



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 23, 2021 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers, 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida
Virtual Council Meeting using Communications Media Technology Pursuant to
Governor's Executive Order 20-69

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:05 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell Vice
Mayor Bob Best Councilwoman
Jacky Bravo Councilman Walter
Fajet, Ph.D. Councilman Victor
Vazquez, Ph.D.

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso
Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria
City Attorney Haydee Sera (via Zoom)
City Attorney Jose Arango (via Zoom)

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Vice Mayor Bob Best
Pledge of Allegiance: Audience led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.
- 3. Agenda / Order of Business: None at this time.**
- 4. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Yard of the Month Award – September 2021 – 920 Plover Avenue – Victor and Kim Robles

Mr. and Mrs. Robles were unable to attend the meeting. City Clerk Erika Gonzalez advised the Mayor and City Council that she will make arrangements to deliver the award to Robles Family.

B) Rotary Club Drawing for a chance to win Dining Out for a Year; benefit to raise money for kids and families at the Chapman Partnership and other charitable projects

Members of the Rotary Club were present for the drawing. Mayor Mitchell drew the name, Elsa Saavedra as the winner of the “Dining Out for a Year” raffle.

- C) Recognition of Fermin Ferro, City Hall Featured Artist of the Month of August

Mayor Mitchell announced that Mr. Ferro's artwork is displayed in the City Hall lobby.

- 5. **Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Michael Gavila, 684 Morningside Drive.**

- 6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

- A) June 28, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- B) August 2, 2021 – Budget Workshop
- C) August 9, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the minutes of June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting, August 2, 2021 Budget Workshop, and August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

- 7. **Reports from Boards & Commissions: None at this time.**

- 8. **Public Hearings:**

- A) **Ordinance – Second Reading** –An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Chapter 32 Of The City's Code Of Ordinances By Creating Article XVII, "Nuisance Abatement Board," Authorizing The Creation Of An Administrative Board With The Authority To Impose Fines And Other Noncriminal Penalties To Abate Certain Activities Declared Public Nuisances Pursuant To Section 893.138, Florida Statutes; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title and explained that there were no changes from the last meeting when the item was deferred. Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing; there were no speakers. The public hearing closed. Police Chief Guzman and Capt. Deal were present to answer the Council's questions.

Councilwoman Bravo moved to approve the Ordinance on second reading. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

- 9. **Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted):**

- A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of A Vehicle From Duval Ford, LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$44,303 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of The Florida Sheriffs Association's Contract Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For

Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

B) Recommendation by Golf that Council approve the waiver of the competitive bid process, in the best interest of the City, with an increase in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the City's current open purchase order with Tropic Oil, for an overall amount not to exceed \$35,000 to cover fuel costs associated with the fueling of the golf cart fleet and maintenance equipment at the Golf and Country Club, for the remainder of this fiscal year, as funds were budgeted in the FY20/21 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolutions by title in the Consent Agenda.

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

10. Old Business: None at this time.

11. New Business:

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Third Amendment To The Professional Services Agreement With American Traffic Solutions, Inc. D/B/A Verra Mobility For Camera Systems And Services Relating To The Monitoring And Enforcement Of Red Light Traffic Violations And Authorizing The Purchase Of Additional Automated License Plate Recognition (Alpr) Equipment In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title. Orlando Torres, representing ATS addressed the City Council.

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Resolution as read. Vice Mayor Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Rescinding And Repealing Resolution No. 2019-3841 Which Urged The Miami-Dade County Transportation Planning Organization To Confirm And Accelerate The Allocation Of Funding For The Miami Springs Okeechobee Station Smart Trail Connector; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Resolution by title.

Councilwoman Bravo moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Accepting An Allocation Of \$6,970,380 In Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds From The U.S. Department Of Treasury Under The American Rescue Plan Act; Approving An American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Agreement With The State Of Florida, Division Of Emergency Management; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Fajet moved to approve the Resolution as read. Vice Mayor Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

12. Other Business:

A) Request by Mayor Mitchell to provide a recap of the August 9, 2021 Council Meeting regarding the Rapid Transit Zone (RTZ)

Mayor Mitchell provided a brief recap on the item, she stated that the item may or may not go to the County Commission. She explained that the City will continue to monitor the issue and keep the residents informed.

B) Request by Councilwoman Bravo for Board of Parks and Parkways to Evaluate Various Matters related to City Parks

Councilwoman Bravo read the staff memo for the record. She indicated that she would like the Board to discuss and advise on a comprehensive approach to make Ragan Park a functional park; make recommendations to the City if there are any land to potentially acquire for additional park or green space in the future; make recommendations of areas within the City on public property and swales that could benefit from deciduous trees and or other canopying trees that will provide ample shaded areas; inform the City of any grant money to fund parks and green space projects.

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve Councilwoman Bravo's request. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

C) Request by City Manager Alonso to discuss commemorating the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

City Manager William Alonso read a description of events for the 9/11 ceremony on Saturday, September 11th from the staff report. The City Council conceded on the series of events for the ceremony.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso advised the City Council of the Haiti donation location, and vaccination locations, dates and times.

C) City Council

Councilman Vazquez expressed his views on attending the new task force board meeting and that any member of the Council being able to attend and state expectations and goals to the task force. He wished the City a happy birthday.

Councilman Fajet also wished the City a happy birthday. He also wished everyone a wonderful start of the school year.

Councilwoman Bravo thanked everyone for the meeting and thanked the City Manager for the 9/11 ceremony.

Vice Mayor Best wished the City a happy 95th birthday.

Mayor Mitchell wished the City a happy birthday as well

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 13th day of September, 2021.


Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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