



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2016
7:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
901 S.W. 62ND AVENUE
WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA**

1. **INVOCATION.** Police Chief Nelson Andreu gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Police Chief Nelson Andreu led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. Present were Mayor Eduardo H. Muhiña, Vice-Mayor Candida Blanca, Commissioner Juan M. Blanes, Commissioner Rhonda A. Rodriguez and Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez.
4. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR OCTOBER 19TH, 2016 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.** Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Blanca. All voted in favor.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The City Attorney requested taking items 11 A) and 11 B) out of order. All were in favor

5. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER.** The City Manager submitted a verbal report, which included the following:
 - Thanksgiving celebration at the West Miami Community Center – November 16th, 2016.
6. **REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** The City Attorney reported his office was in receipt of appeals in connection with red light cameras showing the City of West Miami as Plaintiff. The City Attorney further recommended filing a Motion for Clarification in connection with such cases. The City Manager recommended setting a cap of \$1,500.00 to cover legal expenses and reporting at the November 16th, 2016 Commission meeting. All were in favor.
7. **REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** No report submitted.
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** The Mayor reported about the 70th Anniversary Committee meeting that had taken place earlier on that day. Further the Mayor informed that due to pressing matter he is stepping down from the 70th Anniversary Committee, therefore, he was passing the gavel to Commissioner Rodriguez. All were in favor. Commissioner Rodriguez stated it will be a pleasure to serve the committee on behalf of the Mayor.
9. **CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS.** The following person spoke:
 - Elliot Asbel, 15345 SW 77th CT, Palmetto Bay, FL
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.



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11. NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:

- A) **REQUEST FOR MITIGATION OF LIEN FOR CODE VIOLATIONS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6540 SW 16 STREET, WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY JOSE MACHADO.** Juan Pena, Chief Code Enforcement provided details of the case. Jose Machado, Attorney, 8500 SW 8th Street, Suite 238, Miami, FL 33144 requested mitigation on behalf of the property owner West Miami Holdings, LLC. The City Manager recommended a mitigation amount of \$1,500.00. Commissioner Suarez further recommended to mitigate for the amount of \$1,000.00. A brief discussion led to Item 11 B).
- B) **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 ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) FROM WEST MIAMI HOLDINGS, LLC. ON CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN FOR CODE VIOLATION AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6540 SW 16 STREET, WEST MIAMI, FL; PROVIDING THAT IF PAYMENT IN FULL IS NOT PAID BY DECEMBER 2ND, 2016 THEN THE AMOUNT OWED SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to mitigate the fine for Code violation for the amount of One thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) and to remove the cages from the premises. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. The vote was as follows: Mayor Muñiña, Vice-Mayor Blanca, Commissioner Blanes and Commissioner Rodriguez voted yes and Commissioner Suarez voted no. By 4-1 voice vote this Resolution was adopted.

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

- C) **STATUS REPORT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.** The City Manager reported that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has completed the review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments for the City of West Miami and identified no comment related to important state resources and facilities within the Department's authorized scope of review. The first Public Hearing for the adoption of the proposed changes will take place at the meeting of December 7th, 2016.
- D) **SUBMITTAL OF THE FIVE YEAR CITY OF WEST MIAMI TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT PLAN PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS BY THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI FOR THE USE OF THE ½ CENT TAX ADMINISTERED BY THE CITT.** Juan Pena, Director of Public Works presented the highlights of the City of West Miami Five Year Transportation and Transit Plan and recommended approval.



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- E) **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSMIT THE 5 YEAR TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT PLAN TO MIAMI DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI FOR THE USE OF SAID FUNDS, PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Commissioner Suarez, second by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimous 5-0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.
- F) **REQUEST BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR PERMISSION TO CLOSE CITY HALL FOR NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 23RD, 2016 AND ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, 2016 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 2016 HOLIDAYS.** The City Manager requested to close City Hall on the above mentioned days. Commissioner Suarez motioned in favor of the Manager's request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. All voted in favor.
- G) **REQUEST BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER TO CANCEL THE SECOND REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER, AS CUSTOMARY FOR THE HOLIDAYS.** The City Manager requested to cancel the meeting of December 21st, 2015 as customary for the holidays. Commissioner Suarez motioned in favor of the Manager's request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. All voted in favor.
12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER.** Commissioner Blanes commented he had the opportunity to serve as judge for the costume contest at the Recreation Center on Halloween Day. Commissioner Blanes commended Recreation Center employee Irasema Ramos for going above and beyond her duties to accommodate the needs of a challenged child attending the afterschool program. Also the City Manager praised Mrs. Ramos for the job very well done. Commissioner Rodriguez commended the Police Department for the great job during Pumpkin Patrol on Halloween Night.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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

ANNERY GONZALEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK