

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 11, 2013**

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

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session, Wednesday, December 11, 2013, beginning at 7:00 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, Rodney Harris, Felicia Robinson, David Williams Jr., and Erhabor Ighodaro.

Also in attendance were: City Manager Cameron Benson, City Attorney Sonja K. Dickens and City Clerk Ronetta Taylor.

**(B) INVOCATION**

Delivered by Reverend Keith Butler

**(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited in unison

**(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Motion offered by Council Williams, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis and Councilwoman Odom to approve minutes, with necessary corrections, if any.

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

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

The agenda was amended to add two (2) presentations as Items F-1 and F-2 respectively. Councilmen Harris and Williams' presentations were deleted from the official agenda.

Items K-4 and K-5 were pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Odom.

Motion offered by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Harris to approve the official agenda with the additions/deletions. There being no discussion, the motion to approve passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.

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

**F-1) Health Foundation of South Florida**

Dr. Steven Marcus, President and CEO of Heath Foundation of South Florida appeared

before the City Council to share background information on this non-profit grant making organization, which provides grants for health services in Monroe, Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. This organization has been in existence for over 20 years and during that time over 140 Million Dollars in South Florida. The organization is very focused on health promotion, early detection, primary care, behavior and oral health, with a focus on healthy eating. Today the Health Foundation of South Florida is a 141 Million Dollar foundation. Eleven communities were selected to submit application for consideration of the Strategic Initiative for the next six years. Miami Gardens' application was reviewed and selected as one of the top four applicants. Councilman Williams was acknowledged for his invaluable assistance with the site visits. The Foundation was very impressed with the Executive Management of the City, the Mayor and City Council Members as well as the residents who were present at the site visits. After a very long and competitive process, the Health Foundation of South Florida designated the City of Miami Gardens, along with Little Havana as recipients of a Healthy Community Partnership Initiative. This means that over the next six years the City of Miami Gardens will receive approximately \$625,000.00 per year, which will be used to improve the health of Miami Gardens residents.

**F-2) County Commissioner Barbara Jordan**

Commissioner Jordan appeared before the City Council and stated, "Violence taking place within the City is not the sole responsibility of the police department or the government. The residents, merchants, civic, faith and businesses, as well as other interested entities must be a part of the solution. We have to stop the "no snitch rules". She complimented Mayor Gilbert for asking to meet with her to talk about crime in the City and how they can work together in order to minimize that crime. Several meetings have been held, with the most recent one on yesterday (December 10<sup>th</sup>), which included Miami-Dade County Departments and representatives from the community. Decisions were made on how they are going to move forward, collectively in order to address crime. Such entities as the U.S. Attorney's Office, State Attorney's Office as well as other law enforcement agencies were invited to be involved.

Commissioner Jordan stated, "However, when police officers violate basis civil rights of residents they are sworn to protect and serve, she has concerns". She shared as a Commissioner she is elected to represent the people of Miami-Dade County District 1. She stated, at first she was appalled at the recent revelations that some members of the Miami Gardens Police Department have repeatedly engaged in practices that violates the rights and values of people in this community. She shared when she saw the video on television and read the newspaper articles relating to incidents at the Quick Stop Store she was furious. After all the blood, sweat and tears and all the long hours of hard work, and tax dollars spent to create a professional and effective Miami Gardens police department; the picture depicted is truly revolting. To make matters worse, the media said all of the people harassed were black people, and all of the police officers doing the harassing were not. She stated she then remembered there were problems at this particular location before Miami Gardens was created. She shared that she contacted the Miami-Dade County Police Department to make sure her memory was correct, and it was. So, much so that one of the problems included drug trafficking. She stated there are always two (2) sides to a story, and sometimes law enforcement cannot tell the entire story. She said her concern goes further along than just this one store; racial profiling complaints received by her office continue to grow. Such beliefs whether real or imagined creates distrust and a poor

perception of the City, which is eighty (80) percent black and served by a police force that is sixty (60) white and Hispanic. She said the city can do better, and shared firsthand knowledge of Police Chief Matthew Boyd's efforts to create a professional and effective police department. The vast majority of the people in the city, police and people alike want policing that is effective, professional, respectful, and accountable. Those are the common goals by which we can work together to restore the public trust. With that in mind, she encouraged the City of Miami Gardens City Council to work with Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) to engage the entire community in addressing the crisis in community relations. The CRB forwarded a letter to Mayor Gilbert conveying its willingness to work with the residents, and the police department to create an agenda to enhance community relations. She further encouraged the City to establish its own CRB, which would provide a mechanism moving forward for the City to address its own community relations within the city.

