

RESOLUTION No. 2008-247-935

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, REAPPOINTING MARLON A. HILL, PHOEBEE R. FRANCOIS, QUENTIN E. MORGAN, MIMI V. TURIN AND OLIVIA S. BENSON TO SERVE AS CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MASTERS AND APPOINTING JIMMY L. MORALES TO SERVE AS A SPECIAL MASTER FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens has established a Code Enforcement Special Master Program in the City, and

WHEREAS, appeals of code enforcement citations as well as bid protests and denials of Certificates of Use and Occupational Licenses are heard by Special Masters, and

WHEREAS, in addition, there will be additional code matters to be handled by Special Masters in the future, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and City Attorney have analyzed the Special Masters that are currently serving on behalf of the City and have also interviewed a prospective candidate who is also willing to serve in that capacity and are making a recommendation to the City Council for reappointment and for appointment of certain persons to serve in this capacity, and

WHEREAS, the new reappointments and appointed person shall also serve for a term of two (2) years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. REAPPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby reappoints Marlon A. Hill, Phoebee R. Francois, Quentin E. Morgan, Mimi V. Turin and Olivia S. Benson as Code Enforcement Special Masters for a two (2) year term. The City Council also hereby appointment Jimmy Morales to serve as a Code Enforcement Special Master for a two-year term.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2008.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: DANNY CREW, CITY MANAGER
SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY

MOVED BY: Councilman Gilbert
SECONDED BY: Vice Mayor Watson

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson (Yes) (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson (Yes) (No)

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Councilman Melvin L. Bratton
Councilman Aaron Campbell
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett
Councilman André Williams

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Meeting Date:

Fiscal Impact: **No** Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source:

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes No

Sponsor Name/Department: Law/Mgr

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

advertising requirement:

RFP/RFQ/Bid #

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution **X**

2nd Reading

Yes No

Title

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Staff Summary

The City of Miami Gardens has established a Code Enforcement Special Master process in the City that handles appeals of code enforcement citations as well as bid protests and denials of Certificates of Use and Occupational Licenses. The City Manager and City Attorney have analyzed the Special Masters that are currently serving on behalf of the City and have also interviewed a prospective candidate who is also willing to serve in that capacity and are making a recommendation to the City Council for reappointment and for appointment of Marlon A. Hill, Phoebee R. Francois, Quentin E. Morgan, Mimi V. Turin, Olivia S. Benson, Jimmy L. Morales, as Code Enforcement Special Masters for a two (2) year term.

Recommendation:

That the City Council appoint Marlon A. Hill, Phoebee R. Francois, Quentin E. Morgan, Mimi V. Turin, Olivia S. Benson, Jimmy L. Morales, as Code Enforcement Special Masters for a two (2) year term.

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Jimmy L. Morales is a shareholder of the firm based in the Miami office. He practices in the areas of land use and eminent domain, municipal and county law, and governmental affairs. As part of his practice, Mr. Morales currently serves as city attorney to the City of Marathon. In addition to his legal background, he also brings the perspective of a former Miami-Dade County Commissioner and candidate for Miami-Dade County Mayor. He has represented private clients before both Miami-Dade County and Monroe County, and before numerous cities, including the City of Miami and the City of Miami Beach.

Practice Areas

Land Use and
Governmental Affairs

Education

J.D., *magna cum laude*,
Harvard Law School, 1987

B.A., *magna cum laude*,
Harvard University, 1984

Admissions

Florida Bar, 1987

District of Columbia Bar, 1989

Languages

Spanish

Memberships

Dade County Bar Assn.

Cuban American Bar Assn.

National Hispanic Bar Assn.

Greater Miami Chamber
of Commerce

Ratings & Certifications

AV rated by
Martindale Hubbell

Relevant Government Experience

- Serves on the City Attorney team for the City of Marathon
- Served as Special Master for the City of Sunny Isles Beach
- Served as Chief Special Master for the City of Miami Beach
- Served as Chairman of the Code Enforcement Board for the City of Miami
- Served on the Board of Miami-Dade County Commissioners, District 7 1996-2004

Professional and Community Involvement

- American Red Cross, former Board Member
- Aspira of Florida, former Board Member
- Miami-Dade County's liaison to the Miami Downtown Development Authority and the Miami-Dade League of Cities 1997-2004
- Crimestoppers of Miami-Dade County, former Board Member
- Dade Community Foundation, past Chairman and Board member
- East Little Havana CDC, former Board Member
- Florida Association of Counties, past Member
- Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, former Board Member
- Livability Task Force of the Miami-Dade Alliance for Human Services, past Chairman
- Mayor's Task Force on Efficiency and Competition, past Chairman
- National PTA Hispanic Advisory Board, Member
- Neighborhood Lending Partners of South Florida, Board Member
- Urban Environment League, former Board Member
- WLRN Community Advisory Board, Member
- 5,000 Role Models of Excellence Project, Mentor

Recognition

- The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Bill Colson Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership and Superior Ability
- The First Annual McClaskey Leadership Award from the Guardianship Program of Dade County
- The Ambassador of the Arts medal from the Dade Cultural Alliance
- The "Civic Trailblazer" Award from the Miami-Dade Alumni Chapter of Bethune-Cookman College
- Inducted into the Miami-Beach Senior High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame