

ORDINANCE No. 2009-11-183

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CREATING THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR ORGANIZATION; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND POWERS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami gardens would like to create the Miami Gardens Caribbean Affairs Committee, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Caribbean Affairs Committee would be to advise and make recommendations to the City Council on issues relating to the Caribbean and persons of Caribbean descent,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, as follows:

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

SECTION 2. CREATION OF ORDINANCE: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby creates an Ordinance to be entitled the City of Miami Gardens Miami Gardens Caribbean Affairs Committee.

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CREATED; COMPOSITION. There is hereby created a City of Miami Gardens Caribbean Affairs Committee. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members.

(b) *Appointment and terms of members.* The Mayor and each member of the City Council shall appoint one (1) member to the Committee.

(c) *Terms of office.* In order that the terms of office of all members of the Committee shall not expire at the same time, the initial appointees of the Mayor and the Council Members serving in at-large seats, shall serve three (3) years terms. The appointees of the Council Members serving in seats 1, 2, 3, and 4, shall serve two (2) year terms. Thereafter, all members shall serve for a period of three years, or until a successor is appointed, whichever occurs later.

(d) *Duties and Powers of the Miami Gardens Miami Gardens Caribbean Affairs Committee.* The powers and duties of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following duties, functions, powers and responsibilities:

1. To develop and adopt, by majority vote, Bylaws, which shall be approved by the City Council;
2. To carry out the purposes of the Committee, as outlined in the Bylaws;
3. To keep the City Council informed of issues that affect the City's Caribbean community;
4. To preserve and enhance the Caribbean culture within the city, and to promote greater appreciation and awareness of the Caribbean culture amongst the population of the City.
5. To give advice to the City Council with respect to issues that affect the Caribbean community;
6. To recommend to the City Council, social and cultural activities with a Caribbean focus and to assist with the implementation of those activities at the direction of the City Council;

(e) *Meetings:* Members of the Committee shall meet no less than eight (8) times per year.

SECTION 3. CONFLICT: All ordinances or Code provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct

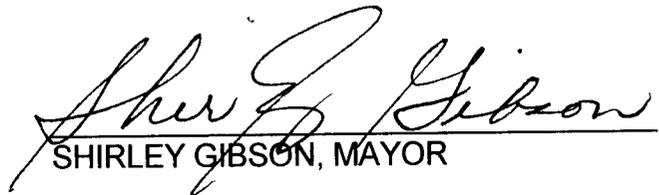
and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. INCLUSION IN CODE: It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miami Gardens and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Chapter," "Section," "Article" or such other appropriate word or phrase, the use of which shall accomplish the intentions herein expressed; provided, however, that Section 1 hereof or the provisions contemplated thereby shall not be codified.

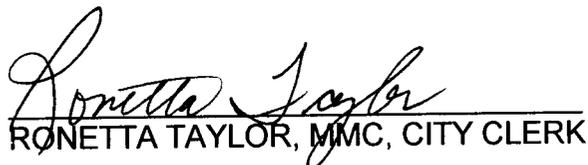
SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED ON FIRST READING ON THE 13TH DAY OF MAY 2009.

ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH DAY OF MAY 2009.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN SHARON PRITCHETT

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MOVED BY: Councilwoman Pritchett
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___(No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___(No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___(No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell Jr.	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___(No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___(No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___(No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___(No)

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City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

Council Meeting Date:	<i>May 27, 2009</i>		Item Type:	Resolution	Ordinance	Other	
				X			
Fiscal Impact:	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading:	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
		X		Public Hearing:	Yes	No	Yes
Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement:		Yes		No
							X
Contract/P.O. Required:	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #:	N/A			
		X					
Sponsor Name	Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett		Department:	Mayor/Council			

Short Title:

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Staff Summary:

The City of Miami Gardens is a municipality with a large community of residents that represent the nations of the African Diaspora, especially the countries of the Caribbean. In an effort to preserve and enhance the Caribbean culture within the city, and to promote greater appreciation and awareness of the Caribbean culture amongst the population of the city. Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett is proposing the creation of the Caribbean Affairs Committee. The duties of the Committee are as follows:

1. To develop and adopt, by majority vote, Bylaws, which shall be approved by the City Council;
2. To carry out the purposes of the Committee, as outlined in the Bylaws;
3. To keep the City Council informed of issues that affect the City's Caribbean community;
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5. To give advice to the City Council with respect to issues that affects the Caribbean community;
6. To recommend to the City Council, social and cultural activities with a Caribbean focus and to assist with the implementation of those activities at the direction of the City Council; and
7. To associate with other governmental or private entities that are involved in activities or programs geared towards highlighting the Caribbean.

The board will consist of seven (7) members, each appointed by a member of the City Council. In order that the terms of office of all members of the Committee shall not expire at the same time, the initial appointees of the Mayor and the Council Members serving in at-large seats, shall serve three (3) years terms. The appointees of the Council Members serving in seats 1, 2, 3, and 4, shall serve two (2) year terms. Thereafter, all members shall serve for a period of three years, or until a successor is appointed, whichever occurs later.

Proposed Action:

Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett recommends the adoption of the attached ordinance formally creating the Caribbean Affairs Committee

Attachment:

None