



CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH, 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 Chief Nelson Andreu led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:35 P.M. Present were Mayor Eduardo H. Muña, Vice-Mayor Juan M. Blanes, Commissioner Candida Blanca and Commissioner Rhonda A. Rodriguez. Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez arrived at 7:35 P.M.
4. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR MARCH 2ND, 2016 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.** Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. All voted in favor.
5. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER.** The City Manager submitted a verbal and written report, which included the following:
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Tallahassee, Florida - Funding Announcement
 - Ground Breaking Ceremony Public Works Building Phase I
 - Miami-Dade County Fire Department

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor requested taking Item 11 C) out of order.

6. **REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** No report submitted.
7. **REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** No report submitted.
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Report of the Mayor: The Mayor reported he has instructed the Administration to write a letter to Senator Marco Rubio thanking him for putting the City of West Miami in the map and for being an example of how great this country is; Marco Rubio was raised in this community and had the opportunity to run for president.

Vice-Mayor Blanes also expressed he wanted to thank Senator Rubio for doing what he did, run for the presidency of the United States of America. What Senator Rubio accomplished in so little time is monumental. In closing, Vice-Mayor Blanes also thanked Senator Rubio's wife and children for supporting him.



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

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:**

A) **PUBLIC HEARING:** The Applicant VKD, Inc. / Café de Arte Corporation requests a "Special Use Permit" for the property located at 6246 S.W. 8th Street, West Miami, FL 33144 to allow a Cafeteria/ Restaurant use in a commercial building, provide for storage and administrative offices. The Director of Planning and Zoning Director presented the highlights of the application and recommended approval with the terms and conditions set by the Planning and Zoning Board. Luis Varona, 16504 SW 59th TERR, Miami, FL 33195, the applicant, provided requested details about the operation of the restaurant/cafeteria. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and the following person spoke:

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

There being no further comments from the public the Public Hearing was closed by the Mayor.

A brief discussion led to Item 11 B).

B) **Resolution of the Mayor and the City Commission of the City of West Miami approving Special Use Permit Number 2016-001 at 6246 S.W. 8th Street, West Miami, FL 33144 to allow a cafeteria/restaurant use in a commercial building, provide for storage and administrative offices and in lieu of thereof requiring certain terms and conditions as required by Zoning Ordinance 282 Section 4.31.** Vice-Mayor Blanes motioned to approve the Resolution with the terms and conditions recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez. The application was approved by a 5-0 unanimous voice vote.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to proceed with the original order of the Agenda. (Item 6)

C) **Request for mitigation of liens for code violations at the property located 6080 S.W. 12th Street, West Miami, and owner Bronwyn Chovel, LLC.** The Chief Code Enforcement provided details of the case and recommended mitigation. The City Attorney recommended mitigation of liens.

Francis Suarez, Attorney at law, Alvarez Barbara LLP, 1750 Coral Way, 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33145 spoke on behalf of the owner and requested mitigations of the liens for code violations. The Administration recommended a settlement amount of \$10,000.00, taking into consideration that a payment of \$1,500.00 had been made by previous owners of the property.



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- D) 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 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from Bronwyn Chovel LLC on Code Enforcement liens for code violations at the property located at 6080 SW 12th Street, West Miami, FL; providing that if payment in full is not paid in thirty days (30 days) then the amount owed shall revert to the original amount; providing for effective date. Upon motion by Commissioner Suarez, second by Vice-Mayor Blanes and unanimous 5-0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

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

- E) Request to close City Hall on March 25th, 2016, as customary, in observance of Good Friday. All were in favor of closing City Hall on Good Friday.
- F) Report by the Office of the City Manager RE: Forestry Grant and request for Resolution authorizing the City of West Miami to apply for a \$20,000.00 Grant that includes a 50% match from the City. The City Manager reported the City of West Miami desired to apply for the above mentioned grant and recommended approval.
- G) Resolution of the Mayor and the City Commission of the City of West Miami authorizing the Office of the City Manager apply for a Tree Planting Grant with the State of Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service, providing for a local match in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Park Impact Fees, providing for the planting of trees in our City's Gateways and Public Parks, providing for effective date. Upon motion by Commissioner Blanca, second by Commissioner Suarez and unanimous 5-0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER.**

Vice-Mayor Blanes congratulated Mayor Muñiña, Commissioner Blanca and Commissioner Suarez for being re-elected with no opposition.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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

ANNERY GONZALEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK