



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
HYBRID MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2020
10:00 AM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
901 S.W. 62ND 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 Clerk Annery Gonzalez gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner Juan M. Blanes led Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The City Commission for the City of West Miami met in regular hybrid session on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 beginning at 10:14 AM in the City of West Miami Commission Chambers, 901 S.W. 62nd 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 were: Vice-Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron 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 OCTOBER 30TH, 2020 SPECIAL COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING.** Commissioner Juan Blanes motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote.
PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR NOVEMBER 4TH, 2020 REGULAR COMMISSION HYBRID MEETING. Commissioner Juan Blanes motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. 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:
 - Thanksgiving 2020
 - Donation of turkeys
 - Opening of playgrounds
 - Publix gift card program



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- Passport expansion project
- Covid-19 Expenses

7. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY. No report submitted.

8. REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER. The City Engineer reported on the Potable Water Main Project, which is set to commence next week. Residents around the area will be notified.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the Mayor. No report submitted.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A) Follow-Up Discussion Re: Community Center Activities. The City Manager reported activities at the Center will be phased in pending Governor's orders.

11. NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:

A) Public Hearing:

Property Address: 1500 SW 63rd AVE West Miami, FL 33144

SUPPD # 2020-005

Property Owner: 3 C's Development LLC/Caito Alexander Coloma 1500 S.W. 63rd Avenue, West Miami, Florida 33155

Applicant requests a Special Use Permit for the renovation of the property located at 1500 SW 63 Avenue, West Miami, Florida, providing for a two-story construction of a single-family home. Property zoned Residential Single family. Special Use Permit Index Number 2020-005. Zoning Ordinance 282 Sec.2B.1, Section 4.17. The Director of Planning and Zoning provided the highlights of the project. This application was heard before the Planning and Zoning Board on October 27th, 2020. The Planning and Zoning Board made a favorable recommendation to the City Commission. This Public Hearing was advertised on newspaper of general circulation. Juan Jose Leon, Architect for the Project, 104031 Leaning Pine Dr. Miami Lakes, FL provided details of the project. Samuel B. Reiner II, Esq. Attorney representing the applicant, 9100 S. Dadeland Boulevard, Miami, FL spoke in support of the project and requested approval. Maria Coloma, co-owner, 6326 SW 14th ST, West Miami, FL spoke in support of the item and requested approval. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. Maria Diaz, 6246 SW 15th ST, West Miami, FL, provided comments through the Zoom chat. There being no comments in favor or against, the Public Hearing was closed. A brief discussion led to item 11 B).



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B) RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL/DENIAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT # 2020-005 BY 3 C'S DEVELOPMENT LLC/CAITO ALEXANDER COLOMA AT 1500 SW 63 AVENUE, WEST MIAMI, FL 33144; SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED FOR R-1 SINGLE FAMILY; LISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARCEL TO ALLOW A TWO-STORY HOUSE IN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI; REQUIRING COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL LAND AND IN LIEU THEREOF, REQUIRING CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS PURSUANT TO ZONING ORDINANCE 282 SECTION 2B,4.1 AND SECTION 4.17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Upon motion by Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron, second by Commissioner Blanes and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was approved and entered into the record.

C) Public Hearing:

Property Address: 6240 SW 8th ST West Miami, FL 33144

SUP # 2020-006

Property Owner: Earnest Tattoo & Supplier Corp, 6240 S.W. 8th Street, West Miami, Florida 33144

Applicant requests a Special Use Permit for a Commercial Use as a tattoo shop and supplier, to provide tattoo's and supplies for same during regular business hours. Special Use Permit Index Number 2020-006 (Section 4.31, Zoning Ordinance 282). The Director of Planning and Zoning provided the highlights of the project. This application was heard before the Planning and Zoning Board on October 27th, 2020. The Planning and Zoning Board made a favorable recommendation to the City Commission with certain conditions. This Public Hearing was advertised on newspaper of general circulation. Simon Ferro, Attorney representing the applicant, 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Coral Gables, FL, spoke in support of the item and requested approval. A discussion ensued in regards to the conditions set by the Planning and Zoning Board. Ernesto Napoles, the applicant, spoke in support of the item and answered questions.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor called for a break at 10:59 AM. The meeting was called back to order by the Mayor at 11:03 AM. All were present.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. Javier Betancourt, Owner of Ocho Placas Tattoo, a business of the same nature located in the same building, participated through Zoom Video. There being no comments in favor or against, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

After a lengthy discussion Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron recommended to approve the application, providing that language related to Covid-19 restrictions be removed.



