

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 12, 2006**

(A) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.

The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in regular session on Wednesday, July 12, 2006, beginning at 7:12 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 Shirley Gibson, Vice Mayor Oscar Braynon II and Council members Barbara Watson, Aaron Campbell Jr, Melvin L. Bratton, Ulysses Harvard and Sharon Pritchett.

Also in attendance were: City Manager Dr. Danny O. Crew, City Attorney Sonja K. Dickens and City Clerk Ronetta Taylor.

(B) INVOCATION. Dr. Lester Brown delivered the Invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Pathfinders of Mt. Cristal lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular City Council Meeting – June 14, 2006.
Motion offered by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Vice Mayor Braynon to approve the minutes with necessary corrections if any.

(E) ORDER OF BUSINESS (Items shall be pulled from the Consent Agenda at this time):
Councilwoman Pritchett pulled Items J-3, J-6, J-7, J-8 and J-9 from the Consent Agenda.

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Braynon, seconded by Councilwomen Pritchett and Watson to approve the Official Agenda with the necessary changes. This motion passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

(F) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (5 minutes each)

F-1) Monthly Report – Miami Gardens District Police

Captain John Alongi appeared before the City Council to provide the monthly police report for the Miami Gardens District. Targeted crimes are down seven percent year-to-date over last year's. For the first time this year residential burglaries are down. A north-end county detail (area canvassing) targeting the unsolved shootings and youth violence occurring in this area is scheduled for Friday night, July 14, 2006. The police department is continuing with its summer plan of targeting residential burglaries. In addition vendor enforcement is on-going.

Councilman Harvard asked to be notified of the time the area canvassing detail is scheduled to occur in Miami Gardens.

Mayor Gibson along with members of the City Council took the opportunity for photo ops with the members of the Pathfinders.

Vice Mayor Braynon shared he had invited the Pathfinders to attend a City Council meeting because the group wanted to learn more about its local government. He thanked the group for attending tonight's meeting and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sporty Young, President of the Crestview-Rolling Oaks Ambassadors, 19025 NW 23rd Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida, appeared before the City Council to voice his concern about the traffic light at NW 183rd and 27th Street. He said the east/west turning signal light is too short. He asked for the Council's assistance in getting this problem addressed. He further indicated that a turn signal is needed at NW 175th Street and 27th Avenue.

Mayor Gibson asked Mr. Young to provide this information to Mr. Ruiz. She further encouraged residents who have complaints to contact the City's staff rather than having to wait to come before the Council. Contacting the City's staff would ensure their concerns are addressed quicker than having to wait to bring the issue before a Council meeting.

Councilwoman Pritchett asked Mr. Young if he had contacted County Commissioner Barbara Jordan's office as well about this issue. She related that Commissioner Jordan is the Miami-Dade County Commissioner for District 1; it might be helpful for Mr. Young to have more than one resource to address his concerns.

(H) ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING

There were none.

(I) ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING "PUBLIC HEARINGS."

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-15-96

I-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA CREATING A YOUTH COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR A TERM; PROVIDING FOR PARENTAL CONSENT; 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 COUNCILWOMAN WATSON)

Councilwoman Watson voiced her belief that this ordinance would help to unify the youth in this community. More importantly, it would provide an opportunity for the youth to participate in their

local government, in their City. This process would teach the students how to become voters, introduce them to the voting process, as well as providing a mechanism to become productive leaders. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA in order to participate in the program. This also provides an opportunity for the City Council to hear from the youth.

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

Motion offered by Councilwoman Watson, seconded by Vice Mayor Braynon to adopt this ordinance.

Councilwoman Pritchett made reference to page 3, lines 1-4 of the ordinance, more particularly the language dealing with the election process to take place at Norland Senior High School and Miami Carol City High School, commencing August 2006. She asked how far along in that process is the City and the schools to ensure an election was going to happen in August.

Councilwoman Watson related staff has secured the ability to have the voting booths available. The principals have been contacted however, some staff changes are occurring therefore it is not know what staff will be assigned to assist; once school has officially started this process will be put into motion.

Councilwoman Pritchett asked if a City staff member would be working directly with the schools or would Councilwoman Watson facilitate the process.

