



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
HYBRID MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</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.** City Manager Yolanda Aguilar gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Director of Public Works Juan Pena led Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The City Commission for the City of West Miami met in regular hybrid session on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</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, City Clerk Annery Gonzalez and City Attorney Jose A. Villalobos were present through Zoom.
4. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 SPECIAL COMMISSION HYBRID MEETING.** Commissioner Blanca motioned to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Suarez. 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:
  - Birth of Commissioner Blanca's granddaughter
  - Damages to the sewer line on SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Terrace
  - Menu for Community Center seniors
  - Audit by the Alliance for Aging
  - Audit by City's independent auditors
  - Major Delgado, Sergeant Valencia and the Office of the City Manager's communications with Waterton (management company of 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue buildings)



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7. **REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** The City Attorney provided a verbal report in regards to the damages of the sewer main at SW 62<sup>nd</sup> AVE and SW 10<sup>th</sup> TERR.

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** Item 11 F) was taken out of order.

8. **REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** The City Engineer reported about the Water Main Improvements Phase 1 Project.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** No reports.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A) Report by the Office of the City Manager and our Legislative Consultants Re: Modification to the funding request for the 2021-2022 legislative appropriations . (City Manager/Jonathan Kilman and Mario Bailey (Converge)).** Jonathan Kilman, Chairman and Mario J. Bailey from Converge Government Affairs of Florida, Inc. presented the highlights of the Appropriations Project Request for the City of West Miami , for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, before The Florida House of Representatives and the Local funding Initiative Request before The Florida Senate.

**B) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INSTRUCT THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS, CONVERGE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS OF FLORIDA INC., TO SUPPORT AND SEEK FUNDING THROUGH LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA AGENCIES FOR GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES OR OTHER PROGRAMS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY FUND PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI FOR THE UPCOMING 2020- 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES THAT HAVE RISEN DUE TO COVID-19 AND THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Commissioner Blanca, second by Commissioner Suarez and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted and entered into the record.

**C) RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MKS AUTOMOTIVE FOR THE LEASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, LOCATED AT 1811 SW 67<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, WEST MIAMI, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2023; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** The City Manager requested to defer this item until the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote.



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**D) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT AWARD CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN FUNDING TO THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI FOR THE SPECIFIC, MEASURABLE, ACHIEVABLE, REALISTIC, TIME SPECIFIC (SMART) PLAN ON DEMAND SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) AS FURTHER PROVIDED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND REPRESENTATIONS ATTACHED HERETO AS COMPOSITE EXHIBIT A; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** The City Manager reported on the item based on the backup documentation provided. Commissioner Blanca motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote.

**E) Report by the Office of the City Manager and City Engineer and follow up on the letter received by Miami Dade County Public Works on street signs and removal of stops at traffic circles.** The City Manager informed the City was in receipt of a letter from Miami-Dade County dated January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 signed by Alice Bravo, Director of Transportation and Public Works requesting a meeting in reference to the following:

- seven (7) traffic circle locations that do not comply with the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- "residential parking only" signs throughout the City

The City Engineer and the Director of Public Works provided details about the traffic circles as well as parking signs.

Police Major Delgado provided input on the matter from the Police standpoint.

Darlene Fernandez, P.E. Assistant Director, Miami-Dade County Traffic Services, was present and provided a technical explanation of the issues in question.

Maria Diaz, resident of 6246 SW 15th ST, West Miami, expressed her opinion on the subject.

After a lengthy discussion where Commission members expressed their points of view, Mrs. Fernandez emphasized on the purpose of bringing the traffic circles back to standard, Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron and Commissioner Suarez spoke in support of complying with the County's request, Commissioner Blanes and the Mayor expressed their safety concerns, all were in favor to continue discussion with Mrs. Fernandez' office in order to further a feasible solution.

**F) Report by the Office of the City Attorney and Director of Public Works re: Damages to sewer line on SW 62<sup>nd</sup> AVE and SW 10<sup>th</sup> TERR.** The City Attorney provided a verbal report as part of Item 7 (Report of the City Attorney) in regards to the City's claim.

The Mayor asked questions in regards to the claim process in connection to the damages.

Elliot Asbel, Corporate Citizen, 15345 SW 77<sup>th</sup> CT, Palmetto Bay, FL, spoke on the item.



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**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to follow the original order of the agenda, with Item 8 (Report of the City Engineer).

**G) Discussion – Office of the City Manager and Director of Public Works re: Purchase of new garbage truck.** The City Manager provided the highlights of the item stressing the need to acquire a replacement sanitation truck due to mechanical problems with the current old truck. The Director of Public Works reported on the item based on the back up Memorandum. Further the Director of Public Works spoke in support of renting a truck from Premier Truck Sales located in Ohio, with the option to buy. To achieve the intended purpose the City would have to go through an emergency purchase and bypass the procurement process. The City Manager recommended adopting an emergency Resolution and further proceed securing a Lease/Purchase.

After a discussion the City Attorney recommended proposing a Resolution declaring an emergency, but first he recommended to approve by vote the inclusion of the emergency item in question. Commissioner Blanes motioned in favor of including the item on the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Suarez. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote.

The emergency Resolution was presented as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WITH REFERENCE TO THE PRESENT CONDITIONS OF THE TWO GARBAGE TRUCKS; TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO PROCURE A SANITATION TRUCK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO LEASE/PURCHASE A GARBAGE TRUCK FOR A YEAR PERIOD.** Commissioner Blanes motioned to approve the emergency Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote.

A discussion ensued in regards to equipment inventory and budget process.

**H) Discussion/Possible action regarding a “2021 Easter Egg Hunt Drive-By Event”.** The City Manager spoke in support of the event. Commissioner Blanes made favorable comments about the event. All were in favor to hold the event on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Copper Park from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Maria Diaz, resident of 6246 SW 15th ST, West Miami, expressed her opinion on the subject.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**13. GOOD OF THE ORDER.** None.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:55 PM.



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**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

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

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**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED:** *3 /3 /2021 Regular Commission Meeting*