



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2014
7:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
901 S.W. 62ND AVENUE
WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA**

1. **INVOCATION.** City Manager Yolanda Aguilar gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Police Captain Carlos Avila led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:45 P.M. Present were Mayor Eduardo H. Muhiña, Vice-Mayor Juan M. Blanes, Commissioner Rhonda A. Rodriguez, Commissioner Candida Blanca and Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez.

Mayor Muhiña welcomed Miami-Dade District Six Commissioner Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Ana Garcia, City of North Miami Beach City Manager and City of West Miami former Commissioner Pedro Busse.

4. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR NOVEMBER 5TH, 2014 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.** Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez. All voted in favor.
5. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER.** The City Manager submitted a verbal and written report to include the following:
 - Annual Leave
 - 2014 Lighting of the Tree Ceremony
 - State of Florida Department of Health "Healthy Community Champion 2015 Recognition Program"
 - Thanksgiving Holiday

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor requested taking item 10 A) out of order.

6. **REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** The City Attorney reported on updates about red light cameras
7. **REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** No report submitted.
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** No reports.



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9. **CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS.** No presentations.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Item 11 C) was heard.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A) **REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER AND DISCUSSION RE: CITY'S LIFE INSURANCE GROUP POLICY.** Pedro Busse proceeded to introduce Mr. Rees Gherman, Insurance Representative from Mutual of Omaha, who made a detailed presentation of the life insurance benefits offered by his company. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed unanimously to postpone this item until Aaron Carper from the Florida League of Cities submits the proposal issued for the City by Standard Insurance Company.
- B) **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER PERTAINING TO THE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES/CITY OFFICIALS, WAIVING THE RFP PROCESS DUE TO THE EXPOSURE AND UNFUNDED LIABILITY CREATED BY THE FMIT (FLORIDA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST'S) ABILITY TO FIND A CARRIER TO INSURE OUR GROUP WITH OUR REQUESTED COVERAGE AND CONVERSION OPTIONS AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL BY MUTUAL OF OMAHA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF DECEMBER 1ST, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2015; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.** This item was postponed until the Commission meeting of December 3rd, 2014.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: After this item the Mayor instructed the City Clerk to proceed with Item 7.

11. **NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A) **PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION TO CITY ATTORNEY JOSE A. VILLALOBOS IN APPRECIATION OF HIS NOMINATION FOR LEGAL LEGEND AWARD 2015.** The Mayor and the City Commission presented Mr. Villalobos with a recognition in appreciation of his continued success, his professional services, contributions to the practice of law, vision in promoting better government and for 20 years of legal service to the City of West Miami as the Municipal Attorney.
Mr. Villalobos also received a Proclamation presented by Miami-Dade County District Six Commissioner Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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- B) PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION TO CITY MANAGER YOLANDA AGUILAR ON HER TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE AS CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI.** The Mayor and City Commission presented the City Manager with recognition as the longest standing City Manager in Miami-Dade County and for her relentless commitment for the benefit of the City and its residents. Also the City Manager received a "Three Decades of Service Employee Award", presented by the Mayor and City Commission in company of family members, staff and the public.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The Mayor called for a short recess at 8:07 P.M. and called the meeting back to order at 8:30 P.M. hearing item 4.

- C) REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK RE: OFFICIAL RESULTS OF CITY OF WEST MIAMI CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT OF NOVEMBER 4TH, 2014 ELECTIONS.** The City Clerk reported the Official Results of the Elections as follows:

Charter Amendment No. 1

Article III, Section 3.02 - Qualifications to Hold Office and Residency Requirement

Shall Article III, Section 3.02, sentences 1 and 2 be repealed and rewritten to read:

(a) "Any elector who has been a City resident for two (2) years preceding the qualifying date for an election may qualify for candidacy of Mayor or City Commissioner."

(b) "The City Clerk acting as supervisor of elections of the City shall be empowered as the qualifying agent for City elections."?

Shall the above described amendment be approved?

	VOTES
YES	732
NO	639

Charter Amendment No. 2

Article III, Section 3.04 - Compensation and Expenses

Shall Article III, Section 3.04, paragraph 3 be amended to read:

"The Commission may, at a regular called meeting and by a 4/5 affirmative vote, approve expenses for Commission members for travel and/or per diem expenses, which are for the direct benefit and/or direct City business. Expenses for travel and per diem shall be limited as provided by the statutes of the State of Florida."?

Shall the above described amendment be approved?

	VOTES
YES	474
NO	845



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Charter Amendment No. 3
Article III, Section 3.07 - Referendum by Petition

Shall Article III, Section 3.07(5) be repealed and amended to read:

"When a referendum petition to repeal an ordinance is filed with the City Clerk or other official designated by the Commission, the ordinance sought to be reconsidered shall be deemed valid until results from such referendum are certified."

Shall the above described amendment be approved?

	VOTES
YES	641
NO	608

Charter Amendment No. 4
Article III, Section 3.08 - Mayor; Vice-Mayor

Shall Article III, Section 3.08, first sentence, be amended to read:

"To repeal that the Mayor executes contracts and deeds. These are duties of the City Manager."?

Shall the above described amendment be approved?

	VOTES
YES	594
NO	669

Charter Amendment No. 5
Article VI, Section 6.04 - Recall

Shall Section 6.04 be repealed and amended to read:

"The qualified electors of the City shall have the power to recall and remove from office any elected official of the City as provided by Florida Statutes and/or City of West Miami Ordinances, provided that, in no event, such recall takes place before the expiration of one year after such elected official has been elected."?

Shall the above described amendment be approved?

	VOTES
YES	807
NO	492



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Charter Amendment No. 6
Article VIII - Transition Schedule

Shall Sections 8.01, 8.05, 8.06, 8.07 and 8.08 adopted in 1949 as well as provisions adopted in 1978 and 1980 in conflict with the rest of the Charter be repealed and substituted with the following language:

"All prior Charter provisions inconsistent with the present Charter and Amendments approved on November 4, 2014 election shall be repealed."?

Shall the above described amendment be approved?

	VOTES
YES	568
NO	624

Charter Amendment No. 7
Article VIII, Section 8.05 - Schedule

Shall the schedule of elections remain to be conducted on the second Tuesday of April of every even numbered year?

Shall the above described amendment be approved?

	VOTES
YES	976
NO	310

Respectfully submitted,

ANNERY GONZALEZ
City Clerk
City of West Miami

- D) **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE SAID CHARTER AND ITS AMENDMENTS WITH THE CLERK OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND FURTHER INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD THE CITY CHARTER WITH ITS AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION (MUNICODE) FOR ITS PUBLICATION.** Upon motion by Commissioner Blanca, second by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimous 5/0 voice vote, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.



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- E) **FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI ESTABLISHING CERTAIN REGULATIONS WITH PARKING CONTROL DEVICES COMMONLY KNOWN AS PARKING METERS; AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT STUDIES AND RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COMMISSION AREAS WHERE PARKING METERS SHOULD BE INSTALLED; AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS IN AREAS DETERMINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION; ESTABLISHING PAYMENT FOR THE PARKING METERS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI.** Commissioner Blanca motioned to approve the First Reading of this Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. All voted in favor. The City Clerk announced the Public Hearing and Second Reading of this Ordinance would be published on a newspaper of general circulation for the meeting of December 3rd, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.
- F) **REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION TO BE PRESENTED IN COMMEMORATION OF THE XXVI ANNIVERSARY OF REVISTA CARTELES AT AN EVENT SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1ST, 2014, CELEBRATING ALSO THE "DAY OF THE RADIO ANNOUNCER".** Commissioner Suarez spoke in support of the item and recommended approval. Commissioner Blanca motioned in favor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Blanes. Motion carried.
- G) **REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD (TWO PERMANENT MEMBERS AND TWO ALTERNATES).** The City Clerk informed a vacancy was created due to the resignation of one of the members of the Code Enforcement Board. The City Clerk also informed it is Vice-Mayor Blanes' turn to nominate a member first, followed by Commissioner Rodriguez and Mayor Muñia.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the City Commission the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:44 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY ANNERY GONZALEZ, CITY CLERK