

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session, Wednesday, November 13, 2013, beginning at 7:03 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 1515 NW 167th 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, Rodney Harris, David Williams Jr., and Erhabor Ighodaro. Councilwoman Felicia Robinson was out of town attending a National League of Cities Conference. By a unanimous vote of the members present, Councilwoman Robinson's absence was excused.

Also in attendance were: City Manager Cameron Benson, City Attorney Sonja K. Dickens and Deputy City Clerk Mario Bataille, sitting in for City Clerk Ronetta Taylor, who was not present due to illness.

(B) INVOCATION

Delivered by Mayor Gilbert.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion offered by Councilman Ighodaro, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to approve the minutes, with necessary corrections, if any. This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.

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

The following item was added to the official agenda as Items:

K-19) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT'S APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6.2 OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDEN'S CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

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L-01) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2103-144-1940 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO INITIATE THE PROCESS FOR THE CITY'S ISSUANCE OF A FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR (\$50,000,000.00) IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO AMEND THE COST OF THE BOND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY MILLION DOLLAR (\$60,000,000.00) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION/PROJECT MANAGEMENT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARK IMPROVEMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CRIME PREVENTION EQUIPMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

A substitute Item for Item O-1, was provided to the Council.

Motion offered by Councilman Ighodaro, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the Official Agenda with the necessary additions/deletions/amendments. This motion passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.

(F) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (5 minutes each)

F-1) Vice Mayor Davis – CAC Advisory Committee

Lonnie Lawrence, Chair of the CAC Advisory Committee appeared before the City Council to express the Committee's due diligence and commitment that exist about the City and the crime within the city. He further invited residents and business owners to attend the Committee's scheduled meeting every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., at the Miami Gardens Police Department.

~~F-2) Vice Mayor Davis – Diabetes Event~~

F-3) Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom – World AIDS Day Proclamation

Councilwoman Odom read a proclamation proclaiming December 3, 2012, as World AIDS Day Proclamation in the City of Miami Gardens. She further announced that an open forum entitled "Open the Curtain", will be held Friday, December 6, 2013, starting at 9:00 a.m., at St. Thomas University.

F-4) Circular Pilot Program Report

A representative from the Corradino Group appeared before the City Council to report that options are being presented to the Council on how to proceed with the project.

Mayor Gilbert asked the Manager Benson whether this was a time sensitive item and whether it had to be heard this evening. He explained he was just handed the report and would really like an opportunity to go through the document and familiarize himself with it. He suggested moving this item to the next meeting.

Mr. Corradino explained this is for information purposes only. An item will be presented

at the next meeting for Council to provide direction on how to proceed.

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Reverend Nettie B. Davis, 16400 NW 15th Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to expound on the AIDS Epidemic, which has been in existence for more than 30 years worldwide. She said in the past thirty (30) years more than 236,000 African American have died from this disease. Those numbers do not reflect the latest infected. She stressed the importance of providing this community with the most up-to-date and valuable information possible. She further called upon the faith based organization in this community for their support.

Mayor Gilbert asked that an eblast be generated announcing this event.

Sporty Young, 19025 NW 23rd Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council representing the Crestview Rolling Oaks Ambassadors and the Crestview Crime Prevention Group. He said the residents in Crestview are very concerned about the crime in this area. He stated that citizens are afraid to report crime because the police department asks for the name of the caller. The police then come straight to the caller's house. The residents feel that by reporting the crime, they will be put in danger. He asked that the police department establish a procedure where the caller reporting the crime is not required to provide personal information.

Basil Lloyd Cole, 2350 NW 187th Street, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to express concern with the escalating crime in the city. He opined the police are not patrolling the neighborhoods, and only appear after a crime has been committed. He further shared that the police department needs to socialize more with the neighbors, in order to build a relationship.

