



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
HYBRID MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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.** Mayor Rhonda A. Rodriguez gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Lieutenant David Valencia led Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The City Commission for the City of West Miami met in regular hybrid session on Wednesday, March 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, Commissioner Candida Blanca and Commissioner Juan M. Blanes.  
Present through Zoom was: Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez.  
Vice-Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron was excused.  
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 MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2021 REGULAR COMMISSION HYBRID MEETING.** Commissioner Blanca motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. All voted in favor by a 4/0 voice vote.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Elliot Asbel, Corporate Citizen, 15345 SW 77<sup>th</sup> CT, Palmetto Bay, FL.
6. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER.** The City Manager submitted a verbal report, which included the following:
  - Memorandum issued by the office of the City Manager issued Friday of last week in regards to the removal of stop signs at traffic circles (as required by Miami-Dade County) and placement of yield signs
  - Easter Drive-By Event's flyers are being delivered
  - Donations to the Easter event. The Mayor requested the City Manager to issue thank you letters to the sponsors of said event



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7. **REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** The City Attorney submitted a verbal report in regards to the efforts by the City for reimbursement for damages to sewer main at SW 62<sup>nd</sup> AVE and 10<sup>th</sup> TERR.
8. **REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** The City Engineer reported on the progress of the Water Main Improvements Project Phase 1. A discussion ensued in regards to the restoration process.
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** No reports.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - A) **Report by the Office of the City Manager Re: Sanitation Reserves as requested by Mayor Rodriguez at the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Commission Meeting.** The City Manager requested deferral of this item until the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting, where a complete report will be presented.
  - B) **Report by the Director of Public Works on the cost(s) for the garbage containers.** The Director of Public Works reported the highlights of the proposed garbage container program. Commissioner Suarez addressed his concerns in regards to the aforementioned system. Commissioner Blanes expressed his opinion on the issue and inquired about the current system used by the City. A discussion ensued in regards to the pros and cons of the program. In closing the Mayor instructed the City Manager and Clerk to bring this item back at the next meeting as a report and voting item. Also, the Mayor requested to be provided with more information so the Commission can make an informed decision on the item.
11. **NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:**
  - A) **Presentation by Resorcity. (Tony Newell, CEO).** The City Clerk informed Mr. Newell had requested to defer this item until the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting. All were in agreement.
  - B) **Presentation/Recommendation of Financing Agreement for the new garbage truck.** The City Manager informed that on that morning her office had received a proposal from City National Bank for the financing of the new garbage truck with 8 and 10 years options, also the Director of Public Works sought out a proposal from one of the financing agencies that works with the company that manufactures garbage trucks (BMO) and their rate of interest was slightly different. Further, the City Manager recommended the 10-year financing with specific instructions from the office of the City Manager to come up with a budget plan for the repayment of the garbage truck. There was a discussion in regards to the financing options and deadlines.



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**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** Commissioner Suarez left his chair at 8:26 pm.

After a discussion all present agreed to bring this item back at the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting or sooner for consideration of other proposals.

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** Commissioner Suarez re-joined the meeting at 8:28 pm.

- C) RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH \_\_\_\_\_, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A GARBAGE TRUCK DESCRIBED AS A 2021 INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CHASSIS AND A 32 CU YD HEIL REFUSE REAR LOADER BODY FROM RECHTIEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,891.00 AT A RATE OF \_\_\_\_\_%, FOR A PERIOD OF \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS, AS APPROVED BY RESOLUTION # 2021-09, APPROVED BY 5/0 VOTE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION AT THE MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2021 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING TO BE FUNDED BY THE CITY'S SANITATION ENTERPRISE FUND RESERVES FOR YEAR ONE OF THE AGREEMENT, INSTRUCTING THE CITY MANAGER TO INCLUDE THE FINANCING OF THE TRUCK AS A DEBT SERVICE EVERY YEAR AS PART OF THE CITY'S SANITATION ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL OUTLAY ACCOUNT #600, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Item deferred until the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting or sooner if necessary, for consideration of other proposals.
- D) RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS A RESULT OF THE FAILURE OF THE OPERATIONS FACILITIES OF THE CITY HALL ELEVATOR THAT SERVES THE SECOND STORY THAT SERVES AS ACCESS TO COMMISSION CHAMBERS; FURTHER, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT MANDATES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM THYSSEN KRUPP ELEVATORS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$46,145.86 FROM FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF THE HYDRAULIC OIL LINES FOR THE ELEVATOR AND THE SEALING OF THE ELEVATOR PIT AND CONTROL ROOM, SAID FUNDS TO COME FROM GENERAL FUNDS RESERVE ACCOUNT, PROVIDING FOR AN EMERGENCY TIMELINE FOR REPAIRS, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** The City Manager provided the highlights of the item. The Director of Public Works presented a detailed explanation of the current situation of the elevator pursuant to the backup documentation. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Suarez motioned to move the item forward. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. All voted in favor by a 4/0 voice vote.
- E) Nomination by Department Directors for Employees of the Year for 2020. (Office of the City Manager).** The City Manager requested to postpone this item until the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting. All were in favor.



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**F) Nomination of the 2020's Mayor's Award for Excellence. (Mayor Rodriguez).** This item was deferred until the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting at the request of the Mayor.

**G) Discussion/Recommendation of use of City purchased Publix gift cards (not submitted to CARES for reimbursement).** The City Manager reported her office had been in contact with Hagerty Consulting in regards to remaining moneys in the amount of \$ 6,900.00 not submitted to CARES for reimbursement. Further, the City Manager recommended issuing cards for those employees that have been affected by Covid-19. The Mayor requested bringing this item back at a later date.

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

**13. GOOD OF THE ORDER.** The Mayor inquired to the City Attorney and City Clerk about the possibility of including the Approval of Minutes as part of the Consent Agenda. The inquiry was left pending to be considered at a later time.

Commissioner Blanes expressed that at the last Commission meeting when a recognition was approved for Recreation Center Director John Michael Lopez and the staff, for their contributions on the designation of the Recreation Center as one of the three top rated parks in Miami-Dade County, he failed to mention District Six Commissioner Rebeca Sosa for her help and efforts in obtaining the funds for the building. In closing Commissioner Blanes thanked Commissioner Sosa for being part of today's success.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:52 PM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

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

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**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED:** *4/7/2021 Regular Commission Meeting*