

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2014**

(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session, Wednesday, February 5, 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, Erhabor Ighodaro, and Felicia Robinson. Councilman David Williams Jr., arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Also in attendance were: City Manager Cameron Benson, 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 Councilwoman Odom, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to approve the minutes, with necessary corrections, if any. This motion passed and passed by a unanimous vote of the members present.

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

Item K-15 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Vice Mayor Davis

Motion offered by Councilman Ighodaro, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to approve the official agenda with the necessary changes. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve passed and carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

(F) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (5 minutes each)

F-1) Councilman Williams Special Presentations

Councilman Williams presented Certificate of Special Recognition to the local Miami-Dade School Principals and schools for participation in the Third Annual Miami Gardens Elementary Science and Engineering Fair held December 9, 2013.

F-2) City Manager Cameron Benson – Introduction of Chaplain for the Miami Gardens Police Department

Interim Chief Miller appeared before the City Council to introduce the Chaplains for the City of Miami Gardens as follows: Pastor Aaron Jackson, Millrock Holy Missionary Baptist Church; Pastor Arthur Jackson, III, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church; Pastor Percy Ransom, Cosmopolitan Baptist Church and Rabbi Bentzion Korf, Friends of Lubavitch.

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Floyd C. Parker, 1851 NW 187th Street, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to express his views about the Charter and the Mayor's role as outlined in this document.

Reverend Nettie B. Davis, 16400 NW 15th Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to invite everyone out to the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness event scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2014.

(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING:

H-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 2-736 TO CREATE THE FIRST SOURCE HIRING REFERRAL PROGRAM; 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 MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

Mayor Gilbert passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Davis before sharing his rationale for sponsoring this item. He shared we are approaching the 60 Million Dollar General Obligation Bond. Of importance is having the residents benefit from the opportunities created when the city actually spend money. This item partners with South Florida Workforce to help target hiring, especially when it comes to construction or building. We want residents to have the first opportunity to be hired.

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

There being discussion, the motion to adopt on first reading passed and carried by a 7-0 vote of the Council.

Councilman Harris: Yes

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

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

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

None

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

None

(K) CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-21-1999

K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT'S APPOINTMENT OF REGINALD LEON TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-22-2000

K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ZEIGLER TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-23-2001

K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT'S APPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN PRINCE TO THE ELDERLY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-24-2002

- K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT'S APPOINTMENT OF EDWIN C. COLLINS TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-25-2003

- K-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS' APPOINTMENT OF FATHER HORACE WARD TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-26-2004

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27-2005

- K-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN; APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY CLERK)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-28-2006

- K-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE ELDERLY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY CLERK)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-29-2007

- K-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE 2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-30-2008

- K-10) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 385 AND SENATE BILL 456 TO RAISE THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE TO TEN DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS (\$10.10) PER HOUR; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR LISA C. DAVIS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-31-2009

- K-11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY GREEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NEIGHBORHOODHELP PROGRAM; WAIVING THE RENTAL FEES FOR THEIR USE OF THE SPACE AT THE BETTY T. FERGUSON RECREATIONAL COMPLEX FOR THE PROGRAM FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS JR.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-32-2010

- K-12) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, REALLOCATING SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE THIRD ANNUAL CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR TO SUPPORT SCIENCE RELATED INITIATIVES IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN DAVID WILLIAMS JR.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-33-2011

- K-13) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE

ALLOCATION OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00), FROM THE WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, TO SUPPORT THE EXPRESSION OF ARTS EVENT IN COMMEMORATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LILLIE Q. ODOM)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-34-2012

- K-14) 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 THE GREATER MIAMI GARDENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CONSULTING SERVICES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2014, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$50,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; AND THE ALLOCATION OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE CITY'S BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM; 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. 2014-35-2013

- K-15) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH O'BRIEN'S RESPONSE MANAGEMENT INC., FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-36-2014

- K-16) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDED A BID TO H & R PAVING, INC., FOR THE COMPLETION OF ROAD MILLING AND RESURFACING IN THE ANDOVER AREA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS, IN AN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$635,712.00), WHICH INCLUDES 10% CONTINGENCY, FOR

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

Motion offered by Councilman Williams, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, and Councilwoman Odom to adopt the Consent Agenda. There being no discussion, the motion to adopt passed and carried by unanimous vote of the City Council.

(L) RESOLUTION(S):

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-37-2015

K-14) 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 HEALTH FOUNDATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE, IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$125,000.00); A COPY 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)

Vice Mayor Davis said this is such a great initiative and just wanted the residents to know more about it.