**F-3) Vice Mayor Lisa C. Davis – Special Presentations**

Talisa Lyons, Corporate Director of Patient Access and LaQuanna Scott-Lightfoot, Associate Administrator for Jackson Health Systems appeared before the Council to share information about the Affordable Health Care Act "Obama Care". For many of the residents in Miami –Dade County that are not insured, Jackson Health Systems has been awarded a grant as one of the organizations to have health navigators throughout the community. These navigators will assist with educating residents about the Affordable Health Care Act, as well as assisting with the completion of the application for the health market phase. A center is now located at the North Dade Health Center, on NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 167<sup>th</sup> Street. A navigator will also be at the North Dade Regional Library on Wednesdays.

~~F-2) Councilman Rodney Harris – Special Presentation~~

~~F-3) Councilman David Williams Jr. – Special Presentation~~

**F-4) Councilwoman Felicia Robinson – Special Presentation**

Councilwoman Robinson shared with the residents that during the month of October several Pink Week events take place to educate and bring awareness about how important it is to be checked early for breast cancer. She presented three organizations that were very supportive by either sponsorship or being presenters at the events: YWCA with a check for \$1,200; Women Health Initiative with a check for \$1,200; and B.I.O.N.I.C. Girl with a check for \$1,200.

Councilwoman Robinson conveyed appreciation to State Senator Oscar Braynon II and Calder Race Course for their sponsorship.

**(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Tim DePlama, 801 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Boca Raton, Florida, appeared before the City Council as a representative from St. Thomas University, 16401 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida. He congratulated the City on its new partnership with Health Foundation of South Florida. He commended the police department for its partnership and working relationship with St. Thomas University. As it relates to community relations with the police department, he shared an incident where a robbery occurred outside of the university. Chief Boyd visited the University and spoke with representatives to assure them an active investigation

was underway. Within a few weeks after that a suspect was arrested. The Police Department's Community Relations Response Team also conducted an exercise regarding the potential dangers of a chemical spill, and how to react safely and effectively if such an incident were to happen. In September 2013, Active Shooter Training, which has become a concern in the workplace and schools, was also conducted.

Janice and Kenika Coakley, with a residential address at 19681 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council representing Girl Scouts Troops of 870,880, 749 and 347, donated stuffed animals to the Miami Gardens Police Department as part of their "Take Action Community Project."

Katrina Delmar Donaldson appeared before the City Council to express concern with the community and the pattern of bullying that is taking place. She encouraged parents to get to know who their children are associating with.

Yaxley Jaminson, 2261 NW 196<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami Gardens, Florida appeared before the City Council on behalf of an initiative started by Councilwoman Robinson, which supports the police department as well as the community. It is anticipated that the graduation will take place at the first City Council meeting in 2014. He encouraged other residents to be a part.

Retha Boone-Fye, 18941 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Court, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council in support of Item K-18 the Non-violence campaign. She volunteered to be a part of the non-violence campaign.

Mayor Gilbert announced the City will be co-hosting a community engagement with the Community Relations Board (CRB), Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at the North Dade Regional Library, starting at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

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

**H-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06-178 OF THE CITY COUNCIL THAT AUTHORIZED THE BORROWING OF SEVEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,300,000), AND THAT AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA TAXABLE LAND ACQUISITION REVENUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,300,000); AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE MATURITY DATE OF SAID BONDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

Patricia Varney, Finance Director appeared before the City Council to provide

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background information on this item. In 2009 the city issued land acquisition bonds for the Warren Henry and Cornerstone properties. The bonds will mature 2014. The city has to refinance the principal, which is approximately 13 million dollars. Bank of America has a pre-payment penalty of \$100,000.00. This item would extend the maturity date.

Motion offered by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Harris to adopt this item on first reading.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt 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

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

None

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

None

**(K) CONSENT AGENDA:**

Before the Consent Agenda was read, Mayor Gilbert passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Davis.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-263-1959**

**K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT'S APPOINTMENT OF IVAN STEWART TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM THAT SHALL COINCIDE WITH THE TERM OF THE MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-164-1960**

**K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL, TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL, MANUFACTURING AND PEDESTRIAN DESTINATION PLAN**

(ETIMP), ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-165-1961**

- K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE NEED FOR A HOUSING AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CREATE A HOUSING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-166-1962**

- K-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) TO THE ELDERLY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE’S HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA WHICH WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2013 AT THE BETTY T. FERGUSON RECREATIONAL COMPLEX; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-167-1963**

- K-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS’ THIRD ANNUAL “GIFTS OF LOVE” EVENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2013, AT CLOVERLEAF PARK, 303 NW 191ST STREET, MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING A SPONSORSHIP OF THE EVENT IN THE AMOUNT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2500.00); PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-168-1964**

- K-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$68,970.00), WHICH INCLUDES A 10% CONTINGENCY TO ATKINS NORTH

AMERICA, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING AND SCHEDULING SERVICES RELATING TO THE CITY HALL PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-169-1965

- K-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO AIP US, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS (\$175,604.00) FOR A CISCO SYSTEMS VOICE OVER IP (VOIP), IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NO. 730-000-09-1; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-170-1966

- K-10) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO RFP NO. 13-14-003 FOR EXTERIOR BUILDING SIGNAGE AT THE MIAMI GARDENS MUNICIPAL COMPLEX; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-171-1967

- K-11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$60,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMODELING, RECONSTRUCTING, CONSTRUCTING, RECONFIGURING, RETROFITTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING CITY PARKS AND PARKS FACILITIES, INCLUDING PURCHASING AND INSTALLING CRIME PREVENTION EQUIPMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS, PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR EXPANDING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PARKS, AND RENOVATING, CONSTRUCTING AND PURCHASING PARKS FACILITIES AND LAND FOR NEW OR EXPANDED PARKS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SAID REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN

EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-172-1968

K-12) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA DECLARING THE CITY'S OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A (\$60,000,000.00) SIXTY MILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OBLIGATION FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES MADE AND TO BE MADE BY THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION OF LAND, IMPROVEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INCIDENTAL ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-173-1969

K-13) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FACILITY USAGE POLICY AT THE BETTY T. FERGUSON RECREATIONAL COMPLEX TO INCLUDE THE GREATER MIAMI GARDENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-174-1970

K-14) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH SHOT SPOTTER INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF GUNSHOT DETECTION AND LOCATION SERVICE SENSORS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$180,000), 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. 2013-175-1971

K-15) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, DECLARING A SURPLUS OF FLEET VEHICLES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO UTILIZE FISHER AUCTION COMPANY, INC., AND RENE BATES AUCTIONEERS, INC., FOR AUCTION SERVICES, FOR

**THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS FLEET VEHICLES AT A PUBLIC AUCTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOUTHEAST FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE GROUP RFP NO. 270254; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-176-1972**

- 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 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA FOR SURPLUS VEHICLES, 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. 2013-177-1973**

- K-17) 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 CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS IN FAVOR OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, 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. 2013-178-1974**

- K-18) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A NONVIOLENCE MARKETING CAMPAIGN IN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-FIVE**

Motion offered by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Harris to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion passed and carried by a majority vote. Mayor Gilbert abstained.

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

**RESOLUTION NO.2013-179-1975**

- K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO INITIATE STEPS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE TO I-95 INTO THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)**

Mayor Gilbert directed his comments to Items K-4 and K-5 and stated one of the things we have to look at is maximizing revenue through our tax base. This particular item directs the City Manager to start the process for annexing the industrial area directly east of the city, which includes the publix shopping center and the office club. Item K-5, authorizes the City Manager to start the annexing process for the western side of the city, which includes the old Land Mark property.

Motion offered by Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adopt this item.

Councilwoman Odom stated that she had pulled both items for discussion and reference Item K-5, which addressed the western side of the City. She asked what is in those boundaries besides the Land Mark Learning Center that would be considered tax revenues.

Mayor Gilbert in response to Councilwoman Odom's inquiry said that would be the potential development of the land portion. He further opined the city wants to be in control of big parcels of vacant land.

Councilwoman Odom pointed out that the proposal in Item K-5 also included the trailer park.

Mayor Gilbert said he was not against the trailer park and did not necessarily want the trailer park. He opined when negotiations are initiated with Miami-Dade County other considerations will be brought to the table. He shared that a solid boundary is needed to annex. He reiterated that the city is trying to get the Land Mark property and not necessarily the trailer park.

Councilwoman Odom opined that items that have a fiscal impact should be taken off the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Gilbert in response to Councilwoman Odom's concern said the Council always has the ability pull an item from the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Williams asked what impact would annexing these items have on the city; can we afford to do this now.

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Mayor Gilbert in response to Councilman Williams' inquiry said there are not a lot of people on these properties, especially the industrial. Ideally what cities across South Florida are doing are annexing properties that would be developable, and industrial. The fiscal impact would not be negative for the City because the city would not be providing a lot of services.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 6-1 vote.

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-180-1976**

- K-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO INITIATE STEPS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY BETWEEN 42<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE (EAST), 57<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE (WEST), 199<sup>TH</sup> STREET (SOUTH), AND COUNTY LINE ROAD (NORTH) INTO THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)**

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

There being no further discussion because all of the concerns were addressed under Item K-4, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 6-1 vote.

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-181-1977**

- L-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, HONORING THE LIFE OF NELSON MANDELA; DESIGNATING DECEMBER 5, 2013, AS "NELSON ROLIHLAHLA MANDELA DAY" IN THE CITY OF**

**MIAMI GARDENS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT III)**

Mayor Gilbert shared that he sponsored this item in honor of Mandela, who was an extraordinary man, not just to South Africa but to all. He is worthy of recognition.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-182-1978**

- L-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE PREFERRED CRA BOUNDARY FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DIRECT KEITH AND SCHNARS, P.A., THE CITY'S CONSULTANT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PREPARATION OF A FINDING OF NECESSITY AND A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

Manager Benson authorizes staff to move forward with the Finding of Necessity and Redevelopment Plan. There are two recommended options the Council might want to consider.

Councilman Harris indicated his preference for the 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor.

Councilman Williams asked the City Manager what his thoughts were on the options.

Manager Benson in response to Councilman Williams' inquiry said he thought the NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor was the best option given the expectation of revenues and redevelopment along that corridor.

Councilman Williams inquired about the downside of both options.

Manager Benson said the 441 Corridor did not generate a lot of revenue to make it possible to be the corridor or district for a CRA. It also did not limit itself to new development. He opined in the 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor given the fact that the city owns property along this corridor provides an opportunity for redevelopment as well as new development. The generation of revenue is also higher along this corridor.

Don Norris, Consultant said the most flexibility would be the 826 Expressway, which would work in any one of the areas.

Motion offered by Councilwoman Odom, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to include the CRA Map (Single CRA District), with the connector to include 826 (Palmetto Expressway).

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

Motion offered by Councilman Williams, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, and Councilwoman Odom to adopt this item as a whole.

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

### **QUASI-JUDICIAL ZONING HEARINGS:**

Cyril Saiphoo appeared before the City Council and stated for the record the process used for this Quasi-Judicial Proceeding.

Clerk Taylor administered the Oath to those participating in this Quasi-Judicial Proceeding.

#### **(M) ORDINANCES ON FOR FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING):**

- M-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 34-45. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC); AMENDING SECTION 34-50. ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE AND WAIVERS; AMENDING SECTION 34-59. ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT OF NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE; AMENDING SECTION 34-64. OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICTS AND MASTER PLANS; AMENDING SECTION 34-89. MANDATORY AND OPTIONAL REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT ORDERS; AMENDING SECTION 34-97. IMPACT FEES; AMENDING SECTION 34-143. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 34-219. DESIGN STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTION 34-287. USE REGULATIONS, GENERALLY; AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 34-287. PERMITTED USES; AMENDING SECTION 34-288. USES PERMITTED WITH EXTRA REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 34-311. ACCESSORY USE TABLE; AMENDING SECTION 34-312. ADDITIONAL USES AND BUILDING STANDARDS; AMENDING ARTICLE XI. DEVELOPMENT**

STANDARDS GENERALIZED TABLE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTION 34-382. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 34-388. COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, BOATS AND VESSEL PARKING AREAS; AMENDING SECTION 34-389. COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, BOAT VESSEL VEHICLE PARKING IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTIES RESTRICTED; AMENDING SECTION 34-440. LANDSCAPE PERMIT REQUIRED; AMENDING SECTION 34-444. LANDSCAPE, BUFFERING MINIMUM STANDARDS; AMENDING ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 34-444, TABLE 1. MINIMUM LANDSCAPE AND BUFFERING STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTION 34-445. EXTRA STANDARDS, EXCEPTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-446. FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES, SAFETY BARRIERS FOR SWIMMING POOLS; DELETING SECTION 34-474. MASTER PLANS; AMENDING SECTION 34-531. SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES; DELETING SECTION 34-532. SPECIFIC INCENTIVE BONUS REGULATIONS; DELETING SECTION 34-590. UPGRADED TEN-FOOT-WIDE SIDEWALK REQUIRED; DELETING SECTION 34-655. ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCES OF FIFTEEN PERCENT; AMENDING SECTION 34-670. PROHIBITED SIGNS; AMENDING SECTION 34-732. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS; AMENDING SECTION 34-733. MASTER USE LIST AND USE DEFINITIONS; 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 Ighodaro, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to adopt this item on first reading.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the motion to adopt 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

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Mayor Gilbert: Yes

**(N) ORDINANCES ON FOR SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-24-312**

**N-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 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 Councilman Harris, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to adopt this item.

As the conclusion of this discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

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

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

None

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

**P-1) City Manager’s Report**

Manager Benson wished everyone Happy Holidays. He informed the Council that he would be out of the office December 26-30<sup>th</sup>, during his absence Assistant City Manager Vernita Nelson will be the Acting City Manager.

Clerk Taylor announced the GOB Mail Out Ballot Special Election will be held, April 21, 2014.

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

Councilman Williams thanked everyone for their support for the Science and Engineer Fair. He extended a special thanks to the Miami Gardens Police Department and Miami Gardens Kiwanis.

Councilwoman Robinson wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilwoman Odom reported on the World AIDS Day event, which was supported by the City Council. She said the event which was held at St. Thomas University was well attended. She thanked all the participants that partnered with the city. Requests are being received to continue this open dialogue. She further shared the Elderly Affairs Advisory Committee did a fantastic job, December 7, 2013. She also shared that Rachael Talideen and the North Dade Youth Coalition walked the Kings Gardens' neighborhood recently and were able to identify a lot of families that were in need. She thanked the police department, which is always so cooperative and supportive of any event that she as well as other Council members has sponsored. She further encouraged everyone to sign the Mandela Memorial Book, which will be sent to the family.

Councilman Harris wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Ighodaro announced that the SAVIOR March will take place, Saturday, December 14, 2013. The March will start at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church and will start at 2:00 p.m., concluding at Bunche Park where activities will be taking place. He invited everyone to come out to this community affair. He thanked the Council and especially Councilman Harris for their support.

Vice Mayor Davis thanked the residents for their support. She further shared that she had a turkey drive where approximately 400 turkeys were given to needy families. She further thanked Rodney Best and his staff for their assistance in transporting the turkeys in the rain. They did an outstanding job. She thanked Councilman Ighodaro for his support as well. She also thanked the volunteers as well as staff for their support. She announced that she will be hosting a toy drive, Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at Clover Leaf Park. She further thanked Chief Matthew Boyd for all of his assistance over the years.

Mayor Gilbert wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy Kwanza. He shared that tonight the Council adopted several important initiatives on the Agenda, which included a Housing Authority; a bond item, which will refurbish and energize our parks; annexation, which would grow the tax base. He emphasized that the Council will continue to do the business of the people of Miami Gardens. He said the community has to always move forward independent of what people are saying. He said solutions are rarely singular, but neither are problems. There really is no one thing. There is no one side. It is only easy when you are commenting on Face Book, Twitters and the Newspapers. The Council is actually solving the problems within the City and is balancing all matters of things. We are balancing a need for the people to be able to walk out of their homes and feel safe. We are balancing the fact that we have people amongst us, some young people, who do extraordinarily evil things, purposely. The issues facing this

community are not easy. When engaged in conversations, one has to acknowledge the problems that we have. What the Council is doing is not easy, but the Council and the people of Miami Gardens are doing it together. He wished everyone a wonderful, save and prosperous holiday season.

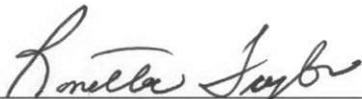
**(R) WRITTEN REQUESTS, PETITIONS & OTHER WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

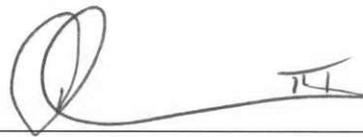
None

**(S) ADJOURNMENT**

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

Attest:

  
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Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk

  
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Oliver Gilbert, Mayor