Councilwoman Watson said she would be working with the process and engaging any staff necessary to make this endeavor successful.

Manager Crew shared, Assistant City Manager Horace McHugh has been assigned staff liaison to this Committee.

Councilwoman Pritchett referenced page 5, line 7 of the ordinance more particularly the language "Minutes and records shall be kept of all meetings, and all meetings shall be public." She asked where those minutes and records would be kept.

Councilwoman Watson stated the City Clerk would be assisting in this process and would maintain the records.

Attorney Dickens said this Committee would have its own record keeper and own student Clerk however, whatever is produced by the Youth Council would be given to the City Clerk to maintain the public record.

Councilwoman Pritchett referenced page 6, line 1 of the ordinance, more particularly the language "To develop and adopt, by majority vote, a Student Youth Charter." She asked at what point would the Youth Council be required to produce this Charter and whether this document would be approved by the City Council.

Councilwoman Watson said she did not have a specific deadline established as to when the Youth Council's Charter shall be adopted. She said it would behoove the Council to review the Youth Council's Charter.

Attorney Dickens opined it would be appropriate for the City Council to review the Youth Council's Charter, at that point she would also review the document.

Councilman Bratton asked for clarification purposes how would the Mayor of this Youth Council be selected since there are two school participating and each school is entitled to have three representatives.

Councilwoman Watson explained the student with the highest number of votes from both schools would become Mayor, the three students from each school receiving the next highest votes will become Youth Council members.

Vice Mayor Braynon referenced page 2, line 14 of the ordinance more particularly the language which requires the participating students to be residents of Miami Gardens. He asked whether the schools would be required to produce a list of the students residing within the City of Miami Gardens. He asked how would this be monitored.

Councilwoman Watson conveyed her belief that students who are residents of Miami Gardens should serve on the Youth Council. She opined the students from each school should have the right to vote. However, to be an elected member on the Youth Council the student should reside within the City.

Mayor Gibson raised this same issue. She said these are two high schools within the City and it is a known fact there are students attending these schools who reside outside of the City's corporate boundaries. She opined those students should not be penalized because they do not live in the City of Miami Gardens. These students attend the schools and they are a cohesive group. She opined the opportunity should be open to the students who attend Miami Norland and Miami Carol City. She further suggested eliminating the specific month to hold the election because the first month of school is very hectic and to bind the students to that month might defeat the purpose.

Councilwoman Watson concurred with Mayor Gibson's suggestion. She said the month of August might present a difficulty in coordinating everything to flow properly.

Attorney Dickens opined it would be acceptable to change the language to say the election would be held within the school term.

Councilman Campbell said it might be appropriate to leave the issue of whether the Youth Council members should be residents of the City of Miami Gardens to be addressed in the Youth Council's Charter. He placed emphasis on the importance of letting the Youth Council identify their area of duties and responsibilities as well as the criteria for serving on that Council.

Manager Crew opined this discussion should be taking place among the students and not the City Council.

Councilman Bratton concurred with Manager Crew's comments. "For the Students By the Students."

Further discussion ensued as to whether the students serving on this Youth Council should be residents of the City or whether they should be students from both senior high schools.

Vice Mayor Braynon shared while attending high school he served on three different youth councils, which had no residential requirement.

Attorney Dickens said the ordinance will not be amended by the Youth Council's presentation of a Youth Council Charter, unless when the charter is presented the ordinance is amended. She reiterated the Youth Council can not bring forth a Charter that changes this ordinance. The question is whether the City Council wants to determine what the Youth Council do or does the City Council wants the Youth Council to determine its duties and responsibilities.

Councilman Harvard referenced page 2, line 15 of the ordinance more particularly the language "members of the Youth Council shall maintain at least a 2.5 Grade Point Average, must maintain good citizenship, and must demonstrate an interest in the community, and a willingness to serve the youth of Miami Gardens." He asked whether a student must have a 2.5 GPA in order to be a candidate for office.

Councilwoman Watson explained the intent is the student must come in with a 2.5 GPA and maintain it throughout their participation.

