

**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2017

7:30 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

901 S.W. 62ND AVENUE

WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA



1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Chief of Police Nelson Andreu led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **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.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The City Manager gave an invocation. Also the City Manager provided a report regarding preparations for hurricane Irma. The Mayor asked if some money can be allocated at this point for Hurricane Irma. The City Manager explained that once the Governor declares a State of Emergency moneys are reimbursed to the governments pursuant to the established guidelines. Further the City Manager expressed it was OK to leave \$10,000.00 allocated to the Hurricane/Disaster account.

3. **CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS.** No presentations.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Following the recommendation of the City Manager Item 4 C) was read and the Mayor opened the Public Hearing and continued same until a time certain that evening. The Mayor requested taking items 4 E) and F) out of order.

4. **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

PUBLIC HEARINGS - TENTATIVE BUDGET

- A) **SUBMISSION OF THE TENTATIVE CITY BUDGETS FOR FY 2017-2018.** The City Manager submitted a written and verbal Tentative Budget Message 2017-2018, which has been made part of the Minutes as an attachment. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments in favor or against the Public Hearing was closed. After the submittal a salary increase for the City Attorney was discussed. The City Manager recommended a 4% salary increase. Commissioner Suarez motioned to approve the salary increase for the City Attorney, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. All voted in favor.

Further Commissioner Rodriguez inquired about the amount of \$ 4,000.00 reflected in the budget for training purposes for Mayor and City Commission. Commissioner Blanes



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motioned to keep such money as part of the budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez and the vote was as follows: Mayor Muhiña, Vice-Mayor Blanca, Commissioner Blanes and Commissioner Suarez voted yes. Commissioner Rodriguez voted no. Item approved by 4/1 vote.

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE 2017 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES UPON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED IN THE 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET.** Upon motion by Commissioner Suarez, second by Vice-Mayor Blanca and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.
- C) PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE CITY BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 ALL CITY FUNDS.** The Public Hearing was opened by the Mayor and continued to a later time after Item 3.
The Public Hearing was re-opened by the Mayor and due to no comments in favor or against the Public Hearing was closed.
- D) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.** Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez. All voted in favor.
- E) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018 IN THE SUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS. (\$876,310.00).** Upon motion by Commissioner Suarez, second by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.
- F) PRESENTATION OF INSURANCE RENEWAL BY THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST AND RECOMMENDATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER RE: RENEWAL OF THE CITY'S MEDICAL, VISION, PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR FY 2017-2018 WITH THE FMIT.** The City Manager presented the renewal numbers. Representing the Florida League of Cities were Clay Austin, Assistant Director, Trust Services who introduced the new Health Account Executive Lindsey Larson. Mr. Austin spoke before the City Commission and provided the details of the renewal for year 2017-2018. The City Manager recommended approval.



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- G) **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY/ALL NECESSARY RENEWAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING THE CITY'S MEDICAL, RX, VISION CARE PROGRAM AS PART OF THE FMIT (FLORIDA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST), PROVIDING FOR BUDGET INCLUSION THAT CONTEMPLATES ANY/ALL EXPECTED COSTS TO FUND THE INSURANCE PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon motion by Commissioners Suarez, second by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor requested to proceed with the regular order of the agenda, with item 4 A).

- H) **REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS "NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH".** This item was sponsored by Mayor Muhiña. The City Manager spoke in support of the item and recommended approval. Commissioner Suarez motioned in favor of the Proclamation. Commissioner Blanes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- I) **REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS "BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH".** This item was sponsored by Mayor Muhiña. The City Manager spoke in support of the item and recommended approval. Commissioner Suarez motioned in favor of the Proclamation. Commissioner Blanes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- I) **OLD BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM: REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER JUAN BLANES TO DISCUSS THE STREET SIGNS AS APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION AT THE 8/16/2017 CITY COMMISSION MEETING.** Commissioner Blanes made a request for funding for the street signs project, for the whole City. After a lengthy discussion all were in favor of funding the project. The City Manager expressed the City should prepare for Hurricane Irma and she would provide a follow-up report at the September 20th, 2017 Commission meeting.



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5. **GOOD OF THE ORDER.** Commissioner Rodriguez thanked Commissioner Suarez for the detailed explanation of the budget item related to funding for conference and training. The Mayor encouraged the citizens to prepare for Hurricane Irma and to be safe. The City Attorney informed the City Manager was in receipt of a letter on behalf of a citizen that could not be discussed at that time, and the request in question was to trim the foliage and limbs of the City trees by the citizen's property due to the impending impact of a storm. The City Attorney recommended proceeding with the request.

ADJORNMENT: There being no further business before the City Commission, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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

ANNERY GONZALEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK