



## **City of Miami Springs, Florida**

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 8, 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 7:02 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 Jose Arango

City Attorney Lisa Smith-Lalla

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Planning and Zoning Director Chris Heid

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Vice Mayor Jacky Bravo  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Boy Scout Troop 334 led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.

- 3. Agenda / Order of Business: None at this time.**

- 4. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Officer of the Month Award for the month of October 2021 - Officer Rafael Dominguez

**Police Guzman introduced Sgt. Albert Vargas who further stated the events that nominated Officer Dominguez as the October 2021 Officer of the Month. Officer Dominguez thanked his Police unit, Administration, his family, and the City Council.**

B) Yard of the Month Award – November 2021 – Migdalia Alfonso – 286 Minola Drive

**Mayor Mitchell presented the Yard of the Month award to Ms. Alfonso. Ms. Alfonso**

**was present to accept the award, she thanked the Mayor and City Council for the recognition.**

C) Recognizing the November 2021 City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month – Gladys Perez Villanueva

**Mayor Mitchell recognized Ms. Gladys Perez Villanueva, who was present to discuss her artwork display in the City Hall Lobby for the month of November. She thank the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity for the platform.**

D) Introduction of the new City Public Information Officer Shannen Jaser

**Mayor Mitchell introduced Ms. Jaser to the City Council and public. Ms. Jaser thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity and looks forward to working with the City.**

**5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Vincent Vigna, Scoutmaster**

**6. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) October 25, 2021 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of October 25, 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.**

**8. Public Hearings: None at this time.**

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

A) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council approve an expenditure to General Sales Administration (T/A Major Police Supply), utilizing GSA Contract Number: GS-07F-0115Y in the amount of \$10,600.51, for a BOSS 4 Level 1 License for one year at \$1,537.03/per year, one year of PIPS cloud hosting services at \$4,529.47/per year, and BOSS Mantis Level 2 software for year, make, and model at \$4,534.01/per year, as these funds were approved in the FY21/22 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

**Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the item by title.**

**Vice Mayor Bravo moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 9A. 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, Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding With The Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order Of Police, Inc. Relating To The Police Pension Fund; Providing For Authorization; 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) **Ordinance – First Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Section 35-53, “Benefit Amounts And Eligibility,” Of The Police And Fireman Pension Plan Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances Pertaining To Retirement Benefits; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.**

**Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Ordinance on first reading. 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.**

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Authorizing The Issuance Of Capital Improvement And Equipment Acquisition Revenue Note, Series 2021, Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, In The Principal Amount Of \$645,000 For The Purpose Of Financing The Costs Of Construction Of Infrastructure Improvements To The Community Center And The Purchase Of Two Side Loader Single Axle Garbage/Sanitation Trucks And A Ford F150 For Parks And Recreation; Awarding The Sale Of The Note To City National Bank Of Florida; Providing For Security For The Note; Providing Other Provisions Relating To The Note; Making Certain Covenants And Agreements In Connection Therewith; Providing For Adoption Of Representations; Providing For Certain Other Matters In Connection Therewith; Providing A Severability Clause; And Providing An Effective Date

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.**

**Vice Mayor Bravo 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.**

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Two Sanitation Trucks From Nextran Corporation D/B/A Nextran Truck Center In An Amount Not To Exceed \$557,500.00 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 Fajet 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.**

**12. Other Business:**

A) Request by Mayor Mitchell to provide update on recent meetings with FDOT regarding NW 36 Street Corridor project

**Mayor Mitchell provided an update on recent meetings with Florida Department of Transportation, on the projects that under the “Study Phase,” within the Miami Springs area. She stated recently that FDOT has updated the City that it will be entering the Project Development & Environment Phase, and that two more public sessions will be confirmed for January 20, 2022 at the Holiday Inn and another session March 2022. She encouraged residents to attend the sessions to express their concerns on the projects and be a part of the decision process.**

B) Request by Vice Mayor Bravo to discuss a Parking Comprehension Plan for the City of Miami Springs

**Vice Mayor Bravo expressed the need for a Parking Comprehension Plan to solve a variety of parking issues, provide parking revenue opportunities, and better traffic flow. She requested consensus from the City Council to pursue quotes for a consultant. Mayor Mitchell provided a friendly suggestion to explore parking issues and management at a Council Workshop in order to focus the discussion on parking.**

C) Request by Vice Mayor Bravo Parking Pricing Implementation Plan for the City of Miami Springs

**Vice Mayor Bravo stated that the second stage beyond the Parking Comprehension Plan would be a Parking Pricing Implementation which would maximize the revenues by bringing supply to the demand for more parking. This item would be included in the Council Workshop for discussion. It was the consensus of the City Council to**

review the previous parking studies and the completion of the Business and Economic Development Task Force report before scheduling a Council Workshop on parking.

**13. Reports & Recommendations:**

- A) City Attorney

**City Attorney Jose Arango had no report at this time.**

- B) City Manager

**City Manager William Alonso wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He reported that November 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a food distribution at the Community Center. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided a verbal list of upcoming City meetings and events, which may also be found on the City's website.**

- C) City Council

**Vice Mayor Bravo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and had no further report at this time.**

**Councilman Best thanked the Vice Mayor for bringing up the parking item on the agenda. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.**

**Councilman Fajet thanked the City Manager for assisting the Police Officers being affected by the Pension freeze.**

**Councilman Vazquez reported back on the PROFESA event at the Golf Course tournament, he stated it was well attended and was able to speak to Golf Director Paul O'Dell on the future improvements expected at the golf course. He also discussed that he looks forward to addressing signage in the City and the color palette, updating the code is a priority moving forward. He stated that he attended the ribbon-cutting for the Regan Park tiki hut installation sponsored by the Realtors Association; he said it was a wonderful event.**

**Mayor Mitchell commented that she attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Regan Park for the tiki hut sponsored by Miami Realtors Association. She is looking forward to future amenities at that park as well, such as a playground hopefully. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked the City staff for everything that they do.**

**14. Adjourn**

**There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

  
Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



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

  
Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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