



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 8, 2022 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 Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

Councilman Bob Best

Councilwoman Jacky Bravo

Councilman Victor Vazquez, Ph.D. (via Zoom)

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

City Attorney Eduardo Martos (via Zoom)

City Attorney Jose Arango (via Zoom)

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Planning Director Chris Heid

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilwoman Jacky Bravo

Pledge of Allegiance: The audience participated in leading the pledge.

3. **Agenda / Order of Business**

Mayor Mitchell took a moment to recognize Michael Gavila, resident of Miami Springs for his continued service and participation in the community. She also wished him a Happy Birthday, celebrated on August 3rd; everyone joined in and sang Happy Birthday to Mr. Gavila.

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Recognizing Miami Springs Little League Baseball Team for winning the District and Sectional Titles

Mayor Mitchell welcomed the coaches and players of the Little League Baseball Team. She recognized Little League President and Coach Fred Gonzalez, who then provided a detailed oral presentation on the team's season. He further provided a visual video of the team's accomplishments throughout the season.

Councilman Best along with the Mayor and City Council recognized each player for their contribution to the team. The following team members present were: J.J. Alvarez, Max Antelo, Liam Antelo, Kaler Garri, Freddy Gonzalez, Adrian Hernandez, Mason Hernandez, Lucas Lozano, Lucas Perez, Christopher Pineda, Jr., Adrian Rodriguez, Mason Romay, Jordan Vargas, and Brayden Weber; Coaches: Willie Romay, Orlando Perez, and Jesus Rodriguez.

B) Recognizing the City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month for August 2022, Juan Andres Caruncho

Mayor Mitchell recognized Mr. Andres Caruncho, resident and artist. Mr. Caruncho, introduced himself and provided some background information on the exhibition. He thanked the City Council and City Administration for hosting the Art in City Hall program that provides artists in our community the opportunity to display their artwork while beautifying City Hall.

5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

- A) June 27, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- B) July 20, 2022 – Special Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 Regular Meeting and July 20, 2022 Special Meeting. Vice Mayor Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, 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 Section 150-070.1, “Miami Springs Gateway Overlay District” Within Article VII, “Business District” Of Chapter 150, “Zoning Code,” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances To Revise The Creative Excellence Standards And Available Maximum Floor Area Ratio, To Clarify The Parking Review Process And Fee Applicability, And To Provide Additional Clarifications On The Overall District Project Review Process; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date *(This item will be deferred to August 22, 2022 Council Meeting)*

City Attorney Haydee Sera announced that the Ordinance will be heard on second reading on August 22, 2022.

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

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Issuance Of A Purchase Order To Computer Electric, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$24,990.00 For The Installation Of Two Scoreboards At Prince Field; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Issuance Of A Work Order To Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. For Phase 3 Of The South Royal Poinciana Boulevard Stormwater And Roadway Improvements Project Consisting Of Bidding, Construction Management, And Related Support Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$44,600; And Providing For An Effective Date

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Supply Services For Gasoline And Diesel Fuel For The City's Departmental Vehicles From Pro Energy LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$110,000 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Miami-Dade County Rtg-00676 Pursuant To Section 31- 11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Twelve L-Tron 4910lr Microphone Style Driver's License Reader Kits With Magnetic Mounting Kits From L-Tron Corporation For The City's Police Department In An Amount Not To Exceed \$4,495.08 Utilizing The City's Law Enforcement Trust Funds (LETF); Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

E) **Recommendation** – Recommendation by Information Technology that Council authorize the City Manager to renew an agreement with Tyler Technologies for Executime employee time keeping software and expend budgeted funds in an amount not to exceed \$13,923.93, for FY21/22 and an amount not to exceed budgeted funds for future fiscal years.

F) **Recommendation** – Recommendation by Public Works that Council approves an increase to the existing open blanket purchase order #220065 to Thermal Concepts, in the amount of \$14,000.00, approved under the authority of the City Manager, William Alonso, as an emergency procurement purchase, for maintenance and repairs for various air conditioning units – City-wide

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

10. Old Business: None at this time.

11. New Business: None at this time.

12. Other Business:

A) Discussion on appointing a resident to the General Employee Pension Board Seat; Vacancy created by Ms. Elaine Pons

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez, explained that recently a vacancy was created when Ms. Elaine Pons resigned from the board. She stated that the Council is required to appoint a resident to the Board and to consider a nomination at the next meeting.

B) Request by Mayor Mitchell for discussion on parking and parking fees

Mayor Mitchell stated that the City was approved for a Parking Study grant recently. Since the inception of the Business and Economic Development Task Force have stated that there is a need to look into parking or additional parking. She also stated that Commissioner Sosa is also subsidizing a portion of the required match funding from the City and offered to make up the difference to fund the Parking Study. City Manager William Alonso stated that the City is gathering names of companies that provide Parking Study services in order to issue a procurement proposal possibly in September.

C) Update on City's Annexation Process

City Manager William Alonso stated that the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners have approved the Four City Annexation Application, the City's Annexation request in July. The County Attorney and the City Attorneys are currently working on an Interlocal Agreement for specific requirements. City Manager William Alonso stated that the Mayor and himself will have meetings with local proposed annexed area business owners in the next several weeks. Mayor Mitchell stated that it would be beneficial to have a City Workshop or Town Hall meeting to meet with residents to address any questions or concerns. The City Council conceded to hold a workshop or town hall meeting around early September, specifically once the Interlocal Agreement is received in its final form from the County.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso announced that Rep. Bryan Avila will host a food drive on September 17th and the mobile mammogram unit is scheduled for October 1st at the Community Center. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero announced all the upcoming City events and stated that more information is available on the

City website.

C) City Council

Councilman Vazquez stated that he is was not feeling well and dealing with bronchitis which is why he is attending via Zoom; he had no further report.

Vice Mayor Fajet stated he is looking forward to the budget workshops coming up in the next several weeks. He wished everyone a happy back to school day in the coming days.

Councilwoman Bravo said thank you to the City for recognizing Mikey Gavila, and the Little League Baseball League. She also wished everyone a happy back to school as well.

Councilman Best was saddened to read about the suicide at the City park and encouraged anyone to reach out to the suicide outreach phone line. He thanked the City Manager on the issue of the cell phone tower flag. He stated that he will be attending the Florida League of Cities conference next week. He also said that he spoke to former City Manager Ron Gorland recently. Councilman Best requested an update on the FPL underground utility project.

Mayor Mitchell thanked Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero for being available and on top of City issues while the City Manager was on vacation. She reminded everyone that we are in peak hurricane season now, she emphasized to check on neighbors, the elderly as well. There are City resources that are available to those who need information or extra assistance during the hurricane season. She announced that the Miami Springs/Hialeah Rotary Club are raffling off tickets for "Dining Out for A Year." Mayor Mitchell encouraged the Council to review the budget and if there are any wish list items to let the City Manager know for Council consideration. She also emphasized the importance of learning how to swim, and encouraged the public to reach out to the aquatics center for children's classes. Mayor Mitchell expressed her condolences for the Maria Carneri family, a longtime resident of Miami Springs, she was beloved, and is a great loss to our community.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 22nd day of August, 2022.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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