Denese Williams, City of Miami Gardens' Grant Administrator appeared before the City Council to expound on this initiative. She explained the City of Miami Gardens was one of eleven municipalities in Miami-Dade County that applied for the Health Foundation of South Florida Healthy Community Partnership Initiative grant. The City of Miami Gardens was one of two (2) communities to be awarded 3.2 Million Dollars over the next six (6) years.

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

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

QUASI-JUDICIAL ZONING HEARINGS:

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

None

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

None

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

None

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

P-1) Bus Circular Study Report

Corradino Group appeared before the City Council to provide a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Bus Circular Study. A feasibility study was done to determine the transit was generated as well as cost. Interaction with residents was also conducted. Hours of operations would be from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., with five (5) stops per hour, on both the western and eastern area. A copy of this report is attached and made a part of the record, as exhibit “A.”

P-2) City Manager’s Monthly Report

Report provided as part of the Agenda Package

P-3) Skanska/URS – City Hall Update

Nicole Heran, representative from Skanska appeared before the City Council and shared based on the information we have today, the City Hall project is substantially nearing completion. The final inspection will be on February 28, 2014. It is anticipated a move in date for the City Hall Complex on or before April 25, 2014. Based on the information we have today, the police department will be inspected on or before October 5, 2014, with anticipated move in date on or before December 1, 2014.

Vice Mayor Davis asked for clarification on the move in date.

Ms. Heran reiterated that based on the information right now, the anticipated move in date for City Hall is on or before April 25, 2014.

Vice Mayor Davis asked whether there were any more costs the Council needed to be aware of, as it relates to City Hall.

Ms. Heran in response to Vice Mayor Davis question responded, currently they were working through the Miami-Dade Fire Inspection comments. As soon as those are received that information will be forwarded to city staff for mitigation of possible cost impact.

Manager Benson shared that the City of Miami Gardens has been selected as the National founder for the 2014 Medlife Foundation United Best Intergenerational Awards Program. He acknowledged Denese Williams for all of her hard work on this grant.

(Q) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Williams referenced a newspaper article where the Republican Party demanded and received an apology from NBC News for erroneous reporting an issue. An on-air apology was issued by NBC as well as a written apology. He stated that since he has been an elected official there has been several news stories aired or printed that were inaccurate. For example when incidents happened in Miami-Dade County it is reported as Miami Gardens, or when there is an issue with another policing agency or municipality, it is reported as Miami Gardens. He asked the City Manager to look into this matter.

Councilwoman Robinson announced this month's Meet Me On Monday meeting will focus on Black History. In addition the topic for this month's health issue is the heart in recognition of as February National Heart Month. Keeping children safe campaign will also be discussed. She further announced the additional Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption is in place.

Councilwoman Odom thanked Reverend Davis for her initiative as relates to HIV/AIDS. She encouraged everyone to attend the event. She further shared that for Black History Month, on February 27, 2014 in addition to local art work being displayed, local authors and poets will also be recognized. This event is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex.

Councilman Harris announced that Monday, February 10, 2014, starting at 6:30 p.m., a meeting is scheduled at Harvest Firs Ministries to discuss the issues relating to the rezoning application.

Vice Mayor Davis thanked Ms. Dorothy Smith for hosting Coconut Cay's first crime watch meeting. She further thanked the police department for its presence.

Mayor Gilbert announced on February 8, 2014, County Commissioner Jordan is hosting a Black History Program starting at noon at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex. This event is open to the public. A Father and Family day event is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th, from noon to five p.m., at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex. The Mayor's Fitness Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2014. Also a Heritage Bowl, scheduled for this weekend at Florida Memorial University.

Mayor Gilbert expounded on Councilman Williams' comments. He said sometimes we have to do a better job of selling its story. He shared that he along with the City Manager, City Attorney and Interim Chief of Police is having a meeting on February 10, 2014, with the Miami Herald Editorial Board. It is the intent of this meeting to provide a more comprehensive picture of who the city is, what we do and why we are doing it.

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

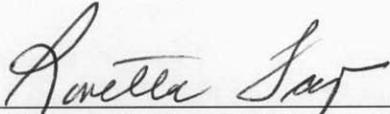
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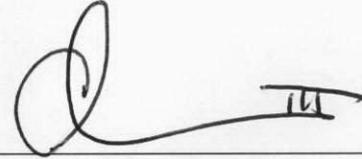
(S) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Body, and upon a motion being made the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Attest:



Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk



Oliver Gilbert, Mayor