



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
PRELIMINARY BUDGET SUBMITTAL 2019-2020**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH, 2019
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.** State Representative Javier E. Fernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The City Commission for the City of West Miami met in regular session on Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 beginning at 7:35 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers, 901 S.W. 62nd AVE, West Miami, FL 33144.
Present were: Mayor Rhonda A. Rodriguez Vice-Mayor Luciano L. Suarez, Commissioner Candida Blanca, Commissioner Juan M. Blanes and Commissioner Eric Diaz-Padron.
Also in attendance were: City Manager Yolanda Aguilar and City Attorney Jose A. Villalobos and City Clerk Annery Gonzalez.
4. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR JUNE 19TH, 2019 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.** Commissioner Blanca motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Suarez. All voted in favor.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor requested taking Items 11 E) and D) out of order.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.
6. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER.** The City Manager presented a verbal report in regards to the Potable Water System and a Miami- Dade County mitigation program, intended to provide assistance after a storm.
7. **REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** The City Attorney asked to be excused for a few minutes. The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to continue with the Agenda and hear from the City Attorney upon his return.
No report was submitted.
8. **REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** The City Engineer reported on the Drainage Project, which will be going to bid soon. Also the City Engineer provided a status report of the Citywide Traffic Study.



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9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** The Mayor reported that in keeping with the procedural agreement she asked for support of a Resolution renaming a portion of SW 58th AVE between SW 8th ST and 9th ST after Ortelio Cardenas, known as "El Mago de las Fritas", which in September of this year will celebrate the 35th Anniversary since established. The City Attorney stated he will research the matter. All were in agreement.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Item 7 (Report of the City Attorney) was heard.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A) **FOLLOW-UP FEMA - HURRICANE IRMA REIMBURSEMENT (OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER).** The City Manager reported FEMA has reimbursed the City for the damages from Hurricane Irma. Following the stipulated procedure the City will comply with the deadline to pay off the loan with City National Bank.

11. **NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A) **SECOND READING; PUBLIC HEARING; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTIONS 5.5, 5.6 AND 5.7, ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 5, OF THE WEST MIAMI CODE, PROVIDING FOR INCREASES IN CITY PERMITS FEES AND PROVIDING FOR SERVICE CHARGE FEE FOR STARTING WORK WITHOUT PERMIT AND PROVIDING FOR BOND REQUIREMENTS PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR A 08/01/2019 EFFECTIVE DATE.** The City Clerk informed this Public Hearing had been advertised on a newspaper of general circulation following statutory requirements. The Director of Planning and Zoning presented the highlights of the proposed legislation. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments in favor or against, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing. A discussion ensued in regards to the fees. Vice-Mayor Suarez motioned for amending the proposed fees from \$ 20.00 to \$ 40.00 and from \$ 100.00 to \$ 130.00. Seconded by Commissioner Blanca. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Blanca, Vice-Mayor Suarez and Mayor Rodriguez voted yes, Commissioners Blanes and Diaz-Padron voted no. This item passed by 3/2 voice vote.



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B) PUBLIC HEARING:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 14XX S.W. 66TH AVENUE
WEST MIAMI, FL 33144

TENTATIVE PLAT INDEX NUMBER 2019-0001

APPLICANT: ELITE HOMES 14XX CORPORATION

APPLICANT REQUESTS A TENTATIVE PLAT FOR PLAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPERTY AT 14XX SW 66 AVENUE, WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA 33144. THE PROPERTY IS ZONED FOR R2 DUPLEX AND THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING TO DIVIDE THE LOT INTO TWO PARCELS TO DEVELOP THE PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO (2) NEW TWO-FAMILY TWO STORY DUPLEX. PARCEL IS ZONED FOR "R2"DUPLEX. APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO DEDICATE LANDS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY AND MEET CONCURRENCY WITH ALL UTILITIES AND ROADWAY. CITY OF WEST MIAMI CODE SECTION 12 AND ZONING ORDINANCE 282 SECTION 2B.1. The Director of Planning and Zoning presented the highlights of the project and recommended some amendments to the proposed Resolution. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments in favor or against, the Public Hearing was closed.

Simon Ferro, Esq. from Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena and Ferri, LLC. 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd, PH 1235, Coral Gables, FL 33134 spoke on behalf of the applicant. A discussion ensued in regards to the project and the procedure to follow once the Plat application is approved.

- C) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, GRANTING A "TENTATIVE PLAT" FOR ELITE HOMES 14 XX CORPORATION FOR THE PROPERTY AT 14XX SW 66 AVENUE ALSO KNOWN AS FOLIO NUMBER 15-4012-041-0161 ALLOWING TWO (2) LOTS WHERE ONE EXISTS, BOTH LOTS TO BE FIFTY-THREE (53') FEET BY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN (117') FEET EACH HAVING 6,225 SQUARE FEET, REQUIRING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SW 66 AVENUE BETWEEN SW 14 STREET AND SW 15 STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AND IN LIEU OF THEREOF, REQUIRING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS, DEDICATIONS AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Upon motion by Vice-Mayor Suarez, second by Commissioner Blanca and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was approved and entered into the record.**



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- D) **PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE JAVIER E. FERNANDEZ, FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 114.** Representative Fernandez presented a report of the highlights of the past legislative session emphasizing on the issues affecting our City.

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

- E) **PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION LETTER TO OFFICERS HADRIAN RODRIGUEZ AND VICTOR RODRIGUEZ FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING POLICE WORK. (MAYOR RODRIGUEZ / COMMISSIONER BLANCA - CHAIR WMPD COMMITTEE).** The Chief of Police provided details of the case leading to the arrest of individuals in connection to credit card fraud at one of the local gas stations. A video was played. Commissioner Blanca, as West Miami Police Department Committee Chair and the West Miami City Commission presented commendation letters to Officers Hadrian Rodriguez and Victor Rodriguez together with fellow officers, staff and the public.
- F) **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A TWO YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AND DR. LOURDES MARTINEZ, M.S.R.D.L.D. REGISTERED INDEPENDENT DIETICIAN TO THE WEST MIAMI COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR A TWO YEAR CONTRACT COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AT A RATE OF \$66.95 PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST YEAR AND \$ 68.95 PER HOUR THE SECOND YEAR, SAID FUNDS TO BE BUDGETED IN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI COMMUNITY CENTER BUDGET FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE CONDITION THAT HER SERVICE TO THE CENTER KEEPS WITH THE MANDATES OF THE ALLIANCE FOR AGING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** The City Manager recommended approval. Vice-Mayor Suarez motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. All voted in favor.



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- G) **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO OBTAIN GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN; NAMING YOLANDA AGUILAR, CITY MANAGER AS THE CHAIR OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE TO APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** The City Manager yielded to the City Attorney, who provided details of the RFQ (Request for Qualifications). The City Attorney recommended holding a Pre-Proposal Conference. A discussion ensued regarding the compensation and the term. The City Manager recommended a 2 year contract with the option to renew for another 2 years. Vice-Mayor Suarez made a friendly amendment to contract for 1 year, to which the City Attorney recommended, as reflected on the RFQ, a contract for 1 year with the option to renew for 3 additional terms of 1 year at the will of the Commission. Commissioner Blanca motioned in favor of the Vice-Mayor and Attorney's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Suarez. All voted in favor.
- H) **DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PREFERENTIAL VETERAN PARKING SPACE IN ALL CITY PROPERTIES FOR ALL BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY (COMMISSIONER DIAZ-PADRON).** Commissioner Diaz-Padron spoke in support of the item and presented a conceptual sign. There was a brief discussion in regards to enforcement. Mr. Diaz-Padron explained this is based on an honor code, something symbolic. Mayor Rodriguez offered her parking space in front of City Hall to be used for Veteran's Parking. The City Manager also offered the parking space designated for the City Manager for the same purpose. Commissioner Diaz-Padron recommended hearing a follow-up report within 45 days of the effective date of this Resolution stating the cost and means of implementing a designated parking program for veterans at facilities owned and operated by the City of West Miami.
- I) **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY AVAILABLE PARKING SPACES FOR USE AS VETERANS ONLY PREFERENTIAL PARKING; ENCOURAGING OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS TO CREATE PREFERENTIAL PARKING SPACES FOR VETERANS PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. (COMMISSIONER DIAZ-PADRON).** Vice-Mayor Suarez motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. All voted in favor.



- J) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS BEFORE THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR 9/30/2019 AS PRESCRIBED BY CHARTER SECTION 5-10 TITLED; TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS.** Upon motion by Vice-Mayor Suarez, second by Commissioner Blanca and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor called for a break at 9:25 P.M. The meeting was called back to order by the Mayor at 9:35 P.M.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY 2019-2020 SUBMITTAL

- K) **SUBMISSION OF THE PRELIMINARY CITY BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.**
Presented by City Manager.
- L) **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE 2019 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES UPON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED IN THE 2019-2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET.** Commissioner Blanca motioned to approve the Resolution as presented, seconded by Vice-Mayor Suarez. All voted in favor.
- M) **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE 2019-2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET.** Vice-Mayor Suarez made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Blanca seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- N) **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI FLORIDA ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020 IN THE SUM OF ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$ 1,838,180.00).** Vice-Mayor Suarez made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Blanca seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
12. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
13. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Mayor Rodriguez thanked her colleagues of the City Commission for giving the budget the time and respect by meeting with the City Manager for the benefit of the public.



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ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:08 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annery Gonzalez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

ANNERY GONZALEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK