJOURNMENT**

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



Oliver Gilbert, Mayor

Attest:



Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk