

ORDINANCE No. 2008-10-146

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CREATING A COMMISSION FOR WOMEN; 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, women are an important part of the Miami Gardens community, and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it important to inspire women and to encourage women's involvement in community affairs and in leadership roles, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to create a Commission for Women in the City of Miami Gardens,

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 Commission for Women.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN.

(a) *Created; composition.* There is hereby created a City of Miami Gardens Commission for Women. The commission shall consist of thirteen (13) members.

(b) *Appointment and terms of members.* Members of the commission shall be appointed by the City Council. Each City Council Member shall appoint two members and the Mayor will appoint one member. Members of the commission shall be permanent residents or employed in businesses in the City for two or more years. Each member shall have demonstrated a commitment to improve the condition of women through

community and other service. The membership should reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the residents of the City of Miami Gardens.

(c) *Terms of office.* The commission shall consist of 13 members. In order that the terms of office of all members of the commission shall not expire at the same time, the initial appointments to the commission shall be as follows: Each City Council member shall appoint one commission member for a 2-year term and one commission member for a 3-year term. The mayor shall appoint one member for a 3-year term. Reappointment and subsequent initial appointments shall be for a period of 2 years or until his or her successor is appointed, whichever occurs later.

(d) *Duties and Powers of the Commission for Women.* The powers and duties of the commission shall include, but not be limited to, the following duties, functions, powers and responsibilities:

- (1) To serve in an advisory capacity by making studies, reports and recommendations to the City Council and to the City Manager, in respect to all matters pertaining to the status of all women in Miami Gardens, including, but not limited to, the fair and equal treatment of women; those policies and practices which discriminate against women whether practiced by public or private persons, individuals or corporations; and, the public and private employment of women, the working and living conditions of women, the delivery of public and private services to women and the education and training of women and public accommodations for women;
- (2) To make continuing studies with recommendations and reports of all City agencies, facilities, boards, services and programs dealing with or affecting women, including equal funding of such facilities, services and programs;
- (3) To study, recommend and report any needed improvements and changes to City codes, boards, ordinances, resolutions and written and unwritten policies and practices of the City;
- (4) To appear before any governmental or non-governmental agency to present findings and recommendations on behalf of the Commission for Women, as well as on behalf of the City with the approval of the City Council;
- (5) To solicit contributions, services and financial support from other governmental authorities, private businesses, groups, institutions and trust funds; and

(6) To perform other duties, functions and services as may be assigned to it by the City Council.

(e) All provisions of Ordinance No. 2005-02-40 as amended, not in conflict herewith, shall apply to the Commission for Women.

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

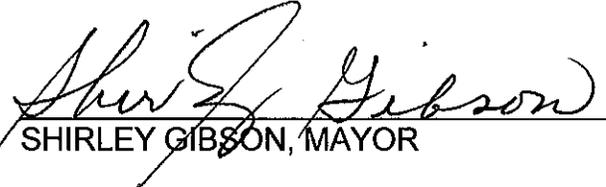
SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not 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 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008.

ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2008.

  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.  
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR SHIRLEY GIBSON

MOVED BY: Mayor Gibson  
SECONDED BY: Councilman Campbell

**VOTE: 6-0**

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)
Councilman André Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No)

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