

Carlos Hernández
Mayor

Jesus Tundidor
Council President

Monica Perez
Council Vice President



Council Members
Katharine Cue-Fuente
Oscar De la Rosa
Jacqueline Garcia-Roves
Paul B. Hernandez
Carl Zogby

City Council Budget Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2021
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. **REPORT:** Council President Tundidor called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

A. **REPORT:** Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk, called the roll with the following Council Members present:

1. Council President Tundidor
2. Council Vice President Perez
3. Council Member Cue-Fuente
4. Council Member Garcia-Roves
5. Council Member Hernandez
6. Council Member Zogby

B. **REPORT:** Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk, called the roll with the following Council Members absent:

1. Council Member De la Rosa

3. INVOCATION

A. **REPORT:** Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk, led the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. **REPORT:** Council Member Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. MEETING GUIDELINES

The following guidelines have been established by the City Council:

- **ALL LOBBYISTS MUST REGISTER WITH THE CITY CLERK.**
- As a courtesy to others, please refrain from using cellular telephones or other similar electronic devices in the Council Chamber.
- A maximum of three (3) speakers in favor and three (3) speakers in opposition will be allowed to address the Council on any one item. Each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.
- No signs or placards, in support of or in opposition to an item or speaker, shall be permitted within the Council Chamber.
- Any person, whether participating via the web platform, telephonic conferencing or physical presence at City Hall, interested in making comments or posing questions on matters of public concern or on any item on the agenda, may do so during the meeting.
- Members of the public may address the City Council on any item pertaining to City business during the Comments and Questions portion of the meeting. A member of the public is limited to one appearance before the City Council and the speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.
- The public can view public meetings on the City's Facebook page (@CityofHialeah).
- Members of the public may hear the meeting live through telephonic conferencing using any telephone or cellular phone service. A smart device or computer are not necessary to participate in the meeting if you join by phone.
- All persons participating via the web platform will be muted during the meeting until called upon to be heard. Participation through Zoom requires a computer or smart mobile device with a microphone and web camera. The participant may elect to participate in the meeting using audio only or appear through both audio and video. The video function of all participants appearing through video will be turned off until called upon to be heard.

REPORT: Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk, read the meeting guidelines.

6. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- A. **REPORT:** The Office of the City Clerk did not receive an email message to be read into the record from persons interested in making comments or posing questions on matters of public concern.

- B. REPORT:** No one expressed interested in making comments or posing questions on matters of public concern registered with the Office of the City Clerk to participate live during the Comments and Questions portion of the meeting using Zoom.
- C. REPORT:** No one participating in the meeting via Zoom expressed interest in making comments or posing questions on matters of public concern during this portion of the meeting.
- D. REPORT:** The following individual present in the Council Chambers expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting:
- (1) **Eric Johnson, Local 1102**, spoke regarding the collection of fees owed to the Hialeah Fire Department for services rendered.
 - (2) **Willians Guerra, Chief of the Hialeah Fire Department**, addressed the City Council via Zoom in response to Mr. Eric Johnson’s comments.
 - (3) **Ines Beecher, Director of the Office of Management and Budget** addressed the City Council.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMENDMENTS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A.** The tentative budget revisions from the Office of Management and Budget have been placed on the dais for the City Council’s review.
- B.** The sixth whereas clause of the proposed ordinance for Item 8C has been amended to reflect the following:
- i. **WHEREAS**, the Public Works budget proposes an increase in the water and wastewater service charges of 8.75% and 10.37% respectively beginning October 1, 2021, including a 5.0% increase in the Consumer Price Index designated “Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI)” as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics;

8. AGENDA

- A.** First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance accepting for budget purposes the Miami-Dade County assessment roll; establishing a tax millage rate of 6.3018 mills for fiscal year 2022, commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022, which is an increase of 8.19% over the roll back rate of 5.8246; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Mayor Hernandez spoke on this item.

REPORT: Ines Beecher, Director of the City's Office of Management and Budget, addressed the City Council.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8A made by Council Member Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Council Member Garcia-Roves. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

- B. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the General Fund budget for the City of Hialeah, Florida for fiscal year 2022, commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8B made by Council Member Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Council Member Zogby. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

- C. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Public Works Fund of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for fiscal year 2022, commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022; approving water and sewer rate increases, as provided for herein, to maintain proper ratios of operating revenues and operating expenses as required by outstanding loan agreements; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Armando Vidal, Director of the City’s Department of Public Works, addressed the City Council.

REPORT: Mayor Hernandez spoke on this item.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8C made by Council Member Hernandez, and seconded by Council Vice President Perez. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

- D. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of water and sewer rates pursuant to Hialeah Code § 94-153(c), in the amount of 5.0% designated “Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI)” as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Armando Vidal, Director of the City’s Department of Public Works, addressed the City Council.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8D made by Council Member Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

- E. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment for solid waste and recyclables service collection rates pursuant to Hialeah Code § 78-127(b), in the amount of 3.75% designated “Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI)” as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8E made by Council Member Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Council Member Garcia-Roves. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

- F. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance reducing the current rate on all sales of wastewater service and all sales of water service within the City as payment in lieu of franchise fee pursuant to Hialeah, Fla. Code § 94-163 for fiscal year 2022, from 7.5% to 4% beginning on October 1, 2021; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Eric Johnson, spoke on this item.

REPORT: Armando Vidal, Director of the City's Department of Public Works, addressed the City Council.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8F made by Council Member Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Council Member Zogby. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

- G. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Streets Fund of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for fiscal year 2022, commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8G made by Council Member Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Council Member Zogby. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

- H.** First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Stormwater Fund of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for fiscal year 2022, commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8H made by Council Member Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Council Member Zogby. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

- I.** First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Special Revenue Fund of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for fiscal year 2022, commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8I made by Council Member Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Council Member Garcia-Roves. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

- J.** First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Capital Projects Fund of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for fiscal year 2022, commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8J made by Council Member Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Council Member Garcia-Roves. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

- K.** First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Debt Service Fund of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for fiscal year 2022, commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

APPROVED 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor opened the item for public participation and no one present in the Council Chambers or participating via Zoom expressed interest in speaking during this portion of the meeting.

REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8K made by Council Member Zogby, and seconded by Council Member Cue-Fuente. Motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member De la Rosa absent.

REPORT: Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

REPORT: Council President Tundidor adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

NEXT BUDGET HEARING: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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