

CITY OF TAMARAC, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2020- _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAMARAC, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE III, “BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS” OF THE TAMARAC CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2-234.32 THROUGH 2-234.40, “SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE” PROVIDING FOR PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENTS AND RESIDENCY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on December 22, 1993, the City Commission of the City of Tamarac (the “City”) adopted Ordinance No. 93-32 (the “Ordinance”), thereby creating Division 13, of Chapter 2 of the City Code regarding a Sister Cities Committee (the “Committee”); and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2019, at its workshop meeting, the City Commission expressed its desire for the appointment process for the Sister Cities committee to more closely resemble the City’s appointment process for its other advisory boards; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2019, the City adopted Resolution No. 2019-98, thereby authorizing City staff to effectuate the City Commission direction regarding the re-establishment of the City of Tamarac Sister Cities Program, including the execution of the required applications and payment of the required fee for membership in Sister Cities International and exploration of relationships with Sister Cities International member cities located in Caribbean countries, Latin American countries, European countries, and in Israel; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission does recognize and endorse this program as a means of establishing a lasting friendship between the people of different countries and the people of Tamarac; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida deems it to be in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City of Tamarac to provide for a process for appointment for its Sister Cities Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida that:

Section 1: The foregoing “WHEREAS” recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

Section 2: The City Commission hereby amends Chapter 2, entitled “Administration,” of the Tamarac Code of Ordinances, by amending Sections 2-234.32 through 2-234.39 as follows:

Sec. 2-234.31. - Creation.

There is created and established a sister cities committee which shall be a permanent agency of the city and which shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the city commission.

Sec. 2-234.32. - Membership; compensation.

The members of the sister cities committee shall be appointed by the city commission ~~on an annual basis~~ and serve at the pleasure of the city commission without compensation.

Sec. 2-234.33. – Residency requirements

Each member of the committee shall be a resident of the city or an owner or employee of a business, including but not limited to representatives from the Tamarac North Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, educational institutions, cultural and other relevant non-profit organizations serving Tamarac residents located in the city. Failure to be a resident of the city or employed by a business located in the city shall result in forfeiture of the position on the committee. This section does not apply to staff appointed to the committee as part of their work responsibilities. The city commission may waive the requirements of this section.

Sec. 2-234.34 – Appointment process.

The appointment process shall occur in accordance with the terms and provisions of Sec. 2-57 and Sec. 2-58.

Sec. 234.35. - Terms of appointees.

Terms of appointees shall occur in accordance with the terms and provisions of Sec. 2-59.

Sec. 234.36. - Annual review.

The annual review shall occur in accordance with the terms and provisions of Sec. 2-60.

Sec. 2-234.3337. - Powers and duties.

The sister cities committee shall be authorized to research and report to the city commission on matters related to sister city programs or relationships. The sister cities committee may perform such other duties as may be prescribed by resolution by the city commission.

Sec. 2-234.3438. - Meetings.

(a) The sister cities committees shall conduct its meetings pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and all applicable laws. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership.

(b) The committee shall meet at the request of the chairperson or a majority of the members upon no less than forty-eight hours notice to each member and the public.

Sec. 2-234.3539

~~(a) Commission liaison. The sister cities committee may have a commission liaison pursuant to the provisions of section 2-33.~~

~~(b) Staff liaison.~~ The sister cities committee may have a staff person assigned to it by the city manager to serve in an advisory capacity. Any requests on the part of the committee for information or services from the administration shall be made by the chairman of the committee to the city manager or through the staff liaison if one is assigned.

Sec. 2-234.3640. – Vacancies

(a) *Removal of members.* A sister cities committee member appointed by the city commission serves at the pleasure of the city commission and shall be removed at any time by majority vote of the city commission.

(b) *Resignation of members.* A resignation by a committee member made either orally or in writing will be deemed accepted by the city commission when the committee member announces his resignation to the committee, city manager or city commission. The city commission need not take any formal action to accept the resignation. Failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without being excused by the chairman shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 3: It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tamarac, Florida, and that the Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word “Ordinance” may be changed to “Section,” “Article” or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

Section 4: If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Ordinance shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part or application shall be considered as eliminated and so not affecting the remaining portions or applications remaining in full force and effect.

Section 5: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, FIRST READING this ____ day of _____, 2020.

PASSED, SECOND READING this ____ day of _____, 2020.

MICHELLE J. GOMEZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

RECORD OF COMMISSION VOTE: 1ST Reading
MAYOR GOMEZ _____
DIST 1: V/M COMM. BOLTON _____
DIST 2: COMM. GELIN _____
DIST 3: COMM. FISHMAN _____
DIST 4: COMM. PLACKO _____

RECORD OF COMMISSION VOTE: 2ND Reading
MAYOR GOMEZ _____
DIST1: V/M COMM. BOLTON _____
DIST 2: COMM. GELIN _____
DIST 3: COMM. FISHMAN _____
DIST 4: COMM. PLACKO _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that
I have approved this
ORDINANCE as to form

SAMUEL S. GOREN
CITY ATTORNEY

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