



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
HYBRID MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2020
10:00 AM
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.

The Vice-Mayor pointed out an issue with the participation by the public in chambers. The Mayor called for a break at 10:03 AM. The issue was corrected and the meeting resumed at 10:11 AM.

1. **INVOCATION.** Juan Pena, Director of Public Works gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner 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 4th, 2020 beginning at 10:11 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 Vice-Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron.
Present through Zoom was: Commissioner Juan M. Blanes.
Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez 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 OCTOBER 21ST, 2020 REGULAR COMMISSION VIRTUAL 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.** No comments from the public.
6. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER.** The City Manager submitted a written and verbal report, which included the following:
 - Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving
 - Potable Water Groundbreaking Ceremony
 - Countywide Curfew
 - Air Conditioners
 - After School Care
 - Cares Act
 - SW 67th AVE Incident and Agenda Item
 - Holiday Decorations
 - Community Center
 - Tropical Storm Eta



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7. **REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** The City Attorney reported the Banyan Healthcare vs. City of West Miami appeal scheduled for November 12th, 2020 may be extended.
8. **REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** Reported about the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Water Main Potable Water Phase 1 Project.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the Mayor: The Mayor reported the Halloween event was a huge success thanks to the staff's hard work and dedication. Commissioner Blanes also thanked all those who made possible such a great event.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A) **Status and Discussion/Recommendation on opening of playgrounds in City properties.**
The City Manager recommended opening the City's playgrounds, with one daily cleaning. After a brief discussion all were in favor of opening the playground areas at City Parks.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor thanked the Police Department for contributing in making the event a safe and memorable one.

11. NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:

- A) **Request for Mitigation of lien for code violation at the property located at 6460 SW 8th ST, West Miami, FL 33144 and owner Abreu III, LLC.** The Mayor disclosed her car had been hit while parked in front of the Police Department during Early Voting and since it was taken for repairs to Mr. Abreu's body shop, she considered she was not going to be able to participate on this item. The City Attorney clarified there was no conflict. Guillermo Cuadra, Attorney, 8200 NW 44th St, Doral, FL spoke on behalf of Abreu III, LLC and requested mitigation of the lien. The violation in question had been corrected. The Chief Code Enforcement provided the highlights of the case and recommended mitigating the lien for the violation for the amount of five hundred dollars (\$ 500.00) to be paid in thirty days (30).
- 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 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$ 500.00) FROM ABREU III, LLC. ON CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN, CASE NO. 1202002 FOR CODE VIOLATION AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6460 SW 8TH STREET, WEST MIAMI, FL; PROVIDING THAT IF PAYMENT IN FULL IS NOT PAID BY IN THIRTY DAYS (30) THEN THE AMOUNT OWED SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL LIEN AMOUNT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Commissioner Blanca, second by Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron and unanimous 4/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was approved and entered into the record.



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- C) Report by the Office of the City Manager and Chief of Police Re: 67th Avenue recent incident.** At the Report of the City Manager this incident was presented. Two weeks ago, the City of West Miami responded to a police involved shooting on SW 67th AVE. The City has reached out to the management companies and a report will be provided at a later date. The Chief of Police presented a Case Analysis Report for the apartment buildings located at 2001 SW 67th AVE, 2101 SW 67th AVE, 2201 SW 67th AVE, 950 SW 57th AVE, 6290 SW 8th ST and 6340 SW 8th ST. Said report contained the total number of calls from January 1st, 2020 to October 21st, 2020. Further, the Chief of Police reported about a plan, which will be called "The Ludlam Detail", intended to address police coverage and visibility in the area in question. The Vice-Mayor addressed certain concerns in regards to the police presence in connection to the detail in question. In closing, the Chief addressed the issue of attrition at the Police Department and presented the solutions. After a brief discussion all were in favor to allow the Chief of Police to proceed with the aforementioned detail and plan of action.
- D) Report by the Office of the City Clerk Re: Records Management.** The City Clerk reported at the Commission meeting of October 21st, 2020 during the Report of the City Manager in reference to the office reconfiguration a discussion ensued in regards to records and particularly the need for storage. The City Clerk provided the highlights of records management and explained a more comprehensive management program would involve the use of funds and technology. The Vice-Mayor expressed the City should take a more proactive approach in terms of records management. Commissioner Blanes concurred with the Vice-Mayor's point of view on the issue of records. The City Manager spoke in support also of establishing a more active system to manage the City's records. After a brief discussion all were in agreement to support the City Manager and the Clerk in order to achieve the intended purpose.

12. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. None.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER. None.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:49 AM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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

**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED: *11/18 /2020 Regular Commission Meeting*