

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2014**

(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session, Wednesday, January 8, 2014, beginning at 7:00 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, 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

Reverend Paul Wiggins, Associate Pastor of Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion offered by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Harris to adopt the minutes, with necessary corrections, if any.

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

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

The following items were added to the Consent Agenda as Items K-13; K-14 and K-15 respectively:

K-13) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE NORTH DADE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE 2014 EVENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

K-14) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RESCHEDULING THE FEBRUARY 12, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO FEBRUARY 5, 2014; PROVIDING FOR THE

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

- K-15) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SETTLE LITIGATION MATTERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00), UPON CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY)

Motion offered by Councilman Harris, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to approve the official agenda, with the necessary corrections/additions/deletions.

Mayor Gilbert shared that he sponsored the resolution rescheduling the City Council meeting due to the Dade Days Event scheduled for Tallahassee, the week of February 10th. An event, which several members of the City Council might want to attend.

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

(F) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (5 minutes each)

F-1) City Manager Cameron Benson – COPP Graduates
Interim Chief Miller presented Certificates of Completion to the first graduates of the COPP Program, which included Councilwoman Robinson, the program's sponsor.

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tanya James, Chair of the Elderly Affairs Advisory Committee appeared before the City Council along with members of the Elderly Affairs Advisory Committee members to thank Mayor Gilbert, Vice Mayor Davis and each Council member for their support of the Elderly Affairs Advisory Committee Holiday Extravaganza, held December 7, 2013, which had over 200 people in attendance.

Ms. Smith, appeared before the City Council to ask that better notification of city events be publicized for the residents' behalf. More particularly the CRB meeting, held Tuesday, January 9th, at the Library. She said information about this meeting was not posted to the Face Book page nor was it on the city's website. She further shared that she is on the eblast listing.

Mayor Gilbert shared that several Public Service Announcements about the CRB meeting were made by local radio stations. He said the City can do a better job.

Councilman Williams indicated that he had had several conversations with the prior city manager about posting signs in the median, especially as it related to announcing the City Council meeting. He asked Manager Benson to look into this possibility, and shared other

municipalities use that venue to get word out to its residents.

Manager Benson said he would look into this issue. Staff would just have to find the right materials in order to do it the right way, if it is something Council would like for him to look into.

Angela Myers appeared before the City Council to announce that she holds the title of Miss Miami Gardens Plus America. She shared that her platform is “health awareness.” She further shared that she is a school teacher in Miami Gardens and her business is also located within the City of Miami Gardens.

Councilwoman Robinson shared that as health segment is part of her Meet Me on Monday meetings. Ms. Myers has been a guest speaker at the Meet Me on Monday events, and provided invaluable information to the residents about blood clots. Ms. Myers also participated in Pink Week.

(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING:

None

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01-313

- I-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 DOLLARS, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,300,000), AND THAT AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF THE 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) (1ST READING – DECEMBER 11, 2013)**

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, and Councilwoman Odom to adopt this item.

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

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

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

None

(K) CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01-1974

K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH; AUTHORIZING AN ESSAY CONTEST FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN IGHODARO)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-1980

K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM'S APPOINTMENT OF CARLIS JACKSON TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-1981

K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILMAN ERHABOR IGHODARO'S APPOINTMENT OF ANITA PINDER TO THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN IGHODARO)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-04-1982

K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING

COUNCILMAN ERHABOR IGHODARO'S APPOINTMENT OF DENISE WHITE TO THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN IGHODARO)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-1983

- K-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS' APPOINTMENT OF WILLIE POUNCY TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-06-1984

- K-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS JR'S APPOINTMENT OF JIMMY RAY BURKE TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS JR.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07-1985

- K-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS' APPOINTMENT OF LONNIE LAWRENCE TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-1986

- K-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS' APPOINTMENT OF YAXLEY JAMISON TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN RODNEY HARRIS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-09-1987

- K-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM'S APPOINTMENT OF

RAMONA EXUM TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE;
PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY
COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10-1988

- K-10) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A MUNICIPAL GRANT THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZING A FUNDING MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,000.00); PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-1989

- K-11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO SUNSHINE RECYCLING SERVICES OF S.W. FLORIDA, L.L.C., FOR LEASED REFUSE COLLECTION CONTAINERS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND THIRTY-TWO CENTS (\$52,513.32), FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-12-1990

- K-12) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO AUTONATION, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$228,256.00), FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEN VEHICLES IN RELIANCE UPON FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT NO. 13-12-0904; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO 2014-13-1991

K-13) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE NORTH DADE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE 2014 EVENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14-1992

K-14) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RESCHEDULING THE FEBRUARY 12, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO FEBRUARY 5, 2014; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15-1993

K-15) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SETTLE LITIGATION MATTERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00), UPON CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY)

Motion offered by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Odom to adopt the Consent Agenda.

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

(L) RESOLUTION(S):
None

QUASI-JUDICIAL ZONING HEARINGS:

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

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

(P) ORDINANCES ON FOR FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING):
None

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-02-314

- N-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.

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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) (1ST READING – DECEMBER 11, 2013)

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 7-0 vote.

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

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

None

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

P-1) Manager's Monthly Report

(Q) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Ighodaro wished everyone a Happy New Year. He shared that the S.A.V.I.O.R. March held last month was success primarily due to the City of Miami Gardens Police and Parks and Recreation Departments. He further thanked Mayor Gilbert and Councilman Harris for their support. He further announced that he along with Councilman Harris will be hosting a Youth Non-Violence Summit, Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at Miami Carol City High School. This summit is designed to encourage and embrace the dialogue of our young people. He encouraged the public to attend. He also thanked the City Manager for facilitating this event.

Councilman Williams thanked the City Manager, Police and Public Works departments for doing an excellent job within the city.

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Councilwoman Robinson thanked the police department and staff for putting together the Citizen On Patrol Program (COPP). She further invited everyone out to the January 13, 2014 Meet Me on Monday Meeting, at Miami Carol City Park from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For further information about the COPP program, individuals can contact the police department.

Councilwoman Odom thanked everyone for their participation in the Toy Drive, which took place in LeJune Gardens. Over 210 gifts were given out. She further thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for cleaning up the vacant lot in this area. She also shared the parents in this community is interested in creating a crime watch program. Plans are underway to organize this group. She stated that Miami Gardens has the best staff in Florida.

Councilman Harris wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Gilbert shared that the City held a CRB meeting last night, and wanted to continue that sense of engagement between law enforcement and the residents. He said he wanted to do that through the CAC. He asked Vice Mayor Davis to take a look at that to see how it can be incorporated into the CAC. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Vice Mayor Davis in response to Mayor Gilbert's request said she would look at this initiative.

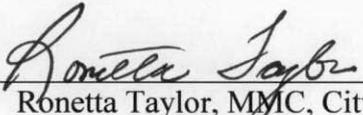
(R) WRITTEN REQUESTS, PETITIONS & OTHER WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

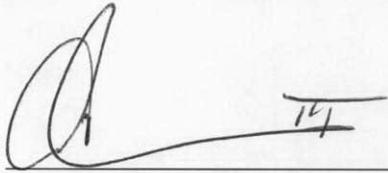
(S) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Body, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest:



Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk



Oliver Gilbert, Mayor