Dr. Sallie Frazier Holmes, 18515 NW 22nd Place, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to express concern with a property next door to her home, which is being neglected. She opined if the City of Miami Gardens would take a little more effort in making sure a vacant property is well taken care of the neighboring property owners would be most appreciative.

Mayor Gilbert informed Dr. Holmes that Ms. Ransom-Jackson would be speaking with her to get the correct address of the property in question.

Victor W. Moncrieffa, President of Crestview Homeowners Association 1820 NW 186th Street, Miami Gardens, Florida appeared before the City Council and shared that crime concerns are always the first items on their agenda. The problem is when a call is made the police department there is never a call back or a follow up. He suggested that the police department be more proactive and engage the community by keeping residents abreast of what is going on in the community.

Mayor Gilbert asked the Chief and Deputy Chief as well as the Chair of the CAC to meet with this gentleman.

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Jennifer Nijhavo, 1731 NW 206 Street, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to invite everyone to the Lake Lucerne Neighborhood Watch Christmas event scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2013, starting at 7:00 p.m., at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex. She acknowledged Vice Mayor Davis for her continued support. This free event is open to the public. She suggested hosting an event at Sun Life Stadium to bring the community together to address the crime issues in Miami Gardens.

Fiordalieu Hidalgo, 4955 NW 199th Street, Miami, Florida, speak lady – appeared before the City Council to express concern with the negative publicity the city has been getting about the crime in the city. She shared that she has property within the corporate boundaries of the city and opined more police officers are needed.

Gloria Copeland, 17700 NW 14th Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council and shared that her son and grandson were murdered over a year ago. She said she has never gotten a follow-up or status report on the case. The police said flyers were passed out but everyone she has spoken with has ever seen a flyer.

John Zeigler, 18501 NW 22nd Court, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to express appreciation to Chief Boyd and Deputy Chief Miller for their assistance to the Citizens Advisory Committee. He said it is up to the residents to assist the police department when they see crimes occurring.

Mayor Gilbert shared the City is going to do an email blast, as well as provide information on the website so that residents will know what is being done to address their concerns. Residents are always welcome to come to City Council meetings to express their concerns. However, if residents want an immediate response they do not have to wait until the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Residents can contact any City Council member with their concern. He encouraged residents to contact his office.

(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING:

None

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-23-311

- I-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2-51-“AGENDA”, SECTION 2-60-“PUBLIC PARTICIPATION” OF THE CITY’S CODES OF ORDINANCES TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES MADE IN THE LAST LEGISLATIVE SECTION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (1ST READING – OCTOBER 23, 2013)**

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Attorney Dickens explained this is a house keeping item, as a result of the 2013 Legislative Session.

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 Councilwoman Odom to adopt this item.

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

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

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

None

(K) CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-242-1938

K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON'S APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY WILLIAMS TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6.2 OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDEN'S CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-243-1939

K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING VICE MAYOR LISA DAVIS', APPOINTMENT OF LONNIE LAWRENCE TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6.2 OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDEN'S CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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(SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-244-1940

- K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS', APPOINTMENT OF SHERWOOD DUBOSE TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6.2 OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDEN'S CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-245-1941

- K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM'S, APPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN NELSON-GORDERT TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6.2 OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDEN'S CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-246-1942

- K-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPOINTING JEFF CAZEAU AS LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-247-1943

- K-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-248-1944

- K-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT'S APPOINTMENT OF LEONARD KELLY TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE

WITH SECTION 6.2 OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDEN'S CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-249-1945

- K-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTIC TECHNOLOGY FOR PUBLIC USE ALONG THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAIL CORRIDOR; URGING ALL MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-250-1946

- K-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL CORE SERVICES CORP. D/B/A GROUNDS GROUP LANDSCAPING FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$63,146.00), FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-251-1947

- K-10) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO ELAN LAWN AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00), FOR TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-252-1948

- K-11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TO FACILITATE

THE USE OF THE BETTY T. FERGUSON RECREATIONAL CENTER AS A FREE TAX PREPARATION SITE, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; AUTHORIZING A CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TO RECRUIT VOLUNTARY TAX PREPARERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-253-1949

- K-12) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$4,871.00), FOR THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (MLK) "UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY" CELEBRATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-254-1950

- K-13) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY OWNED BY PALMETTO DESIGN CENTER LLC, LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF N.W. 37TH AVENUE AND N.W. 167TH STREET; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION; 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. 2013-255-1951

- K-14) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE WEX BANK FUEL CARD PURCHASES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,261,866.00) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 , IN RELIANCE UPON STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NO. 973-

163-10-1; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-255-1952

K-15) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 1, 2013 AS “WORLD AIDS DAY”; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CO-HOST THE “OPEN THE CURTAIN” COMMUNITY FORUM TO BE HELD AT ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-257-1953

K-16) 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 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI AS A SUB-GRANTING AGENCY FOR THE FY2012 UASI GRANT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY ADDENDUMS TO EXTEND GRANT TERMS; 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. 2013-258-1954

K-17) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE FOR TEMPORARY USE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES, 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. 2013-259-1956

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 RESPECTIVELY THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR CABLE SERVICES AT THE NEW CITY HALL COMPLEX, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A;" PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS; 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. 2013-260-1956

- K-19) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT'S APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6.2 OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDEN'S CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT III)

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilman Williams 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. 2013-261-1957

- L-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2103-144-1940 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO INITIATE THE PROCESS FOR THE CITY'S ISSUANCE OF A FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR (\$50,000,000.00) IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO AMEND THE COST OF THE BOND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY MILLION DOLLAR (\$60,000,000.00) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION/PROJECT MANAGEMENT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARK IMPROVEMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CRIME PREVENTION EQUIPMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS; PROVIDING FOR

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

Mayor Gilbert passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Davis before sharing his rationale for sponsoring this item, which occurred after discussion with the newly appointed City Manager. He said he previously sponsored this item for 50 Million, but one of the lessons learned is if the City plans to build a fifty million dollar project, construction managers have to be hired to oversee the project; to keep it on time and on budget. The city does the very best it can with what it has. Secondly, additional money is included for law enforcement to provide for electronic augmentation of our police presence. Staff has looked at initiatives that work in other cities such as shot spotters and cameras (not red-light), which would allow the city to be watch. He said he did not bring this item to Council lightly, and shared while discussing this item with legal advisors some felt that the city should not be watching; that is it an invasion of privacy and a violation of their civil rights. He opined that he did not that it was a violation of civil rights or invasion of privacy because the cameras would be placed on an open street. He stressed the importance of people wanting to feel safe.

Motion offered by Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Williams to adopt this item.

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

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

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

QUASI-JUDICIAL ZONING HEARINGS:

Cyril Saiphoo, Zoning Administrator appeared before the City Council to explain the process used for this Quasi-Judicial Proceeding.

Deputy City Clerk Bataille administered the Oath to those participating in this Quasi-Judicial Proceeding.

(M) ORDINANCES ON FOR FIRST READING:

M-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 34 SECTION 34-45 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS- "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE" TO

PROVIDE FOR CONDITIONS RELATING TO PARK AND RECREATION AREAS; 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 VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS)

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 Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilman Williams to adopt this item on first reading.

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

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

(N) ORDINANCES ON FOR SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING(S)
None

(O) RESOLUTION(S)/PUBLIC HEARING(S)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-262-1958

O-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY FLORIDA AUTO REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 19300, 19390 N.W. 2ND AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW USED VEHICLES SALES AS A PERMITTED USE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER) (DEFERRED FROM OCTOBER 9, 2013 AND OCTOBER 23, 2013)

Mr. Saiphoo said that staff is recommending approval of this item subject to several conditions. A revised memorandum was provided to the Council, which listed the eleven (11)

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conditions staff is recommending approval on: **Landscaping.** In lieu of providing the required street trees (royal palms) along NW 2nd Avenue the applicant shall make a contribution of funds in accordance to Section 34-333(d) of the City's Land Development Regulations. Applicant shall submit, obtain approval, and make said contribution prior to the issuance of Certificate of Use and Business Tax Receipt; **Vehicles.** Pre-owned vehicles more than six (6) years old shall only be permitted to be stored on site for a period of thirty (3) consecutive days and shall be stored at the rear of the property. All junk vehicles shall be immediately removed from the site. **Accessory Uses.** Only accessory uses customary and incidental to pre-owned vehicles sales shall be allowed; which shall include, but not be limited to, minor vehicle repairs as defined in the City's Land Development Regulations.

Mayor Gilbert asked who is responsible for removing the large palm leaves that fall from the Royal Palm trees.

Mr. Saiphoo in response to Mayor Gilbert's inquiry responded that the City is responsible for taking care of the maintenance of the trees.

Mayor Gilbert suggested selecting another species of tree for landscaping.

Councilman Harris asked what procedure the city has in place to ensure that the provision relating to vehicles is complied with.

Mr. Saiphoo in response to Councilman Harris' inquiry said code compliance would monitor.

Attorney Wayne Pathman with the law firm of Pathman Lewis, LLP, appeared before the Council on behalf of the applicant to indicate that his client is willing to work with staff to ensure all conditions are met. He further assured the Council the building will look different than what is currently at this location.

Attorney Pathman said the applicant will make every attempt to move the vehicles through the lot as quickly as possible, every thirty (30-45) days. A job fair will also be held in the City of Miami Gardens.

Motion offered by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Ighodaro to adopt this item.

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

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

Mayor Gilbert:

Yes

REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY/CITY CLERK

~~P-01) – Circular Pilot Program Report~~

(P) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Ighodaro thanked everyone for attending the Crime Prevention Meeting held November 7, 2013. The meeting was in preparation for the S.A.V.I.O.R. March. He further thanked Councilman Harris for his contribution. City Manager Cameron Benson was also thanked. He announced that on Thursday, November 14th, he is hosting a video segment on his visit to Africa. The public is invited to attend. He also announced that he would be sponsoring a Foreclosure workshop, Saturday, November 16th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., here at City Hall.

Councilman Williams announced the grand opening of the science lab at Miami Carol City Senior High School, Thursday, December 5th starting at 8:30 a.m. The third annual science and engineering elementary school fair will be held Monday, December 9th at St. Thomas University. The awards ceremony will take place, Tuesday, December 10th at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreation Complex. He stated that he has never been involved with a finer police department than the City of Miami Gardens.

Councilwoman Odom reiterated the AIDS Awareness Event to take place at St. Thomas University, Friday, December 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. She further wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Vice Mayor Davis shared that she had attended the Lake Lucerne Crime Watch meeting, Tuesday, November 10th. She further acknowledged Ms. Mary McCoy for the outstanding job she is doing in getting the word out about crime. She further thanked Officer Jessup for attending the meeting. She also thanked Chief Boyd for ensuring police presence at this meeting.

Vice Mayor Davis encourage everyone to attend the Diabetes event, which is a free informative event scheduled for Sunday, November 17th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreation Complex.

Vice Mayor Davis further welcomed Elsa Thompson, Assistant to the Council to the City of Miami Gardens.

Mayor Gilbert asked the police officers present to stand up. He further explained to the audience the meaning of the Zero Tolerance Policy and stated, “If they can arrest you, they are going to.” He said he wanted the audience to understand that and to tell their nephews, grandsons, nieces, granddaughters.

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

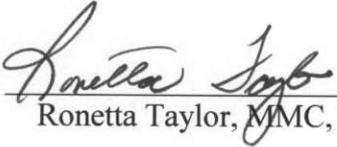
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None

(R) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Body, and upon a motion being duly made, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Attest:



Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk



Oliver Gilbert, Mayor