

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2013**

(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session, Wednesday, February 27, 2013, beginning at 7:03 p.m., at City Hall, in the City Council Chambers, 1515uilding 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, Rodney Harris, Felicia Robinson, David Williams Jr., and Dr. Erhabor Ighodaro.

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

(B) INVOCATION

Councilwoman Odom delivered the Invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

There being no discussion, 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-14 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councilman Ighodaro.

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

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilman Ighodaro to approve the official agenda with the necessary changes.

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

(F) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (5 minutes each)

F-1) Mayor Gilbert – Senator Oscar Braynon II, Legislative Session

State Senator Oscar Braynon II, appeared before the City Council to announce that Tuesday, March 5, 2013, is the start of the State of Florida Legislative Session for 2013. He informed the Council that he is in receipt of the City of Miami Gardens' Legislative Package, and has already starting with applicable legislators with regard to the items. He further shared that his local office located at 606 NW 183rd Street, Miami Gardens, Florida is open and staff will be available to assist, if needed.

F-2) Councilman Ighodaro – Black History Essay Contest Winners

Councilman Ighodaro presented Certificates and cash prizes to the three winners: Calista Pagan – 1st Place Winner with a \$200.00 cash award; Petrus Nicoleau – 2nd Place Winner with a \$150.00 cash award; and Tanae' Price – 3rd Place Winner, with a \$100.00 cash award. Councilman Ighodaro acknowledged the Miami Gardens Kiwanis Club for its sponsorship of this event.

F-3) City Manager Employee Recognition

Manager Crew recognized the following employees with their five (5) year service pin: Mike Gambino, Flood Plain Coordinator/Administrator with the Public Works Department; Dane-Ryan Foo, Management District Supervisor with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Deputy Chief Paul Miller appeared before the City Council to present Officer Pedro Valdez, with the distinguished recognition as Officer of the Month for the month of January 2013, for his heroic efforts in saving the life of an elderly citizen.

Ramona Abrahams appeared before the City Council to present a plaque to Officer Valdez for his outstanding due diligence in saving the life of one of the Center's participants.

F-4) Councilman Ighodaro – Kymberlee C. Smith, Esq. re: Water Safety Month

Councilman Ighodaro stated this event is about saving lives and thanked Attorney Smith for her involvement.

Attorney Smith appeared before the Council to expound on the water safety initiative sponsored by Councilman Ighodaro. She emphasized the importance of teaching our youth and adults about water safety. This will be a joint effort with several entities involved. The event is going to be educational as well as entertaining and fun for all. Several sponsors have already committed to being a part of this life saving event.

Attorney Smith thanked City Clerk Ronetta Taylor, and Christopher Williams of the Parks and Recreation Department for their involvement and support as well.

F-5) City Hall Project Update – Skanska

Skanska's representative appeared before the City Council to provide a report on the status of the City Hall Project. She indicated that a number of building activities with the City Hall, Police Department and Council Chambers have been completed. Project highlights of the

month included: Lectured Carol City High School Students about (LEED and Safety); Contributed to the Scott Lake Elementary School Botanical Garden Revitalization; Partnered with Carol City High School Executive Pass Partnership Agreement.

F-6) Mayor Gilbert – AKA Emerging Young Leaders (EYL)

Mayor Gilbert acknowledged the presence of the AKA Emerging Young Leaders at tonight's meeting. This organization is committed to developing the skills and talents of middle school age girls in the Miami Gardens area to potentially becoming leaders in their communities. The training consists of: Leadership, Education Enrichment, Civic Engagement, and Character Building.

F-7) Manager Crew – Special Presentation – Bill Lehman/Warren Zinn/Mark Napolitano

Mr. Lehman recounted in 1995, a group of businessmen formed an organization called the "Town" Coalition. The organization's Mission Statement "The Coalition is an organization of businessmen, businesses and civic minded residents united to promote the improvement of the quality of life and the rejuvenation of the business climate in the Northwest Dade area; to advance education for the betterment of the economy and to enhance security for all. Former Mayor Shirley is a part of this organization. The Coalition decided to focus its interest on one particular project, which is the Optimist Club located by Norland High School.

Mark Napolitano appeared before the Council to further expound on the Coalition and its community efforts. A check in the amount of \$20,674.57 was presented to the City as a contribution to the North-Dade Optimist Project.

Manager Crew shared the bid for the North-Dade Optimist project will be brought to Council for approval, at the next meeting. He conveyed appreciation of the extra funds.

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dannie McMillon, 4420 NW 176th Street, Miami Gardens, Florida, Chair of the City of Miami Gardens Commission For Women item, on tonight's agenda.

Adam Wolfson, 20837 NW 2nd Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to share information about the Okey-Dokey Grocery. A job fair will be held at the New Fountain of Life Church, Thursday, March 7, 2013.

Mayor Gilbert asked that a eblast be sent out to inform the residents of this job fair.

Floyd C. Parker, 1851 NW 187th Street, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to express concern with the artwork (tattoo-sleeves) being displayed by several police officers. He suggested while on duty, those officers wear a long sleeve uniform shirt to cover up the artwork.

Bennie M. Grant, 17740 NW 14th Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida appeared before the Council to express concern with the number of vendors along 27th Avenue, on Valentine's Day. She said when Miami Gardens first incorporated this type of activity was a problem. The city looked like a swap market. The City of Miami Gardens is trying to project a certain image especially with the City Hall project, as well as the beautification efforts that have been put in place. However, where balloons with teddy bears, etc., are popping up all over the place, it projects a certain image. She said this type of activity is not encouraged or allowed in surrounding municipalities. She suggested that the City aggressively attack this problem next year.

Malik A. Mateen, 17031 NW 12th Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to express concern with the FDOT project and the possible closure of the Palmetto NW 12th Avenue exit. He further asked whether the City can impress upon the Social Security Administration to erect signage that is visible for those visiting this facility. He shared that motorists are always knocking on his door because he lives near this facility, asking for directions.

Mayor Gilbert asked staff to provide Mr. Mateen with the pertinent information regarding the FDOT project.

(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING:

H-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF ARTICLE III OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 16-65 "MINOR REPAIR OF AUTOMOBILES IN RESIDENTIAL"; 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)

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilman Harris to adopt this item on first reading.

Shellie Ransom-Jackson, Building Official/Code Compliance Department appeared before the Council to expound on the ordinance. She said when the city first incorporated this was one of the ordinances in place by Miami-Dade County. This ordinance provides specific guidelines for what property owners can do to their personal vehicles on their property

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilman Harris to adopt this item on first reading.

Councilwoman Odom asked about the length of time allotted for repairs.

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Mrs. Ransom-Jackson in response to Councilwoman Odom's inquiry said the homeowner would have 24 hours for minor repairs such as tire or oil change or battery change.

Councilwoman Odom asked whether the city would keep track of how many times a property requested to do minor repairs on their personal vehicle.

Mrs. Ransom-Jackson in response to Councilwoman Odom stated that a permit is not pulled for this type of activity.

Councilwoman Odom referenced the ordinance, more particular the word "permit" and questioned whether that word should be "permitting".

Ms. Ransom-Jackson agreed the word should be "permitting".

There being no further the motion to adopt this item on first reading passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Vice Mayor Davis:	Yes
Councilman Harris:	Yes
Councilman Ighodaro:	Yes
Councilwoman Odom:	Yes
Councilwoman Robinson:	Yes
Councilman Williams:	Yes
Mayor Gilbert:	Yes

H-2) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE III, DIVISION 1, SECTION 2-85 ENTITLED "BOARDS COMMITTEES COMMISSIONS," OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A TERM LIMITATION FOR MEMBERS OF NONSTATUTORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS)

Councilman Williams stated that this ordinance is self-explanatory by its definition; as it relates to the membership of non-statutory boards and committees. This is an opportunity to get new blood, new ideas.

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

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Vice Mayor Davis asked if this process was already in place.

Clerk Taylor in response to Vice Mayor Davis' inquiry replied, "Yes."

Mayor Gilbert clarified that any Council member can remove anyone they appoint, at any time.

Councilwoman Robinson pointed out the ordinance provides for term limits, just as the Council has. She shared that it is her understanding that some people have been on committees since the establishment of that committee.

Vice Mayor Davis asked is it not the new Council member's choice of whether they want to remove an existing committee member or allow that person to continue serving.

Mayor Gilbert opined the meaning behind this ordinance is well intended, but did not think it is going to solve the problem. This ordinance would interfere with a council person's prerogative to appoint who they want. If a council person wants somebody new, they can do that now. He said there are not a lot of people willing to serve on these committees. There also quorum problems with the existing committees.

Councilwoman Odom said it is her understanding that the committee members already have term limits.

Attorney Dickens said the committees either have specified term limits or provides that the term limit coincides with the council person that appoints them.

Councilman Williams said you can conceivably have one person serve on a committee forever because of the different council person appointing that same individual.

Vice Mayor Davis stated it would be up to that new council person to indicate whether they wanted to appoint someone new.

Mayor Gilbert commented if there is someone serving on a committee that has been appointed by another council member and has served; why should he be prohibited from appointing that individual, especially when he likes that committee member's ideas. This ordinance would limit a council member's ability to appoint an existing committee member to the same committee. If a council member wanted to appoint someone new to a committee right now, there is nothing to prohibit that.

Councilman Harris asked whether the council members are interviewing the existing committee members to determine whether they want these individual to continue on the committees. He shared that he started that process once he was elected.

Vice Mayor Davis shared that she has met with existing committee members. She opined that we need to give other people a chance as well.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the motion to adopt failed by a 3-4 vote.

Councilman Harris:	No
Councilman Ighodaro:	No
Councilwoman Odom:	Yes
Councilwoman Robinson:	Yes
Councilman Williams:	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis:	No
Mayor Gilbert:	No

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03-291

I-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II, DIVISION II, SECTION 2-56 ENTITLED “ORDER OF BUSINESS” 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)

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

Attorney Dickens offered an amendment to the ordinance to change from hearing zoning matters on the second Wednesday of the month to whenever needed.

At the conclusion of this discussion, a motion was offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilman Ighodaro to adopt this item.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councilman Ighodaro:	Yes
Councilwoman Odom:	Yes
Councilwoman Robinson:	Yes
Councilman Williams:	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis:	Yes
Councilman Harris:	Yes
Mayor Gilbert:	Yes

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04-292

- I-2) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2-731 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE PURCHASING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MANAGER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP); 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)

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 Williams, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to adopt this item.

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councilwoman Odom:	Yes
Councilwoman Robinson:	Yes
Councilman Williams:	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis:	Yes
Councilman Harris:	Yes
Councilman Ighodaro:	Yes
Mayor Gilbert:	Yes

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

None

(K) CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-56-1852

- K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE 2014 JAZZ IN THE GARDENS EVENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS AND TO RETAIN CONSULTANTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE NINTH ANNUAL JAZZ IN THE GARDENS EVENT TO BE HELD IN MARCH 2014; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF BID PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASES MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXCEED HIS PURCHASING AUTHORITY AS MAY BE

NECESSARY FOR THE EVENT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-57-1853

- K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDING A BID TO AIR B SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION, INC. FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00), FOR A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR TERM, AT THE APPROVED BUDGETED AMOUNT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-58-1854

- K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILMAN ERHABOR IGHODARO'S APPOINTMENT OF ALMEATER PARKER TO THE ELDERLY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN ERHABOR IGHODARO)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-59-1855

- K-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16-1812 AND CONFIRMING COUNCILMAN ERHABOR IGHODARO'S APPOINTMENT OF MAISIE MCNAUGHT TO THE CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN ERHABOR IGHODARO)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-60-1856

- K-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM'S APPOINTMENT OF CLINTON B. NEILLY, SR. TO THE CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM;

PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY
COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-61-1857

- K-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM'S APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPHINE SANDERS TO THE ELDERLY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-62-1858

- K-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM'S APPOINTMENT OF ANNETTE ROLLE TO THE ELDERLY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-63-1859

- K-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM'S APPOINTMENT OF ELOUISE JACKSON TO THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-64-1860

- K-10) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM'S APPOINTMENT OF LINDA MOBLEY TO THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-65-1861

- K-11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING MAYOR OLIVER

GILBERT'S APPOINTMENT OF REGINALD LEON TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-66-1862

K-12) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS' REAPPOINTMENT OF LONNIE LAWRENCE TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-67-1863

K-13) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT OF THAT CERTAIN FINAL JUDGMENT IN THE LITIGATION MATTER OF *CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS VERSUS THE WORSHIPPERS HOUSE OF PRAYER AND EMMANUEL ZIZI*, CASE NO. 12-4026 CC 23; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY)

Motion offered by Councilman Williams, 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. 2013-68-1864

K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS WATER SAFETY MONTH AND SPONSORING WATER SAFETY DAY ON MAY 11, 2013, AT THE BETTY T. FERGUSON COMMUNITY CENTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN ERHABOR IGHODARO)

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Councilwoman Robinson shared she had pulled this item because she wanted to ensure there would be no cost associated with this event that would be allocated from the General Fund.

Councilman Ighodaro said the only cost associated with this event would be from his Discretionary Account.

After the discussion, a motion was offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Odom to adopt this item.

This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-69-1865

K-14) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN; APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY CLERK)

Councilman Ighodaro explained he had pulled this item because he wanted to amend the activities to include the Sponsorship Breakfast scheduled for March 30, 2013.

Mayor Gilbert stated that he wanted to ensure that this Advisory Committee did not go over its budgeted amount of \$2,500.00, for the activities listed.

Clerk Taylor shared that the "Commission" is also initiating a fundraising campaign to offset the cost of the activities listed.

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 voice vote.

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

M-1) City Manager Monthly Report

M-2) Miami Gardens Police Department Monthly Report

Manager Crew announced that the Citizens Academy will start March 25, 2013. He invited anyone interested in learning about the city to sign up. Two former graduates are now sitting council members.

Manager Crew said the recession that is going on in Washington, D.C., will cost the city of Miami Gardens, a minimum of 1.7 million dollars over the next several years. This year

alone, it will cost the city over \$60,000.

Manager Crew announced that March 13, 14 and 15 have been identified as potential dates for the Strategic Planning Session.

The Council indicated the suggested dates were too close to the Jazz in the Gardens event, and asked that staff bring back new dates.

Clerk Taylor announced the Office of the City Clerk would be participating in the National Passport Day event, scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2013.

(N) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Ighodaro shared that he is partnering with State Senator Oscar Braynon II to sponsor a Youth Basketball Tournament, Saturday, March 23, 2013. He thanked John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director for his assistance. He acknowledged the Miami Gardens Kiwanis for being a major sponsor of this event.

Councilman Williams shared the city received a grant for a Botanical Fruit Garden at the Archdiocese Property.

Councilwoman Robinson shared that the Black History Event featuring very talented local artists.

Councilman Harris thanked his colleagues, staff and residents for making his first Town Hall meeting a great success.

Vice Mayor Davis shared that she visited the Clover Leaf Senior program earlier during the day, and only about five people knew this was the city's tenth year anniversary. She expressed anticipation of getting the message out to the community of the activities planned for the tenth year anniversary celebration. She asked whether the committees would be incorporating the 10th year anniversary in with their planned activities.

Mayor Gilbert shared that he too attended the Black History Art Expo event, which was exceptional. He further thanked Councilman Harris for sponsoring the Town Hall meeting. He shared that he also attended the CAC meeting, which prompted him to consider something that should probably be discussed at the Strategic Planning Session. He opined the Council should sunset all of the committees subject to the authorization. He said he is not so worried about the people who serve on the committees; he is worried about the committees that do not do anything. He asked the City Clerk to work with every staff liaison because he wanted to know who was attending the meetings. He said if he has appointed someone who is not attending meetings, he will remove them. If a committee is not functioning as they should be, that committee needs to be sunset. He said his expectation is that every committee, in every activity planned that a component of that incorporates the 10th Anniversary for the City of Miami Gardens.

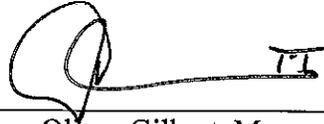
(O) WRITTEN REQUESTS, PETITIONS & OTHER WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

(P) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Body, and upon a motion being duly made, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest:



Oliver Gilbert, Mayor



Ronetta Taylor, M.A.C., City Clerk