

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2013**

(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session, Wednesday, April 10, 2013, beginning at 7:10 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 1515 NW 167th Street, Build 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, Rodney Harris and Dr. Erhabor Ighodaro. Councilman David Williams Jr., out of town on job related business.

Mayor Gilbert indicated that Councilman Williams had requested to be phone conferenced for this meeting, it is the will of this Council. The Council elected to not allow the phone conference. Councilman Williams's absence was excused by the Council.

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

(B) INVOCATION:

Delivered by Mayor Gilbert

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilman Harris.

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

Item K-8 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councilman Ighodaro.

(F) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (5 minutes each)

F-1) City Manager – Pedestrian Bicycle

Stewart Robinson with Kimley Horn Engineers and Planners appeared before the City Council to a brief presentation to bring them up to date with the Plan. The objective outlined by MPO and city staff for improving pedestrian, bicycle and access to public transit conditions within the City of Miami Gardens. Over one third of Miami Gardens' residents do not drive. There is a need to provide transportation for those individuals. There was a team set up to work on this Plan, which included city staff. The community was also engaged, which included a public workshop held here at City Hall, and a public survey. Field reviews were also conducted as part of this project. Recommended improvements were outlined in the report.

F-2) Paul Miller, Deputy Police Chief – Citizen Observe Patrol Program

Deputy Chief Miller appeared before the City Council to expound on the Civilian Observer Patrol Program. The system is designed to engage the residents with police department. Residents and business owners are eligible for this program. The participants will get first hand exposure to what is occurring with the police officers on a daily basis by actually riding the streets in a city vehicle. This also builds a good partnership between the police officers and the residents. Training sessions will be conducted by Major Lewers and Major Chapman. Retired Police Major Steve List, who is also a city resident will coordinate the program on a volunteer basis. Applications are available to the public. It is anticipated the training classes will be starting in May 2013.

Mayor Gilbert thanked Councilwoman Robinson for bringing this initiative forward.

Councilwoman Robinson encouraged residents and business owners to take part in this program.

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anthony Richiez, a representative from CBT College with a business address of 5190 NW 167th Street, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to expound on some of the programs being offered at the college. He invited everyone out to an open house, Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Melville Brown, 18900 NW 32nd Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to express concern over the Notice of Sign Violation notification received at the Maranatha S.D.A. Church.

Mayor Gilbert informed Mr. Brown that the individual he is to speak with is Ms. Shellie Ransom-Jackson.

(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING:

None

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

None

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

None

(K) CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-86-1882

K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CITY-WIDE

BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY PLAN (PLAN); PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-87-1883

- K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A BROWNFIELD PROGRAM IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-88-1884

- K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING VICE-MAYOR LISA DAVIS' RE-APPOINTMENT OF PATSY GREEN TO THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-89-1885

- K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS JR'S APPOINTMENT OF TANYA Y. JAMES 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 DAVID WILLIAMS JR.)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-90-1886

- K-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS JR'S APPOINTMENT OF GLENDA FRASER 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 DAVID WILLIAMS JR.)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-91-1887

- K-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CELEBRATING MEN IN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE; RECOGNIZING JUNE AS MEN' HEALTH MONTH; ENCOURAGING MEN AND BOYS TO SEEK REGULAR MEDICAL ADVICE AND EARLY TREATMENT FOR DISEASE AND INJURY 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. 2013-92-1888

- K-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROSETTA P. NELSON TO THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-93-1889

- K-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO A&P CONSULTING TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS CORP., FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTINUING TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES, IN THE RANGE OF \$10,000-\$50,000 PER PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT 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 MANGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-94-1890

- K-10) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO CHEN AND ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTINUING GIS AND SURVEY SERVICES, IN THE RANGE OF \$10,000-\$50,000 PER PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT 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. 2013-95-1891

- K-11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO CPZ ARCHITECTS, INC., FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTINUING ARCHITECTURAL, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, ELECTRICAL, STRUCTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES, IN THE RANGE OF \$10,000-\$50,000 PER PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT 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. 2013-96-1892

- K-12) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO CSA CENTRAL, INC., FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTINUING CIVIL ENGINEERING, GIS AND OTHER SERVICES, IN THE RANGE OF \$10,000-\$50,000 PER PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT 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. 2013-97-1893

- K-13) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING, INC., FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTINUING PLANNING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, IN THE RANGE OF \$10,000-\$50,000 PER PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT 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. 2013-98-1894

- K-14) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO ECO-ENGINEERING AND EXAMINATIONS, LLC D/B/A G. BATISTA & ASSOCIATES, FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES, IN THE RANGE OF \$10,000-\$50,000 PER PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT 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. 2013-99-1895

- K-15) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO M.C. HARRY AND ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTINUING ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, IN THE RANGE OF \$10,000-\$50,000 PER PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT 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. 2013-100-1896

- K-16) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO R.J. BEHAR & COMPANY, INC., FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTINUING PLANNING SERVICES, IN THE RANGE OF \$10,000-\$50,000 PER PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT 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. 2013-101-1897

- K-17) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO CALTRAN ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTINUING TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES, IN THE RANGE OF \$10,000-\$50,000 PER PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT 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 2013-102-1898

- K-18) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTABLY THAT CERTAIN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AND CONSTRUCT GROUP CORP, ALLOWING FOR A TIME EXTENSION 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 Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Ighodaro to adopt the Consent Agenda. There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

(L) RESOLUTION(S):

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-103-1899

- K-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO ACAI ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTINUING ELECTRICAL AND STRUCTURAL SERVICES, IN THE RANGE OF \$10,000-\$50,000 PER PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT 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)

Councilman Ighodaro asked how many of the eleven (11) firms listed on the agenda are minority owned.

Pamela Thompson, Procurement Manager appeared before the City Council in response to Councilman Ighodaro’s question, and stated there are no minority owned firms in this group of contractors.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-105-1901

L-01) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RE-NAMING “BRENTWOOD PARK” LOCATED AT 19405 N.W. 32nd AVENUE, TO “DR. LESTER B. BROWN PARK”; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

Mayor Gilbert passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Davis before sharing that Dr. Brown is the only winner of the Spirit of Miami Gardens Award. Dr. Brown is a valued resident and has been a supporter of this community. This item renames Brentwood Park to Dr. Lester B. Brown

Motion offered by Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilwomen Odom and Robinson to adopt this item.

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

Councilman Ighodaro:	Yes
Councilman Harris:	Yes
Councilwoman Odom:	Yes
Councilwoman Robinson:	Yes
Councilman Williams:	Not present
Mayor Gilbert:	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis:	Yes

Manager Crew indicated that a dedication is anticipated before the end of April.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-105-1901

L-02) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO SHARPTON, BRUNSON & COMPANY, P.A. FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Mayor Gilbert said the Council heard oral presentations earlier this evening. There was discussion about holding off on making a decision until the next meeting. However, the Cone Of Silence ceased once the meeting was held. He said he was comfortable with making a decision tonight. He said the final decision was up to the Council.

There were no objections from the Council about voting on this item, tonight.

Mayor Gilbert said after hearing the presentations he was very comfortable with making a motion to approve Sharpton and Brunson as the new Auditors for the city. He said if one looked at the personnel, Sharpton and Brunson has the highest ranking.

Councilwoman Odom for clarification purposes asked what is the proper procedure for offering a selection other than the one on the table.

Mayor Gilbert said the Council can have further discussion.

Councilwoman Odom said she would like to have further discussion on this item before making a decision.

Mayor Gilbert withdrew his motion.

Councilwoman Odom stated staff has provided each Council Member with a ranking sheet for each bidder. Some of the bidders have higher scores. She asked whether the Council was going with the information provided by staff, and if we are selecting someone that does not rank as high as others, how is that determined.

Mayor Gilbert stated that Councilwoman Odom wanted to make argument for a particular group, she could do that. He said that if Councilwoman Odom wanted to make a motion for another group she could do that.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Odom for Keefe, McCullough & Company. She shared that this motion is based on the ranking as well as the presentation. This motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion offered by Mayor Gilbert to select Sharpton, Brunson & Company. He shared

this company was ranked the highest in personnel as well as ranking the highest for giving back to the community. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Davis.

Vice Mayor Davis shared that she liked the fact that Sharpton, Brunson & Company really works within the community.

Councilwoman Robinson said she was in support of Sharpton, Brunson & Company because of their strong personnel, community participation and oral presentation.

There being no further discussion, the motion to insert the name Sharpton, Brunson & Company passed and carried by a 5-1 vote. Councilwoman Odom cast the dissenting vote.

Motion offered by Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to adopt this item as a whole, passed and carried by a 5-1 voice vote. Councilwoman Odom cast the dissenting vote.

(M) QUASI-JUDICIAL ZONING HEARINGS:

None

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

None

(O) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilwoman Odom recounted an experience she had recently when visiting one of community where she found there were children not attending school. She inquired about the police truancy program.

Chief Boyd said the police department partners with Miami-Dade County Public Schools as well as other agencies to conduct truancy sweeps.

Councilwoman Odom shared that the “Lounge” that was implemented as part of the Jazz in the Gardens Festival was well received by everyone. She further announced that the Tenth Anniversary State of the City Address, which will be done by Mayor Gilbert. The event is scheduled for May 13, 2013, which is the actual anniversary of the city; from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at Florida Memorial University. She encouraged everyone to come out for this historic event. She further asked about a parcel of land on NW 207th Street and NW 32nd Avenue.

Manager Crew said the city has not received any activity with regard to this land. The city has nothing to do with this parcel.

A representative from County Commissioner Barbara Jordan’s Office appeared before the Council and shared that an African Museum and Cultural Arts Center is being proposed.

Councilman Harris shared that he had two young men follow him around today in recognition of “Bring Your Role Model to work Day”. This is a program sponsored by the 5000 Role Model Program.

Councilman Ighodaro thanked the police department, Council members Odom and Harris for their support, and County Commissioner Jordan for her leadership. He further commended John Rebar and the Parks and Recreation Department's staff for their support during the basketball tournament, during spring break. Senator Oscar Braynon and the Kiwanis were also acknowledged for their tremendous support.

Councilman Ighodaro further commended the City Clerk and her staff for doing a tremendous job in generating revenue through the execution of United States passports. He also commended Congresswoman Frederica Wilson for her initiative of the 5000 Role Model Program.

Vice Mayor Davis acknowledged Assistant City Manager Vernita Nelson for doing an outstanding job in the community. She opined that Ms. Nelson is always on the move. She further acknowledged Ms. Mary McCoy presence at tonight's meeting.

Mayor Gilbert thanked everyone for coming out to the annual Easter Event, held at Rolling Oaks Park. This year's event was a huge success. He further encouraged everyone to come out to the State of the City Address. He shared that he visited Tallahassee on last week, and lobbied some of the city's issues, on behalf of the city. He further shared that today the County Commission approved a referendum on the Sun Life Renovations. The election will take place May 14, 2013. He shared the renovations at the stadium will provide increase in taxes for the city, which will provide more police services, senior services. Sun Life Stadium is the city's largest tax payer. The improvements would increase the stadium's property value, and therefore increase the taxes it pays to the city. He opined this is a really good business decision for the city.

Mayor Gilbert addressed his next comments to Dr. Brown and stated we think about heroes in this romanticized Hollywood way where people come in at the last minute and save the day. He told Dr. Brown that in his view he is a hero, who has dedicated his life to people, to education. He conveyed his appreciation and stated that he valued Dr. Brown's service. He stated that he was honored to be able to honor Dr. Brown. He thanked Dr. Brown for his service and for allowing the city to rename one its parks after him.

**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 8:10 p.m.

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Attest:



Oliver Gilbert, Mayor



Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk