



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2016
7:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
901 S.W. 62ND AVENUE
WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA**

1. **INVOCATION.** City Manager Yolanda Aguilar gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Police Captain Carlos Avila led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:30 P.M. Present were Mayor Eduardo H. Muhiña, Vice-Mayor Juan M. Blanes, Commissioner Candida Blanca, Commissioner Rhonda A. Rodriguez and Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The City Attorney was excused.

4. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 20TH, 2016 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.** Commissioner Suarez motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Blanes. All voted in favor.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor requested taking item 11 A) out of order.

5. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER:** The City Manager submitted a verbal report, which included the following:
 - Basketball League at West Miami Recreation Center
 - Survey to the parents at West Miami Recreation Center about possible implementation of classes to include aerobics, Zumba, Salsa, etc.Vice-Mayor Blanes expressed his willingness to share the chairmanship of the Recreation Center with Commissioner Rodriguez.

6. **REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** No report submitted.

7. **REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** No report submitted.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Rodriguez reported about Career Day and shared an initiative to bring the children to the City of West Miami instead of the elected officials and/or employees visiting schools.

9. **CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS.** No presentations.



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10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Item 11D) was heard.

11. NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:

- A) **PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION TO OFFICER RUBEN YERO FOR HIS SERVICE TO SYLVANIA HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 14TH, 2015.** The Mayor and City Commission presented Officer Yero with a Certificate of Recognition in company of staff and the public.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor requested hearing items 11 A) and B).

- B) **REQUEST FOR MITIGATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS FOR CODE VIOLATIONS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6536 SW 23RD ST, WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND OWNER MARTHA GONZALEZ.** The Chief Code Enforcement provided details of the case. The City Manager recommended mitigating the lien for 10% of the total amount owed, in this case for the amount of \$509.85.
- C) **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A MITIGATION OFFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS FROM MARTHA GONZALEZ ON CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS FOR CODE VIOLATIONS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6536 SW 23RD STREET, WEST MIAMI, FL; PROVIDING THAT IF PAYMENT IN FULL IS NOT PAID BY MARCH 3RD, 2016 THEN THE AMOUNT OWED SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, second by Commissioner Suarez and unanimous 5-0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor requested to take item 11 E) out of order.

- D) **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000.00) TO CLEAN THE SEWAGE TANKS OF LIFT STATIONS # 1, 2, 3 AND 4; PAYABLE TO A EXTREME ROAD MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Director of Public works informed that the funds for this project would come from the Operating Account. Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, second by Commissioner Blanca and unanimous 5-0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.



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- E) **APPEAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD DECISION BY APPLICANT EDWARD KASSAB / CIERVO DE ORO JEWELRY, INC. ON DENIAL OF COMMERCIAL BUSINESS SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION ON PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD HEARING DATE OF DECEMBER 22ND, 2015.** The Director of Planning and Zoning provided the details of the application. "El Ciervo de Oro" applied for a sign permit before the West Miami Planning and Zoning Board for an internally illuminated channel letter sign for the front of the property. The Planning and Zoning Board disapproved the application determining that adding "Pawn" of "Empeño" was too much and not aesthetically pleasing. William Rosales, business owner, spoke in support of the application.

The following member of the public addressed the City Commission:

- Elliot Asbel, 15345 SW 77th Ct, Palmetto Bay, FL

After a discussion Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to deny the appeal by "El Ciervo de Oro". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez. All voted in favor of the denial.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to proceed with the original order of the Agenda, with Item 5.

- F) **DISCUSSION REGARDING CONDITION OF THE ROOF OF WEIGHT/WELLNESS ROOM AT THE WEST MIAMI RECREATION CENTER.** The Director of Public Works reported that in the last twenty years no improvements have been done to the wellness room. Also the roof is showing signs of termite damage. Further Mr. Pena informed about the possibility of considering the construction of a new and improved building to replace the existing one in the near future. Vice-Mayor Blanes spoke in support of the initiative and expressed this was a collective effort from the City Manager, the Planning and Zoning Director, the Recreation Center Acting Director and his office. The funds for the intended purpose would come from Parks Impact Fees and other sources. The Vice-Mayor asked for the blessing of the Commission to go forward with the concept. The City Commission unanimously blessed the initiative.
- G) **REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER RE: 2016 WEST MIAMI ART AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL.** The City Manager reported on the preparations for the festival. The City is looking for sponsors for the upcoming event. The sponsor's names and logos will be included in the flyer.

12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Vice-Mayor Blanes spoke about Marco Rubio's candidacy for President.



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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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

**ANNERY GONZALEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK**