



**CITY OF WEST MIAMI
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH, 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 virtual Commission Meeting.

1. **INVOCATION.** City Manager Yolanda Aguilar gave the Invocation.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL.** The City Commission for the City of West Miami met in special virtual session on Wednesday, May 20th, 2020 beginning at 10:08 A.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 Luciano L. Suarez. Commissioner Blanes joined the meeting at 10:37 A.M.
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 APRIL 28TH, 2020 SPECIAL COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING.** Upon motion by Commissioner Blanca, second by Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron and 4/0 voice vote, Minutes were approved as presented.
5. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FOR MAY 6TH, 2020 REGULAR COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING.** Upon motion by Commissioner Blanca, second by Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron and 4/0 voice vote, Minutes were approved as presented.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.
7. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER.** The City Manager submitted a verbal report as follows:
 - Preparations for City Hall and Cooper Park reopening
 - June 1st, 2020 Property Appraiser Preliminary Assessment
 - Budget 2020-2021 Preparations
8. **REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.** The City Attorney reported a response to Writ of Certiorari was filed on the case of Banyan Healthcare vs. City of West Miami.



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9. **REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.** The City Engineer reported the Potable Water Project (Phase I) will be soon posted and a recommendation is expected for mid-June. Also the City Engineer provided a follow-up report on the Passport Office Project.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** No report submitted.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR. No report submitted.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A) **DISCUSSION RE: TEMPERATURE CHECK TO THE PUBLIC BEFORE ENTERING ANY MUNICIPAL BUILDING.** The City Manager reported temperature is being checked on those entering the Municipal Building's office areas. Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron expressed his opinion on the item.

11. **NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:**

A) **PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2019.** Gerardo Donates, Auditor, Senior Audit Manager from GEMRT Certified Public Accountants presented a summary of the City's financial status and audit conducted by Rodriguez, Trueba and Co. to the City for Fiscal Year ended 9/30/2019. Carlos Trueba, CPA, Partner at GEMRT Certified Public Accountants made a presentation in reference to the current financial status of the City.

NOTE FR THE RECORD: Commissioner Blanes joined the meeting at 10:37 AM

B) **DISCUSSION ON ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT TO REPAIR CERTAIN FENCES DURING A MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO A NATURAL DISASTER. (SPONSORED BY VICE-MAYOR DIAZ-PADRON) (PHASE I OF ORDINANCE).** Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron spoke in support of the item. A discussion ensued in regards to the parameters to be considered on the future legislation. The Mayor asked for consensus to move this item forward. Commissioners Blanca and Suarez were not in favor and Commissioner Blanes, Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron and Mayor Rodriguez were in favor. The City Attorney was instructed to work closely with Public Services on the proposed Ordinance.



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C) REQUEST BY MAYOR RHONDA A. RODRIGUEZ TO PROVIDE A ONE TIME WAIVER FOR SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION TO CITY RESIDENTS/GRANDPARENTS AND A REDUCTION TO NON-RESIDENTS IN PREPARATION FOR A POSSIBLE SUMMER CAMP - PENDING CDC/COUNTY GUIDELINES (SPONSORED MAYOR RODRIGUEZ). The Mayor spoke in support of the item. The City Manager reported what the initiative would allow a reduction of the Summer Camp Registration Fee for non-residents from \$65.00 to \$50.00 and one-year (one-time) Summer Camp Registration Fee waiver for residents. Commissioner Suarez motioned in favor of the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. All voted in favor by a 5/0 voice vote. The City Attorney informed a Resolution may be in order to formalize the decision.

D) REPORT AND REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK RE: USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER AS EARLY VOTING SITE FOR PRIMARY ELECTION.

ELECTION DATE: 8/18/2020,

EARLY VOTING DATES: 8/3 - 8/16

RESERVE COMMUNITY CENTER: 7/28/2020 - 8/16/2020

The City Clerk reported the Commission had approved previously the use of the Community Center as an early voting site. Due to Covid-19 the Community Center may or may not be operating during the specified time and in the past the senior were relocated to the Recreation Center, which may not be a feasible option right now. After a discussion the City Manager recommended to cancel the Community Center activities for the period of time in question to allow the use to the Community Center for early voting. Also with the following conditions:

- Anyone entering our municipal buildings must wear a face mask and maintain 6 feet separation from other customers.
- The Elections Department staff must allow our Facilities and Maintenance Department to perform daily maintenance and cleaning of the Community Center, additionally the City will use a vendor to come in and sanitize using established EPA protocols to ensure the wellbeing of the staff, voters and the City as necessary.
- As in the past the City would like to be reimbursed by the County for expenses associated with cleaning, sanitizing and maintenance of the facility.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Commissioner Suarez left the meeting at 11:23 A.M.

Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron motioned to approve the use of the Community Center for early voting for the Primary Election with conditions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. All voted in favor by a 4/0 voice vote.



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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 11:33 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annery Gonzalez". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

**ANNERY GONZALEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED: *06/17/2020 Regular Commission Meeting*