Attorney Dickens referenced page 3, Section 4, lines 4-6 of the ordinance and suggested deleting the language "Three of the students shall be elected from the student body of Miami Norland High School and three of the students shall be elected from the student body of Miami Carol City" and replacing with the following "The student with the highest number of votes from either School will be elected as Mayor. The three students at Miami Norland and Miami Carol City High Schools with the next highest votes, respectively, shall be elected as Student Council Members. She further recommended deleting the referenced to the Mayor in Section 5 of the ordinance.

Attorney Dickens further recommended deleting the language on page 3, line 2 of the ordinance more particularly the language declaring that an election shall be held during the month of August and replacing it with the election shall be held during the school year. She further recommended adding language to page 6, line 1 of the ordinance to read "1. To develop and adopt, by majority vote, a Student Youth Charter to be approve by the City Council."

Vice Mayor Braynon asked Councilwoman Watson if she was amenable to delete the residential requirement on page, 2, line 14 of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Watson said she was agreeable to deleting this criteria.

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Braynon, seconded by Councilman to amend the ordinance with the changes as prescribed by Attorney Dickens. This motion passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councilman Bratton:	Yes
Vice Mayor Braynon:	Yes
Councilman Campbell:	Yes
Councilman Harvard:	Yes
Councilwoman Pritchett:	Yes
Councilwoman Watson:	Yes
Mayor Gibson:	Yes

There being no further discussion on the ordinance as a whole, the motion passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councilman Bratton:	Yes
Vice Mayor Braynon:	Yes
Councilman Campbell:	Yes
Councilman Harvard:	Yes
Councilwoman Pritchett:	Yes
Councilwoman Watson:	Yes
Mayor Gibson:	Yes

(J) CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-74-420

- J-1) **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 AUDIT REPORT FROM THE CITY'S AUDITORS, RACHLIN COHEN & HOLTZ, LLP, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-75-421

- J-2) **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AN URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST TO ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-76-422

- J-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST RESPECTIVELY THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH H & J ASPHALT, INC., FOR STREET RESURFACING ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS, BY RELYING UPON THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND H & J ASPHALT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; AUTHORIZING A WAIVER TO THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT, NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-77-423

- J-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN MASTER ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH IRON MOUNTAIN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, EDEN DIVISION, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Motion offered by Vice Mayor Braynon, seconded by Councilwoman Watson to approve the Consent Agenda. There being no discussion the motion passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Vice Mayor Braynon:	Yes
Councilman Campbell:	Yes
Councilman Harvard:	Yes
Councilwoman Pritchett:	Yes
Councilwoman Watson:	Yes
Councilman Bratton:	Yes
Mayor Gibson:	Yes

(K) RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-78-423

- K-1 J-3)** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE

IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION GRANT; APPROVING THE FORM COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION GRANT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Councilwoman Pritchett asked what fund the grant dollars to be used to couple with the grant would come from.

Manager Crew said the funds would come from the Keep Miami Gardens Beautiful Program Department budget in the Transportation fund.

Councilwoman Pritchett asked if a recipient of a grant can receive this grant consecutively.

Manager Crew said this could be the case if an applicant wants to get a whole subdivision done, more than one grant might be given.

Councilwoman Pritchett asked how would the applicant know that if it not mentioned on the application.

Manager Crew said guidelines would need to be written up to accomplish this. Once the applicable forms have been finalized copies would be provided to the Council members.

Councilwoman Pritchett referenced staff's memorandum, more particularly the language "on a project-by-project basis, some grants may be funded at a higher level, and asked what would be the determining factor for that, and is there is a higher level that can be potentially awarded that is greater than the \$2,500 mentioned in the resolution.

Manager Crew said initially he would venture to say the amount would not be higher than the \$2,500. There is only so much money that can be allowed in the budget, at present there is approximately \$20,000 allocated for this grant program.

Councilwoman Pritchett asked whether the grant recipients would be required to use City vendors, or would they have the latitude of selecting other vendors outside of that vendors' list, created by the City.

Attorney Dickens pointed out there is an error on the agenda memorandum, which might be prompting Councilwoman Pritchett to ask these questions. She addressed the language "materials purchased with grand funds will be processed through the city's procurement department" and stated that would not be happening.

Manager Crew said that is correct, the purchasing would be done by the grant recipients. The City however, would be intimately involved in the projects.

Councilwoman Pritchett referenced page 2 of the City of Miami Gardens Community Beautification Grant Participation Agreement, more specifically No. 2 Grant Terms and the mention of Exhibit "A".

Manager Crew explained Exhibit "A", would be the applicant's proposal.

Councilwoman Pritchett asked whether this program was opened only to City of Miami Gardens residents.

Manager Crew affirmed that this program is only open to City of Miami Gardens residents. He shared the City is not allowed to issue city funds for programs outside of the City.

Councilwoman Pritchett referenced the City of Miami Gardens Community Beautification Grant "Grant Cover Sheet" under Proof of Non-profit status and asked whether it is permissible to ask for the type of non-profit status.

Attorney Dickens suggested changing the language to read "Non-profit exempt status" because there are other non-profit statuses in addition to the 501(C)3 Status.

Manager Crew said what he would like to see is that the applicant is an organization or group that the City recognizes as being a group not-for-profit.

Attorney Dickens recommended changing the language to reflect not-for-profit because that is different than non-profit status.

Manager Crew said he would change the form to read "Proof of Not-for-profit status".

Councilwoman Pritchett recommended creating a checklist and documentation to ensure the recipient is utilizing the funds for the intended purpose.

Attorney Dickens said the funds would be paid on a reimbursable basis.

Mayor Gibson indicated a lot of Councilwoman Pritchett's concerns are legitimate, however that would not be spelled out in the resolution but rather in the documentation the City Manager is going to create in conjunction with this resolution.

Motion offered by Councilwoman Pritchett, seconded by Councilman Harvard to approve this item. This motion passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councilman Campbell:	Yes
Councilman Harvard:	Yes
Councilwoman Pritchett:	Yes
Councilwoman Watson:	Yes
Councilman Bratton:	Yes
Vice Mayor Braynon:	Yes
Mayor Gibson:	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-79-425

K-2 J-6) 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 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOR FUNDING FROM THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, FOR ROLLING OAKS PARK RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENTS, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Councilwoman Pritchett stated this comments would apply to both this item and the next item. The city identifies 17 parks however the Agreement between the City of Miami Gardens and Miami-Dade County GOB Project Number 54-70551/Park Renovations and Improvements only identifies 16 parks.

Attorney Dickens indicated the agenda memorandum mentions park projects and not parks.

Manager Crew said the 17 park projects is the Master Plan.

Councilwoman Pritchett asked will all of the City's parks be improved from this funding source.

Manager Crew affirmed the all city parks will be improved either from these funds or from other funding sources.

Motion offered by Councilwoman Pritchett, seconded by Councilman Bratton to approve this item. This motion passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councilman Harvard:	Yes
Councilwoman Pritchett:	Yes
Councilwoman Watson:	Yes
Councilman Bratton:	Yes
Vice Mayor Braynon:	Yes
Councilman Campbell:	Yes
Mayor Gibson:	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-80-426

K-3 J-7) 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 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI DADE

COUNTY FOR FUNDING FROM THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Motion offered by Councilwoman Pritchett, seconded by Councilman Harvard to approve this item. Motion passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councilwoman Pritchett:	Yes
Councilwoman Watson:	Yes
Councilman Bratton:	Yes
Vice Mayor Braynon:	Yes
Councilman Campbell:	Yes
Councilman Harvard:	Yes
Mayor Gibson:	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-81-427

K-4 J-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AND CSA SOUTHEAST, INC., A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Councilwoman Pritchett referenced the agenda memorandum, more particularly staff's recommendation to delete the not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00. She said the City Council ultimately has to give the accounting to the stakeholders about their money and how it is spent.

Mayor Gibson said she wanted Manager Crew to explain and be very specific as to why he is asking that this provision be deleted.

Attorney Dickens said when this contract was brought to the City is was in line with a contract the City of Coral Gables had. At the time the City did not know the City of Coral Gables had in fact deleted the not-to-exceed provision. The City of Miami Gardens does not operate that way, but instead operates in accordance with its budget. Coral Gables had taken that provision out of its contract but when this document was presented to the City the provision was still there. In addition, this contract is being extended for an additional two years therefore it does not make sense to keep it at a \$300,000 cap because the original contract was only for a two year term.

Manager Crew suggested including the language “funds to pay this contract will not exceed budgeted funds”. He explained the Building Department has been overwhelmed with what has happened this past year. In 2005, 300 roofing permits were issued in the first six months. In 2006, 4,000 roofing permits have been issued. The bulk of the inspections have gone to the two contracted firms.

Councilwoman Pritchett conveyed the importance of being very clear and definitive on how stakeholders’ money is being utilized. She thanked Manager Crew for this explanation because it not only empowered her, it empowered the residents as well. She indicated the language “However, the annual contract amount shall not exceed the annual budgeted amount” is provided at the end of the last paragraph on the agenda memorandum.

Motion offered by Councilwoman Pritchett, seconded by Councilman Bratton to approve this item. This motion passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councilwoman Watson:	Yes
Councilman Bratton:	Yes
Vice Mayor Braynon:	Yes
Councilman Campbell:	Yes
Councilman Harvard:	Yes
Councilwoman Pritchett:	Yes
Mayor Gibson:	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-82-428

K-5 J-9) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AND M.T. CAUSLEY, INC., A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER)

Motion offered by Councilwoman Pritchett, seconded by Councilmen Bratton and Harvard to approve this item. There being no discussion, this motion passed and carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councilman Bratton:	Yes
Vice Mayor Braynon:	Yes
Councilman Campbell:	Yes
Councilman Harvard:	Yes
Councilwoman Pritchett:	Yes
Councilwoman Watson:	Yes

Mayor Gibson: Yes

(L) REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY.

L-1) Miami Gardens Jaycees' Award Recipients

Manager Crew congratulated Mercedia Williams, Administrative Assistant from the Office of the City Clerk and Cherise Alicia, School Crossing Superintendent for receiving distinguished awards from the Miami Gardens Jaycees.

Manager Crew further congratulated Marina Pitiriciu for passing her Engineering Training Exam. He further announced Community Day would be held on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at Miami Carol City Park and invited every one to attend.

The City Attorney had no report.

(M) REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Vice Mayor Braynon invited everyone to attend a Prayer Breakfast with Congressman Meek, scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 2006, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at the downtown Radisson Hotel.

Councilwoman Pritchett asked whether any of the roofing permits for the Miami Gardens recipients of the No More Blue Tops program have been issued as yet.

Manager Crew said he did not think the roofing permit applications have been submitted as yet. Staff has been in contact with Miami-Dade County however no paperwork has been submitted.

Councilman Harvard expressed concern with the fact that the maintenance of the lawn at the North Dade Regional Library is not being attended on a regular basis. He shared he had spoken with the Library Director and was told that she had requested the grass be cut.

Mayor Gibson shared that the grass has finally been cut.

Councilman Campbell expounded on Councilman Harvard's complaint and stated the North Dade Regional Library is not being treated like other libraries in Miami-Dade County. He said the fact that the lawn was not cut and the grass was allowed to grow so tall, was a violation of the Miami-Dade County Code.

Councilman Harvard said he was told that the contractor's equipment had been stolen and had to be replaced. However, the contractor should be on track now with the grass scheduled to be cut every two weeks.

Councilwoman Watson thanked the Council members for their support on the adoption of the Youth Council Ordinance.

Councilman Campbell share he was thoroughly inspired by the Invocation given by Dr. Brown and questioned whether Dr. Brown could be appointed the official Chaplain for the Council meetings.

Mayor Gibson said in order to be a Chaplain, one has to be a minister however, the Council can do something creative.

Dr. Brown agreed to become the official Invocation giver at the City Council meetings.

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

Youth Empowering Action Here (YEAH) provided minutes from their last meeting. On Saturday, July 15, 2006, the group would be going out into the community to survey residents about the best and most positive things about the City of Miami Gardens, as well as what changes and types of activities they think are necessary to reduce the violence in the community. A report and the results of this survey would be provided. YEAH consist of students from all schools throughout Miami-Dade County.

(o) ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before this council and upon a motion being duly motion by Councilman Bratton and seconded by Councilman Harvard, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attest:



Ronetta Taylor, CMC, City Clerk



Shirley Gibson, Mayor