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- D) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL/DENIAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT 2020-006 FOR EARNEST TATTOO AND SUPPLIER CORPORATION 6240 SW 8 STREET, WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA 33144; LISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING BUILDING IN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI; REQUIRING COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL LAND AND IN LIEU THEREOF, REQUIRING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS, DEDICATIONS AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS PURSUANT TO ZONING ORDINANCE 282 AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM ANY OTHER REGULATORY AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The City Attorney recommended removing language from the Resolution as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL/DENIAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT 2020-006 FOR EARNEST TATTOO AND SUPPLIER CORPORATION 6240 SW 8 STREET, WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA 33144; LISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT THEREOF, AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS PURSUANT TO ZONING ORDINANCE 282 AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM ANY OTHER REGULATORY AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron motioned to approve the Resolution with amendments for removal of language in regards to maintaining the parking lot and to terminate the Covid-19 related conditions once the Emergency Order by the Governor is no longer in effect. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. The vote was as follows: Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron, Commissioner Blanca, Commissioner Blanes and Commissioner Suarez voted yes. Mayor Rodriguez voted no. This item passed by a 4/1 voice vote.

- E) **Recommendation by the Office of the City Manager/Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement with FREEBEE for a period of one-year (1) with one (1) option to extend the term for an additional period of two (2) years.** The Director of Public Works informed the ninety (90) day trial period with Freebee expired yesterday. Further the Director of Public Works recommended to continue the on-demand door to door service with Freebee to provide transportation to the residents of the City. The City Manager recommended advertising the services of Freebee and recommended approval. Jason Spiegel, co-founder and managing partner at Freebee spoke in support of the item. There was a discussion in regards to Saturday ridership and possibility of Sunday ridership.



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- F) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FREEBEE TO PROVIDE ON-DEMAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR ONE (1) YEAR WITH TWO (2) ONE YEAR OPTIONS, AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000 FOR THE BALANCE OF THE 2020-2021 AND THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEARS, SAID FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED OUT OF THE SURTAX ENTERPRISE FUNDS DEDICATED FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNDER THE CITY'S 5 YEAR PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN, PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Commissioner Blanca, second by Commissioner Suarez and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, this item was approved.
- G) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A LUMP SUM AMOUNT OF THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$39,000.00) FOR THE DESIGN PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING INSPECTION IN ATTACHED EXHIBIT A WITH T.Y. LIN INTERNATIONAL FOR THE DRAINAGE AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON SW 66TH AVE BETWEEN SW 15TH ST AND SW 14TH ST; TO BE FUNDED BY SURTAX FUNDS, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** The City Engineer provided details of the project. The Director of Public Works also provided information and spoke in support of the item. After a brief discussion the Mayor recommended to defer this item until such time when all costs involved are presented, to include the design phase and actual construction of the project. All voted in favor of the Mayor's recommendation.
- H) Request by Commissioner Blanca to plant a tree honoring the life and community service of Ines Suarez to the City of West Miami, to be planted at Cooper Park with a plaque.** The City Manager read the request written by Commissioner Blanca to plant a tree at Cooper Park. Ines Suarez , the wife of Commissioner Luciano Suarez, passed away nearly a month ago. Ines was very active in the City and in the community. She was a member of the Code Enforcement Board for years, she worked and participated in the in the 50th Anniversary Committee and for many years she brought joy during the holidays and played the role of "Mrs. Claus". Her contagious smile and blue eyes captivated everyone whom she came in contact with. In closing Commissioner Blanca proposed to plant a tree with flowers honoring Ines Suarez' life with a plaque to read:
- In loving Memory
INES SUAREZ
"Mrs. Claus"
1944 – 2020
- Commissioner Blanes motioned in favor of Commissioner Blanca's proposal. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron. All voted in favor. The tree planting date: To be determined.



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12. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. Commissioner Diaz-Padron motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote.

A) RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND ALL FIRST RESPONDER AGENCIES OPERATING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR DIRECT RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN 911 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS AND FIRST RESPONDER AGENCIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. Item approved.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER. The City Manager brought for consideration or blessing the possibility or replacing the olive trees in the City through a grant opportunity. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 12:45 AM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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

**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED: *12/16/2020 Regular Commission Meeting*