



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
HYBRID MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2021  
7:30 PM  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
901 S.W. 62<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE  
WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**  
<https://zoom.us/j/3255236059>

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** The City Clerk read the instructions to participate in the Hybrid Commission Meeting.

1. **INVOCATION.** Commissioner Juan M. Blanes gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Chief of Police Carlos Avila led Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The City Commission for the City of West Miami met in regular hybrid session on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 beginning at 7:30 PM in the City of West Miami Commission Chambers, 901 S.W. 62<sup>nd</sup> AVE, West Miami, FL 33144 and through Zoom Video Conferencing <https://zoom.us/j/3255236059>  
Present at the Commission Chambers were: Mayor Rhonda A. Rodriguez, Vice-Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron and Commissioner Candida Blanca.  
Present through Zoom were: Commissioner Juan M. Blanes and Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez.  
Also in attendance were: City Manager Yolanda Aguilar and City Clerk Annery Gonzalez were present through Zoom.  
City Attorney Jose A. Villalobos was excused.
4. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 REGULAR COMMISSION HYBRID MEETING.** Commissioner Blanca motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** No comments from the public.
6. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER.** The City Manager submitted a verbal report, which included the following:
  - Legislative report by Coverge
  - American Rescue Plan Act

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** Commissioner Blanca inquired about the tree dedication ceremony in memory of Ines Suarez. The date was to be determined and the City Clerk was instructed to bring an update at the next Commission Meeting.



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- Meeting scheduled with Independent Auditors next week
- Updated guidelines about New-Normal from Miami-Dade County

- 7. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** The City Manager reported on behalf of the City Attorney about payment received from Comcast in the amount of \$118,000.00 as a settlement for the damages of sewer main on SW 62<sup>nd</sup> AVE and 10<sup>th</sup> TERR.
- 8. REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** The City Engineer reported about the progress of the Potable Water Phase 1 Project, which is near completion (approximately 4 weeks). And the Recreation Center Project in the pipeline.
- 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS.** The Mayor congratulated the employees of the year and commended all those that were part of the preparation of the event.

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** The Vice-Mayor requested to move item 11 E) to the Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AMENDING RESOLUTION 2021-09 ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION ON MARCH 3, 2021 (ATTACHED HEREIN AS EXHIBIT A) FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GARBAGE TRUCK FROM RECHTIEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK SALES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY ONE DOLLARS (\$188,891.00); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE REVISED PURCHASE DOCUMENTS FROM RECHTIEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK SALES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS (\$177,406.00) (ATTACHED HEREIN AS EXHIBIT B); FURTHER AMENDING RESOLUTION 2021-12 ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION ON APRIL 7, 2021 (ATTACHED HEREIN AS EXHIBIT C) FINANCING OF A GARBAGE TRUCK FROM CITY NATIONAL BANK); AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NEW FINANCING DOCUMENT WITH CITY NATIONAL BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$177,406.00 FOR THE TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS WITH AN INTEREST RATE OF 2.85 % PERCENT PER ANNUM; AS A DEBT SERVICE EVERY YEAR AS PART OF CITY'S SANITATION ENTERPRISE FUND OUTLAY ACCOUNT NUMBER 600; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Commissioner Suarez, second by Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted and entered into the record.



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**11. NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A) Report by the Office of the Chief of Police regarding update of Ludlam Detail and Police Activity.** Chief of Police Carlos Avila provided a detailed verbal and written report containing a case analysis for the apartment buildings located at 2001 SW 67<sup>th</sup> AVE, 2101 SW 67<sup>th</sup> AVE and 2201 SW 67<sup>th</sup> AVE. The Mayor thanked the Chief, Major and Lieutenant and expressed she was happy to hear the City is going in the right direction. The Chief answered questions.
- B) Presentation of the Five-Year Transportation Plan for 2021-2026 and request for Resolution authorizing the City Manager to transmit the Plan to the Miami-Dade County Office of the CITT – Citizens Independent Transportation Trust.** The City Manager gave a brief introduction and yielded to the Director of Public Works, who presented the plan in more detail.
- C) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSMIT THE 5 YEAR TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT PLAN TOGETHER WITH ATTACHMENTS TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE CITIZENS INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI FOR THE USE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Commissioner Suarez motion to approve the Resolution as presented. the motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote.
- D) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROPOSAL/CONTRACT WITH ONE WAY STRIPING, INC. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$15,900.00 TO ACCOMPLISH DIRECTIVES BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES WITHIN TRAFFIC CIRCLES AS MORE DESCRIBED IN A LETTER DATED JANUARY 22, 2021 BY THE TRANSFORMATION DIRECTOR ALICE BRAVO ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A; THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE FUNDED BY ACCOUNT # 542-222; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Commissioner Suarez motioned in favor of approving the resolution as presented. the motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote.
- E) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI SUPPORTING LEGAL EFFORTS BY ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHLEY MOODY AND GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS AND URGING THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL "CDC" TO ALLOW THE CRUISE INDUSTRY TO IMMEDIATELY REOPEN WITH REASONABLE SAFETY PROTOCOLS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron made a request to move this item to the Consent Agenda, Item 12. All were in favor.



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**F) RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI RESCINDING HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING RESOLUTION 2020-55 ADOPTED OCTOBER 30, 2020 BY THE CITY COMMISSION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE BY THE MAYOR, CITY COMMISSION, MEMBERS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD TO ATTEND SCHEDULED MEETINGS VIA ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY PROVIDED A QUORUM TO BE PRESENT AT THOSE MEETINGS, REQUIRING THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ATTEND MEETINGS VIA ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY AS A RESULT OF THE EMERGENCY CREATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR COMMISSION, CODE ENFORCEMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD REGULAR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by commissioner Blanca, second by Commissioner Blanes and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was approved and entered into the record.

**G) Discussion on Planning and Zoning Board Membership.** Vice-Mayor Diaz Padron expressed certain termed positions of the before mentioned board might had expired. Further the Vice-Mayor recommended to rectify the issue. After a discussion Commissioner Blanes recommended to hear from the City Attorney on the interpretation of the Ordinance. The City Clerk was instructed to bring this item back on the next agenda and submit a plan of action by way of a proposal recommending how the terms should be allocated for the Planning and Zoning Board, Code Enforcement Board and Recreation Advisory Board.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. the motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote.

**A) Request for Proclamation declaring the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>-May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as the “52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week”.** Item approved.

**B) Request for Proclamation declaring the month of June 2021 as “Men’s Health Month”.** Item approved.

**C) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI SUPPORTING LEGAL EFFORTS BY ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHLEY MOODY AND GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS AND URGING THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL "CDC" TO ALLOW THE CRUISE INDUSTRY TO IMMEDIATELY REOPEN WITH REASONABLE SAFETY PROTOCOLS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Item approved.



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**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:43 PM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annery Gonzalez".

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**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED:** *5/5/2021 Regular Commission Meeting*