



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING
FINAL BUDGET HEARINGS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2020
5:01 PM
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING
<https://zoom.us/j/3255236059>**

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The City Clerk read the instructions to participate in the virtual Commission Meeting.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner Juan M. Blanes led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL.** The City Commission for the City of West Miami met in special virtual session on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 beginning at 5:03 P.M. through Zoom Video Conferencing <https://zoom.us/j/3255236059>
Present virtually were: Mayor Rhonda A. Rodriguez, Vice-Mayor Eric Diaz- Padron, Commissioner Candida Blanca and 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.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** No public comments.
4. **SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - A) **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AND THE DADE COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (PBA) PROVIDED THAT IT COMPLIES WITH THE CORONA VIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT) REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Chief of Police provided the highlights of the item and recommended approval. The City Manager provided financial details and recommended approval. Commissioner Blanca motioned in favor of the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. All voted in favor by a 4/0 voice vote.



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- B) SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL CITY BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.** The City Manager informed the Budget Summary Ad and the Notice of Tax Increase were published on Sunday, September 20th, 2020 in compliance with the Truth in Millage requirements. The Millage Rate being 6.8858, with one mill levied for the Playground and Recreation Fund pursuant to Ordinance 133.
- C) PUBLIC HEARING - FINAL BUDGET 2020-2021.** The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments in favor or against, the Public Hearing was closed.
- D) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE 2020 FINAL MILLAGE RATES UPON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED IN THE 2020-2021 FINAL BUDGET.** Upon motion by Commissioner Blanca and second by Commissioner Blanes, the foregoing Resolution was adopted by a 3/1 voice vote as follows: Mayor Rodriguez, Commissioners Blanca and Blanes voted yes and Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron voted no.
- E) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE 2020-2021 FINAL BUDGET.** Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron asked to clarify for the record a decrease in the Police Department's Budget in comparison to last year's, to ensure resources are not being taken away from the Police Department. The City Manager responded it was due to the attrition within the Department, such as the Chief's retirement, salary savings and entry level police officers, that have allowed for the opportunity to save money. Commissioner Blanes motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. All voted in favor by a 4/0 voice vote.
- F) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021 IN THE SUM OF SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$ 799,776.00).** Upon motion by Commissioner Blanca, second by Commissioner Blanes and 4/0 voice vote, the foregoing resolution was adopted and entered into the record.



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5. **GOOD OF THE ORDER.** The Mayor thanked each and every Commissioner for taking the time to meet with the Manager during budget time. The Mayor also thanked the Manager and Finance Director for their professionalism and hard work. The Manager thanked the Commission for their trust. In closing, the Mayor thanked all Department Directors for keeping the City stable and safe during these difficult times.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:24 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Annery Gonzalez", is written over a horizontal line.

**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED: *10/07/2020 Regular Commission Meeting*