



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 11, 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 7:00 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell

Vice Mayor Jacky Bravo

Councilman Bob Best

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)

Recreation Director Omar Luna (via Zoom)

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Human Resources Director Bill Collins

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Victor Vazquez
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) Miami Springs Police Department Swearing-in Ceremony for new Officer Jorge Filgueira

Police Chief Guzman introduced new Officer Jorge Filgueira and proceeded to swear him in. Officer Filgueira thanked the Chief, City Council, his family and friends.

B) Presentation of the Police Officer of the Month Award to Officer Fenicett Iribar for the month of September 2021

Police Chief Guzman introduced Sgt. Albert Vargas who proceeded to state the events that led to Officer Iribar's nomination for Officer of the Month. Officer Iribar thanked his fellow officers in his shift for the support.

C) Yard of the Month Award – October 2021 – 145 Deer Run – Oliveri-Corcino Family

Mayor Mitchell announced the Yard of the Month recipient for October, the Oliveri-Corcino family were not present to receive their award. City Clerk Erika Gonzalez advised that she will make arrangements to have the award delivered to their home.

D) Presentation by Elaine Martin requesting a City donation for the upcoming Honor Flight South Florida event

Ms. Elaine Martin requested that the City Council consider donating funds towards breakfast for the upcoming Honor Flight scheduled October 17th who will include two resident veterans Larry Williams and Carlos Garcia.

Councilman Best moved to donate \$500.00 towards the breakfast for the Honor Flight. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Nestor Suarez, 550 Wren Avenue.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) September 27, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of September 27, 2021 Regular Meeting. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

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

8. Public Hearings: None at this time.

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

A) Recommendation by staff that Council approve an expenditure under our current 48 month Lease Agreement with Toshiba America Business Solutions, Inc., utilizing the State of Florida contract # 600-100-11-1 (attached), in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00 which includes the City's current lease for 9 Toshiba copiers citywide (\$13,369.56 annually) and includes the maintenance and replacement of ink cartridges for our desktop printers under Toshiba's Printer Program (\$18,630.44 annually), as funds were budgeted in the FY19/20 Budgets pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5)(c) of the City Code

B) Recommendation by staff that Council approve an expenditure to River Cities Gazette, as a sole source provider, on an "as needed basis" in the amount of \$35,300.00, for greater local access and more informative notification of advertising and legal notices to the residents of public ordinances and state and federal grant awards of the City as there is only one local source that delivers to every household in Miami Springs for the required service(s) and as funds were budgeted in the FY20/21 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

C) Recommendation by Public Works that Council allow this issuance of an increase to Petersen Industries Purchase Order, as a sole source provider, as there is only one source (proof attached) for the required in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.000 for the hydraulic parts for the cranes, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

D) Recommendation by Public Works that Council authorize the issuance and/or execution of a purchase order to Auto Zone, utilizing National IPA under contract # R170201 (attached), for the remainder of their contract term, including any extensions through 04/30/2021, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for parts & repairs on trucks as funds were budgeted in the FY 20/21 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

E) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council approve an expenditure to Axon Enterprise, Inc., as a sole source provider, in the amount of \$16,203.00, for 420 X2 Smart Cartridges, 4 and Conductive Targets, as funds were approved in the FY 20/21 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

F) Recommendation by Golf that Council approve an expenditure to Acushnet, as a sole source provider, in an amount not to exceed \$44,400, for purchasing Titleist and Foot Joy merchandise to be re-sold in the golf pro shop as there is only one source (proof attached) for the required materials and as funds were budgeted in the FY20/21 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

G) Recommendation by Golf that Council waive the competitive bid process in the best interest of the City and approve an expenditure to Aeration Technology, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, for aeration services during the summer months as there is only one source for the required service(s) and as funds were budgeted in the FY20/21 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code *(4/5ths vote of Council is required)*

H) Recommendation by Golf that Council approve an expenditure to Hector Turf, as the sole distributor within the Southeast Florida region, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for parts needed to repair Toro golf equipment and for required supplies, as funds were budgeted in the FY20/21 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

I) Recommendation by Golf that Council waive the competitive bid process in the best interests of the City because of the installation of the free satellite tank monitors which has lowered the overall fuel costs to the city by an estimated \$15,600 in comparison to previous years and approve an expenditure to Tropic Oil, in an amount not to exceed

\$25,000, for fuel supply services at Miami Springs Golf & Country Club as funds were budgeted in the FY20/21 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code (4/5ths vote of Council is required)

J) Recommendation by Golf that Council approve an expenditure to Ultimate Corporate Advertising, as a sole source provider, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for advertising the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club in a sports yearbook as there is only one source for the required service(s) and as funds were budgeted in the FY20/21 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

K) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Selecting Superior Park Systems, Inc. For The Tennis Court Resurfacing Project; Approving A Construction Agreement In An Amount Not To Exceed \$16,632.00; And Providing For An Effective Date

Mayor Mitchell pulled Item 9K for further discussion.

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

City Manager William Alonso read Consent Agenda Item 9K. After further discussion, Councilman Best moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 9K. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, 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, Establishing The City's 2022 Legislative Priorities And State Appropriation Requests; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, 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, Providing For The Fourth And Final Budget Amendment To The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, And Stormwater Enterprise Fund Budgets; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, 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, Providing For The First Budget Amendment To The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund, Special Revenue, And Capital Projects Fund Budgets By Re-Appropriating Reserved Fund Balances To Fund Open Encumbrances Through September 30, 2021; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

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

D) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Settlement Agreement With Runway Partners, Llc In The Pending Litigation Styled City Of Miami Springs V. Runway Partners, LLC, Miami-Dade County Case No. 2020-019872-Ca-01; Providing For Authorization; 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 Bravo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

E) 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

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolution by title.

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

F) Consideration of the Board of Parks and Parkways Recommendations for nominating the Yard of the Month Awards for October, November, and December 2021

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

12. Other Business:

A) Vote of Confidence for the City Manager as Required by Section 4.02 (2) of the City Charter

Councilman Best made a motion to give City Manager William Alonso a vote of confidence. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

B) Consideration by Council to cancel the November 22nd and December 27th Council Meetings due to the upcoming holidays

Councilman Best made a motion to cancel the November 22nd and December 27th Council meetings. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

C) Request by Mayor Mitchell to discuss a proposed ordinance to prevent hotels and other businesses in the City from being used for purposes other than that for which they are licensed

Mayor Mitchell requested the City Council's consensus on directing City staff to pursue any and all legal actions against any businesses that are violating their business license and failure to renew their business license. The City Council unanimously gave consensus for the Mayor's request.

D) Request by Vice Mayor Bravo to discuss a proposed ordinance for the prohibition of feeding wildlife and fowl of any kind; songbirds excluded with restrictions

Vice Mayor Bravo provided a PowerPoint visual and oral presentation. After some discussion, Vice Mayor Bravo made a motion to forward the issue to the Ecology Board so the Board can develop an awareness educational campaign on the matter and to use Social Media/Gazette to inform the residents on the campaign. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that this would be her last meeting, as her maternity is set to begin shortly. She wished everyone happy holidays and hopes to be back after the new year.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso advised that City Staff is working jointly with the Miami Real Estate Association on several improvements at Ragan Park, with a tentative ribbon cutting ceremony on October 25th. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided a verbal list of upcoming City events which may also be found on the City's website.

C) City Council

Councilwoman Bravo stated she is looking forward for the educational awareness to go out on the feeding of wildlife. She also expressed that she came across an event happening in Doral, which would be great to have in the City, called Downtown Doral Art Walk and Artisan Market around the Circle.

Councilman Vazquez mentioned that the Girl Scouts, led by Kahnee Rodriguez, did a project last year that recognized veteran's in the City, by providing an American Flag on their lawns and this year they are suggesting a Breakfast Day with the veterans. He also stated that he continues to look forward to hearing from all the Boards before the end of the year.

Councilman Fajet expressed his gratitude towards the City Manager, City Attorney, and Police Chief for resolving the issue at Runway Inn.

Vice Mayor Best congratulated the City Manager for his continued service and vote of confidence this evening. He thanked Ms. Martin for her request for the Honor Flight coming up.

Mayor Mitchell mentioned that the Business and Economic Development Task Force had a wonderful meeting and stated that it is an amazing group of people. She stated that the City's social media presence is somewhat lacking, but looking forward to improvements in the near future. She encourages business owners to attend the meeting, which is the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 25th day of October, 2021.


Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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