

CITY OF HIALEAH



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hialeah will hold a **Special Public Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.**

The Special Meeting of the City Council is hereby called to consider the consent items and proposed ordinances on first reading published on the agenda of the February 9, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, which was adjourned with no action due to a lack of quorum.

Pursuant to emergency management powers as set forth in F.S. §§252.31-252.90, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69 (March 20, 2020), suspending the “Florida’s Government in the Sunshine Laws” requirement that a quorum of the legislative body holding a public meeting be met in-person and that the meeting be held at a physical location accessible to the public for the duration of the State’s Declaration of Emergency issued on March 9, 2020 (EO20-52) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the State of Florida. The nation and the State of Florida remain in a state of emergency. The Governor has extended the declaration every 60 days, as required by law, since the execution of Executive Order 20-52. The latest extension made through the execution of Executive Order 20-276 (November 3, 2020).

Notwithstanding the continuing statewide threat of COVID-19 to the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, Executive Order 20-69, issued specifically to allow local governments to use communications media technology to hold public meetings during the public health emergency, has expired as of 12:01 a.m. November 1, 2020 (EO 20-246). As such, all public meetings in this City of any deliberative body must comply with the in-person quorum requirement of the Sunshine Law. This means, at a minimum, there must be present, in-person, the minimum number of board members required to meet quorum based on the composition of the deliberative body at the location of the meeting. All other members of the deliberative body exceeding quorum may choose, in coordination with the secretary of the respective board conducting the public meeting, to appear using communication media technology.

Except for the requirement to meet physical quorum and as otherwise amended by this document, all other minimum guidelines and procedures adopted by City of Hialeah Emergency Order dated April 8, 2020 and Hialeah, Fla. Resolution 2020-048 (April 14, 2020) shall continue to govern the conduct of public meetings of the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida and the public meetings of all other boards or committees for the City of Hialeah, Florida using communications media technology, held during the duration of the public health emergency as a result of COVID19,

in order to protect the health, welfare and safety of the public, including public officials, from being exposed to COVID-19 and meet the requirements of the Sunshine Law.

A limited number of members of the public will be allowed to be present at the location of the meeting considering the physical spacing limitations of the location to observe social distancing. As such, only 15 members of the public will be allowed to attend in person any scheduled meeting of the Council held in Chambers on a first-come-first serve basis. Based upon anticipated in-person attendance of any meeting, the City will provide additional space at City Hall to accommodate the public and provide both viewing and participation capabilities.

This public meeting will be broadcast live for members of the public to view on the City's Facebook page (@CityofHialeah). A link to the City's Facebook page can be found on the City's website at www.hialeahfl.gov. A Facebook account is not required in order to view this virtual public meeting.

As an additional alternative, members of the public may hear the meeting live through telephonic conferencing. You can join the meeting via 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.

Any person interested in making comments or posing questions on matters of public concern or on any item on the agenda may do so prior to the meeting taking place by email to virtualmeeting@hialeahfl.gov **by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.** Email comments and questions shall not exceed three (3) minutes when read. Only the first three minutes of e-mail comments and questions received by the deadline will be read into and form part of the public record.

Any person, whether participating via the web platform, telephonic conferencing or physical presence at City Hall, who is 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. Persons interested in joining the meeting to participate for this purpose may register with the City Clerk by completing a registration form, providing the information required and submitting the completed form to the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. **by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.**

All registered participants 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.

The agenda for this Meeting will be available to the public on the City's website and can be accessed at <https://www.hialeahfl.gov/agendacenter> on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The Office of the City Clerk can also email a copy of the agenda to anyone who requests a copy by telephone at (305) 883-5820 or by email at cityclerk@hialeahfl.gov.

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Find your local number: <https://hialeahfl.zoom.us/j/96415965861>

Participation through Zoom:

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Closed captioning for this meeting can be found at:

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Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purposes, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodations to participate in the proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at (305) 883-5820 for assistance no later than two (2) days prior to the proceeding; if hearing impaired, you may telephone the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD), (877) 955-8773 (Spanish) or (800) 955-8770 (Voice).