CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 28, 2014

(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session, Wednesday, May 28, 2014, beginning at 7:12 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 18605 NW 27th Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida.

The following members of the City Council were present: Mayor Oliver Gilbert, Vice Mayor Lisa C. Davis and 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

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Dr. Maya Angelo before Mayor Gilbert delivered the Invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D-1) Regular City Council Minutes – April 23, 2014

Motion offered by Councilman Williams, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to approve the minutes, with necessary corrections, if any.

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

D-2) Regular City Council Minutes – May 14, 2014

Motion offered by Councilman Williams, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis to approve the minutes, with necessary corrections, if any.

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

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

Items K-1 and K-2 were pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Odom.

The Agenda was amended to include as Item F-.5) Florida Legislative Update and F-4) Report on recent Youth Job Fair.

The following item was added to the Agenda as Item J-1: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE MIAMI DOLPHINS FRANCHISE FOR STATE FUNDING TO MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SUN LIFE STADIUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 288.11625, FLORIDA STATUTES; DECLARING THAT SUCH PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SERVE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE." (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

The following item was added to the Consent Agenda as Item K-5: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THAT THE CITY MANAGER. TAKING IN ALL STEPS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL TO ASSIST THE CITY IN PROVIDING COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TO CITY EMPLOYEES; ALLOCATING ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS ($1245.00) FROM THE WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

Motion offered by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve the official agenda with the additions/deletions.

(F) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (5 minutes each)

F-.5) Legislative Update

State Senator Oscar Braynon appeared before the Council and shared that he came to be a part of the first official City Council meeting to take place at the new municipal complex. He stated this is a historical moment. He shared the session was very successful however as of yet, the Governor has not signed the budget. He stated that he had worked very diligently with the City's lobbyist as well as Mayor Gilbert and members of the Council to fund the City's Crime Prevention Technology system. He thanked the chair of the Appropriations Committee for his support. He said this year Miami Gardens was fortunate enough to get most of what it asked for as it relates to its water projects.

State Representative Barbara Watson appeared before the Council to provide an overview and results of the Legislative Session and allocation of funding for Miami-Dade County and City of Miami Gardens' projects. She said the City of Miami Gardens received much of what it asked for. Over 2.46 billion dollars was allocated to fund Miami-Dade County Schools. Florida Memorial University received 3.9 million dollars in grants and aide. FAMU received 14.8 million dollars in grants and aide. Miami Gardens' water projects received $360,000.00, in allocation. Miami Gardens Citizens Crime Watch received $500,000.00. A majority of the items mentioned have come through District 107, which encompasses areas east of the turnpike to Biscayne Boulevard; North on County Line Road, south to NW 125th Street.

Mayor Gilbert shared that the City's representatives in Tallahassee worked really hard

this year. He acknowledge Yolanda Cash Jackson, the city's lobbyist for all of hard work and due diligence.

Yolanda Cash Jackson the City's lobbyist appeared before the City Council thanked the City for the opportunity to represent the City in Tallahassee.

Councilman Williams asked when will the process for the next budget cycle start.

Ms. Cash Jackson said preparations are now underway for the next fiscal year.

F-2) Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom – Sunshine For All, Inc.

Councilwoman Odom shared that Sunshine For All, Inc., is one of the agencies that provides hot meals for the elderly residing in Miami Gardens. She invited the director to come forward for the presentation.

Jose Antonio Minino-Bogaert, Director of Sunshine For All, Inc., appeared before the Council and to acknowledge the city council members for their continued support.

F-3) Councilwoman Felicia Robinson – Outstanding Graduates of 2014

Councilwoman Robinson recognized two Miami Gardens' residents: Niagara Saunders and Alaisha Alexander as Outstanding Graduates for 2014.

F-4) Cameron Benson, City Manager – Public Works Week

Mayor Gilbert presented a Proclamation to the Miami Gardens Public Works Department in honor of National Public Works Week.

F-5) Vice Mayor Davis – Youth Job Fair

Marva Scott appeared before the City Council to provide a status report on the youth summer job fair held during the month of May.

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia Wright appeared before the City Council to express concern with Item K-2 relating to Councilman Ighodaro's contribution to Mt. Hermon AME Church supporting a Golf Tournament to provide scholarships for graduating seniors. She asked whether this contribution could have been allocated from Councilman Ighodaro's monthly stipend. She further asked whether allocating funding from the Capital Reserve Fund was setting precedence.

Francis Ragoo appeared before the City Council to further expound on the newsletter eblasted by a certain city council member. He opined the newsletter was clearly campaign material. He further questioned the various activities Councilman Ighodaro has been sponsoring through the utilization of the Capital Reserve Fund. He opined those sponsorships gives the appearance that the City is turning a blind eye while a certain Council members utilizes city dollars to fund a campaign. He said that he was pleased to see that one of the items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Gilbert informed Mr. Ragoo that the City Council meeting is not the preferred forum to address possible campaign issues. He said if you are aware of campaign violations there are entities to report those violations to (e.g. Miami-Dade County Ethics and Public Trust as well as the State of Florida Elections Commission). He said from his perspective it would be better suited to take any arguments to those entities.

Ms. Dorothy Smith appeared before the City Council to thank Chief Johnson and his staff for visiting her neighborhood (Coconut Cay). She also thanked Tom Ruiz, Public Works Director for his attentiveness.

Pastor Greg Williams appeared before the City Council to thank Vice Mayor Davis, and Councilmen Harris and Ighodaro for their support of the church's Easter Event. He encouraged the Council to keep up the good work.

(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING:

None

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-08-319

I-1) **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 34 SECTION 34-312 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO ADD SECTION 13 RELATING TO MOBILE CAR WASH/WAX SERVICE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT) (1st Reading – May 14, 2014)**

Vice Mayor Davis opened the floor for this public hearing. After there were no interested parties to speak on this item, the public hearing closed.

Mayor Gilbert passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Davis before expounding on this item. He explained previously the city did not allow mobile car washes on commercial property. This ordinance would allow car wash/wax service.

Motion offered by Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilmen Harris and Ighodaro to adopt this item.

There being no further 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
Mayor Gilbert:	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis:	Yes

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09-320

I-2) **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS ($60,000,000); AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014 NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS ($60,000,000); PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE DETAILS OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER) (1st Reading – May 14, 2014)**

Mayor Gilbert opened the floor for this public hearing. After there were no interested parties to speak on this item, the public hearing closed.

Manager Benson explained this is the next step in the process. The ordinance provides for the borrowing of the $60 Million Dollar bond.

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

There being no 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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-92-2070

J-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE MIAMI DOLPHINS FRANCHISE FOR STATE FUNDING TO MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SUN LIFE STADIUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 288.11625, FLORIDA STATUTES; DECLARING THAT SUCH PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SERVE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

Mayor Gilbert passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Davis.

Vice Mayor Davis opened the floor for this public hearing.

Darwin Wood, appeared before the City Council to indicated that he did not find this item listed on the agenda.

Mayor Gilbert in response to Mr. Wood comments said the item was added to the agenda.

There being no other interested parties to speak on this item, the public hearing closed.

Mayor Gilbert explained this resolution allows the Dolphins to take advantage of a new bill that passed in Tallahassee, which relates to sales tax rebates. This has nothing to do with the Dolphin's proposal to stop paying property taxes. Supporting this item will not cost the city any money.

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

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

Councilman Ighodaro:	Yes
Councilwoman Odom:	Yes
Councilwoman Robinson:	Yes
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.

(K) CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-87-2065

K-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($100,000.00), ON AS NEEDED BASIS, TO TIRE KINGDOM- TIRESOLES OF BROWARD INC., AND FLEET TRUCK TIRE CENTER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NO. 863-000-10-1 FOR TIRE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-88-2066

K-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AWARDING A BID FOR TOWING SERVICES TO MIDTOWN TOWING OF MIAMI, INC., AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-89-2067

K-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THAT THE CITY MANAGER. TAKING IN ALL STEPS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL TO ASSIST THE CITY IN PROVIDING COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TO CITY EMPLOYEES; ALLOCATING ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS ($1245.00) FROM THE WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

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.

(L) RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-90-2068

K-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FIRST ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY MOUNT HERMON A.M.E. CHURCH; AUTHORIZING A SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1000.00), TO BE ALLOCATED FROM THE WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN IGHODARO)

Councilwoman Odom asked whether guidelines were ever established for the Working Capital Reserve Fund.

Mayor Gilbert said no additional guidelines were established. The guidelines already established for expenditure of public funds is that the expenditure must be for a public purpose. Generally speaking a lot of people sponsor golf tournaments as a way to raise scholarship money for students. He said half of the organizations this council supports are all doing fund raisers to raise money for scholarships for kids in this community.

Councilwoman Odom rephrased the question and asked whether the Council indicated that it would establish certain guidelines for the Working Capital Reserve Fund.

Mayor Gilbert said it was the public purpose guidelines on how money is spent, generally.

Attorney Dickens said there was no discussion about specific guidelines when spending funds from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adopt this item. There being no further discussion the motion to adopt passed and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-91-2069

K-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MAYOR'S EARLY START READING PROGRAM (MESRP); ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP WITH CHAMPION LEARNING, INC. TO IMPLEMENT A SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT CITY PARKS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT)

Councilwoman Odom said the resolution indicates there is no fiscal impact. She asked where will the funds come from for this summer program.

Mayor Gilbert said the program is free. There is no cost to the city and no cost to the parents who enroll their children.

Councilman Williams shared that a lot of these programs get their funding from entities like the Children's Trust.

Mayor Gilbert stated that Champion Learning will be provided free reading services to our kids who might be starting school at a deficit.

Councilwoman Robinson said it is crucial that our kids learn to read. She shared some students have problems with math because they cannot comprehend the word problems.

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

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

Vice Mayor Davis relinquished the gavel to Mayor Gilbert.

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) City Manager Monthly Report

Attorney Dickens introduced Nicole Dickson Scott, Legal Advisor for the City of Miami Gardens Police Department.

(Q) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Ighodaro provided the Council with a pamphlet, which is an outgrowth of the Youth Non-Violence Summit he co-sponsored with Councilman Harris. This report will be made available to local schools and city parks. He acknowledged former Deputy Chief Miller

and Major Chapman for their support and the police department's participation.

Councilman Williams thanked the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments for their continued support.

Councilwoman Robinson reminded everyone of her Meet Me on Monday Meetings, held every second Monday from 6-8 p.m., at Miami Carol City Park.

Vice Mayor Davis congratulated the Mayor/Council and staff for a beautiful new city hall. We are no longer renting, we are buying.

Mayor Gilbert thanked the Parks and Recreation Department as well as Council members Robinson and Harris and the Mayor's for their participation during the laptop computer give-a-way presentation to deserving high school students. He said more computers were given away than ever before. All the funds utilized the purchase were raised.

Mayor Gilbert announced the State of the City Address is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2014. At that time a ribbon cutting ceremony will also take place.

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

None

(S) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Body and upon a motion being duly made, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Oliver Gilbert, Mayor

Attest:

Ronetta Taylor, MMC, City Clerk