

SUMMARY MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2013

A regular meeting of the North Miami City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, beginning at 7:05 p.m.

(Phonetic spelling of each speaker's name may be used throughout the minutes unless correct spelling is known.)

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Flag salute led by Otoniel Fernandez

Inspirational Message

◆ Dr Pastor Enoch Milien

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Steril	Here
Councilman Galvin	Here
Mayor Pierre	Here
Vice Mayor Marcellus	Here
Councilman Blynn	Here

Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals

(NONE)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(s)

◆ 2012 Winternational Parade Awards

Mayor Pierre recognized Pam Solomon, Public Information Manager, announcing 2012 WinterNational 38th Annual Parade and Best Band Awards along with Andrea Ramos, Recreation Supervisor.

Best Band recognition, presentation of \$550 and a trophy donated by Mr.

Trophy to North Miami Beach Senior High School Chargers, Principal Raymond Fontanna and Band Director, James Lockhart.

Parade announcer recognitions to Twan Russell, Russell Life Foundation and Africa, Power 96 Morning Show (announcers not present).

◆ Proclamation in honor of *2012 Officer of the Year*

Mayor Pierre recognized Chief Marc Elias, Jr and Executive Staff giving a brief report to Council regarding Office Otoniel Fernandez, 2012 Officer of the Year.

Chief Elias advised Council crime stats reducing crime back to 30-years.

Mayor Pierre presented a Proclamation to Officer Fernandez, Whereas, Mayor Pierre claimed the year 2012 to be Officer Otto Fernandez Year in the City of North Miami.

◆ Proclamation in honor of *National Mentoring Month*

Mayor Pierre recognized Mr. Nelson, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Miami. Mr. Nelson challenged the Mayor to host a Mayor's Mentoring initiative. Whereas Mayor Pierre proclaimed January 2013, to be *National Mentoring Month*, in the City of North Miami.

◆ 2012 Person of the Year

Video Presentation of 2012 Person of the Year to Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Island TV.

CITY EVENTS – ANNOUNCEMENT

Pam Solomon, Public Information Manager, announced upcoming events for the City of North Miami.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE

Aleem Ghany, Public Works Director, invited Mayor and Council to a groundbreaking ceremony for the infrastructure project next Wednesday in Biscayne Park at 10 am. Mr. Ghany gave a brief update on current city projects:

- Infrastructure Project
- Water Plant Construction

CONSENT AGENDA

TAB A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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TAB B – AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES FROM FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, EQUIPMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

TAB C – PROPOSED RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET FOR THE RECEIPT OF REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) FROM OLETA STATE PARTNERS FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

TAB D - PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A GRANT OF EASEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM, TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A FREESTANDING DOUBLE FACED LED ILLUMINATED IDENTIFICATION SIGN ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY, FOR THE USE OF THE ALONZO & TRACY MOURNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS

TAB E - PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM, BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO FUND AND IMPLEMENT THE ADULT EDUCATION TUITION PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED CITY RESIDENTS ATTENDING NORTH MIAMI ADULT EDUCATION CENTER AT THE NORTH MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL DURING THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00)

Councilman Blynn moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Tabs A through E, seconded by Councilman Galvin; passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ZONING, LAND USE ITEMS, ETC.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

TAB F - PROPOSED ORDINANCE (FIRST READING) AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS”, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 4, DIVISION 4, ENTITLED “SPECIAL PURPOSE AND OVERLAY DISTRICTS”, AT SECTION 4-402, ENTITLED “PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT”, SPECIFICALLY AT SUBSECTION B, ENTITLED “DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS”, TO INCLUDE ‘VEHICLE SALES/DISPLAYS’ TO THE LIST OF PERMITTED USES

Michael Etienne, Esquire, City Clerk, read the Ordinance title for the record. No public discussion. Council discussion. Herb Tillman gave a brief report to Council. Councilman Blynn moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Galvin; passed unanimously, by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

TAB G – PROPOSED RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A FORMER GAS STATION SITE LOCATED AT 1600 NE 123 STREET, IN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, AS A “BROWNFIELD AREA” PURSUANT TO SECTION 376.80(2)(B), FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR THE REHABILITATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FLORIDA BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT ACT, AND CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT OF THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE BROWNFIELD AREA DESIGNATION

Mr. Etienne read the Resolution title for the record. Public discussion. Council discussion. Michael Goldstein, representing the applicant, gave a brief report to Council. Councilman Blynn moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Galvin; passed unanimously.

REQUESTS – PETITIONS – COMMUNICATIONS

TAB H - DISCUSSION ON WATER RATES FOR RESIDENTS WITH SECOND METERS

Mr. Etienne read the title for the record. Council discussion to direct staff to include a notice on the current water bill for those residents with second meters regarding water rates. No public discussion.

CITIZENS' FORUM

A variety of residents spoke on issues of interest.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Various items of interest presented by Council.

VICE MAYOR ELECTION

Councilman Galvin moved to elect Councilwoman Steril as Vice Mayor, seconded by Councilwoman Steril; passed unanimously.

Mayor Pierre moved to sponsor the Miami-Dade League of Cities, seconded by Councilman Blynn; passed 4-0. Councilman Galvin away from the dais.

Mayor Pierre moved to sponsor the Miami Jewish Foundation 75th Anniversary banquet on February 7th, seconded by Councilman Blynn; passed 4-0. Councilman Galvin away from the dais.

Mayor Pierre moved to sponsor the Haitian American Halo banquet for \$2,500, seconded by Councilman Blynn; passed 4-1. Councilman Galvin denied.

Mayor Pierre advised the city usually partners with Biscayne Park on Martin Luther King Day for a cleanup event and requested support from Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Johnson gave a response to Council regarding growing pains with the utility billing conversion process to the Eden system. The end result will be on line bill pay and customer ability to pay with a credit card.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Regine Monestime, City Attorney, advised the Charter Board would hold a workshop on Monday, January 14th, 2013, at 6 pm, in the Council Chambers. Ms. Monestime advised some changes suggested by the Charter Board are: Mayoral term from a two year term to a four year term, Personnel Division removed from the Charter; and other miscellaneous items that do not belong in the Charter.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Mr. Etienne reported on activities of the clerk's office:

- Free notary service.
- Free assistance program for those needing to expunge or seal records.
- Working with Friends of the Library to host monthly program workshops.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.