



*CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA*

**CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS**  
**Regular Meeting of Monday, March 8, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**

<b><u>ITEM #</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION TAKEN</u></b>
1.	<b>Call to Order/Roll Call</b>	All present. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
2.	<b>Invocation</b>	Offered by Councilman Lob.
	<b>Salute to the Flag</b>	The audience participated.
3.	<b>Awards &amp; Presentations</b>	
3A)	Charles B. Stafford Golf Tournament	Sergeant Claire Gurney-Moore, President of the Miami Springs Fraternal Order of Police, requested a donation from the City for the fourth annual Charles B. Stafford Golf Tournament to be held at the Golf Course on April 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. The proceeds are shared with the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) organization that helps the families of fallen police officers.  An agenda item will be scheduled for the next meeting to consider the request.
4.	<b>Open Forum:</b>	
	Skate Park	Silvia Aza of 792 Rio Vista Drive asked Council not to consider building a skate park in front of her house because it will change the quiet neighborhood. There will be more traffic and noise, especially on the weekends.

- 4) Skate Park Katheline Johnson of 762 Rio Vista Drive expressed her opposition to building a skate park at the end of the street where she lives. The Saratoga Springs Apartment across the street had already diminished the property values and the skate park would contribute to the problem making it impossible to sell her home. The crosswalk from Hialeah is in the vicinity and there would be noise and teenagers hanging around the area. She urged Council not to approve the Rio Vista location.
- Skate Park Liset Granda of 851 Albatross Street stated that her back yard is adjacent to the proposed skate park location and she does not want the noise. Most of the kids who go to the parks are not supervised by parents.
- Skate Park Orlando Granda of 851 Albatross Street is opposed to a skate park because it will bring a bad atmosphere to the City, with noise, trash, graffiti, etc., which he does not want around his kids.
- Skate Park Carmelina Toledo of 881 Albatross Street submitted a letter expressing her disagreement with a skate park located in a residential area because it will bring traffic and unknown persons to the area. She added that there will be no peace in the neighborhood.
- Skate Park Clarece Depkin of 501 Nightingale Avenue stated that when she moved to the City she would have never dreamed there would be a skate park four lots away from her home. There are many concerns, including the decrease in the property value and crime. She lives close to the High School and the Dog Park and she would hope that the new Community Center would offer other activities for the youth in the City. She asked Council to consider another location for the park.

4) Skate Park David Diez of 710 Rio Vista Drive stated that he is opposed to the Rio Vista skate park location and hoped that Council would find another site. His wife and family enjoy using the City's parks and they would like to maintain the green space at the end of his block. He suggested an indoor skate park inside the Hook Square theatre.

Skate Park Cheryl Diez of 710 Rio Vista Drive said that in addition to the noise, the skate park would bring more pedestrian traffic from Hialeah over the pedestrian bridge. She felt that the residents would be liable if there is crime or an accident on their properties. She also suggested utilizing the Hook Square theatre for an indoor skate park.

Springs River Festival Clean-Up Carl Malek of 172 Curtiss Parkway, Springs River Festival Committee would like volunteers to clean up the streets and the pathways around the City on the weekend before the Springs River Festival on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. He invited people to join him at the incoming bridge to help clean the area from the bridge, around the Circle, down to the Golf Course. Several of the High School students will join in the clean-up.

Library Renovation Martin Crossland of 900 Plover Avenue referred to a presentation that was made by Miami-Dade County Library over a year ago regarding the library improvements. The project had been delayed, the library is abandoned and the property is neglected. There are three new library branches being built, while the City's library is being renovated. He suggested that Council should contact County Commissioner Sosa to ask for assistance regarding this issue.

4) Sidewalk Cleaning Martin Crossland noticed that Council is considering cleaning the Downtown

sidewalks. There are broken plastic posts in front of Starbucks and he would like to know who is responsible for the maintenance. He suggested a planter or median strip in the first block of Curtiss Parkway.

**5. Approval of Council Minutes**

- 5A) 02/22/2010 Meeting Minutes of the Meeting were **approved as written.**  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Councilman Lob  
**Vice Mayor Espino:** “aye”  
**Councilman Best:** “abstained”  
**Councilman Lob:** “aye”  
**Councilwoman Ator:** “aye”  
**Mayor Bain:** “aye”  
**Vote:** 4-0

**6. Reports from Boards & Commissions**

- 6A) General Employees Retirement System Minutes of the February 4, 2010 General Employees Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6B) Police and Firefighters Retirement System Minutes of the February 4, 2010 Police and Firefighters Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6C) Historic Preservation Board Minutes of the February 18, 2010 Historic Preservation Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6D) Ecology Board Cancellation Notice of the February 23, 2010 Ecology Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6E) Code Review Board Minutes of the February 25, 2010 Code Review Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6F) Zoning and Planning Board Cancellation Notice of the March 1, 2010 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was

- received for information without comment.
- 6G) Code Enforcement Board Cancellation Notice of the March 2, 2010 Code Enforcement Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6H) Board of Adjustment Council **approved** the actions taken by the Board of Adjustment at their meeting of March 1, 2010, subject to the ten-day appeal period.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Second:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Vote:** 5-0
7. **Public Hearings:** None
8. **Consent Agenda:** **(All items simultaneously approved)**
- 8A) City Attorney's Invoice Council **approved** payment of the City Attorney's invoice for February 2010 in the amount of \$11,589.75.  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 8B) Lease of Golf Carts Council **waived** the competitive bid process and **approved** an expenditure of \$232,380 to Yamaha Motor Corporation for the lease of 75 new golf carts for four years beginning March 15, 2010, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code.  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0

*Agenda Item 8C became Agenda Item 10D*

9. **Old Business:**
- 9A) Appointments to Advisory Boards None
- 9B) Welcome Signs Council **approved** an expenditure of \$2,500 to Dana Estabrook for two identical Welcome Signs, as a sole source provider, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (c) of the

City Code.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Second:** Councilman Lob  
**Vice Mayor Espino:** “aye”  
**Councilman Best:** “aye”  
**Councilman Lob:** “aye”  
**Councilwoman Ator:** “no”  
**Mayor Bain:** “aye”  
**Vote:** 4-1

9C) Changes to Basin 35  
Council **authorized** the Administration to inform the South Florida Water Management District that the City intends to continue with the improvements of Basin 35.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Councilman Lob  
**Vote:** 5-0

9D) Legal Documents  
Council **authorized** the City Manager to sign the documents required to obtain installation of a water meter and service at the new Community Center.  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Councilman Lob  
**Vote:** 5-0

**10. New Business:**

10A) Sidewalk Cleaning in the Downtown Area  
Council **authorized** the Administration to hire a part time worker to do the sidewalk cleaning in the downtown area under the supervision of the Public Works Director.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Vice Mayor Espino:** “no”  
**Councilman Best:** “aye”  
**Councilman Lob:** “no”  
**Councilwoman Ator:** “aye”  
**Mayor Bain:** “aye”  
**Vote:** 3-2

10B) Proposed Code Amendments  
Council **scheduled** a Special Meeting for Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council requested the attendance of the

Building Official and the Building and Zoning Office Supervisor.

- 10C) Resolution No. 2010-3477 Council **adopted** a resolution providing for the third amendment of the FY2009-2010 General Fund Budget; providing increases in the Recreation & Culture Budget to pay for unbudgeted operating expenditures of the new Community Center as well as the acquisition of furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the new center; declaring the intent and purpose of the budgetary amendments.  
**Motion:** Councilman Lob  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0

*Agenda Item 8C became 10D*

- 10D) Purchase of Vehicles for the Parks and Recreation Department Council **awarded** a bid for two new vehicles to Garber Ford Mercury, Inc., utilizing Florida Sheriff's Association Bid # 09-17-0908, Spec # 39 & 43, in an amount not to exceed \$26,483.00, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code for the Parks and Recreation Department.  
**Motion:** Councilman Lob  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0

**11. Other Business:**

- 11A) Vote of Confidence: City Attorney Council **gave** a vote of confidence to the City Attorney.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0

- 11B) Vote of Confidence: City Clerk Council **gave** a vote of confidence to the City Clerk.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Councilwoman Ator

**Vote: 5-0**

11C) Employee Benefits Compensation Council **scheduled** a Special Meeting for Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

11D) Grand Opening: Community Center Council **scheduled** the Grand Opening of the new Community Center for Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**12. Reports & Recommendations:**

**12A) City Attorney**

Commission on Ethics Seminar City Attorney Seiden reported that he arranged for the Commission on Ethics to hold their bi-monthly seminar at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club. He explained that the meeting is for attorneys and that United States Attorney Alex Acosta will discuss prosecution of local officials and the Federal Mail Fraud Act. He invited Vice Mayor Espino and Councilwoman Ator to attend.

**12B) City Manager**

Executive Session City Manager Borgmann recommended holding an Executive Session prior to the next Regular Council meeting on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the status of labor negotiations with the Police Benevolent Association (P.B.A.) and to ask for guidance on how Council would like to move forward.

12B) Transportation Enhancement Program

City Manager Borgmann distributed a copy of a grant application that was written by Curtiss Mansion, Inc. that must be submitted by the City as the owner of the Curtiss Mansion. He asked Council to review the

material and call him with any questions.

Jo Ellen Morgan Phillips

City Manager Borgmann informed Council that CMI President Jo Ellen Morgan Phillips was called out of town to Gainesville to be with her mother who is not well and prayers are with her.

Daddy Daughter Dance

City Manager Borgmann complimented Programs Supervisor Patti Bradley and the Recreation Staff for organizing the Daddy Daughter Dance that was a big hit.

Swimming Pool

City Manager Borgmann reported that the swimming pool had re-opened and the water is heated.

Little League Opening Day

City Manager Borgmann announced that the Little League Opening Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Basketball Playoffs

City Manager Borgmann reported that the final Youth Basketball playoffs will be held on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Miami Springs Middle School. He had hoped that the new Community Center gymnasium would be open, but unfortunately this was not possible.

Easter Egg Hunt

City Manager Borgmann stated that the annual Easter Egg Hunt would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Prince Field and there will be a golden egg for each age group.

12B)

Pelican Playhouse

City Manager Borgmann announced that the Pelican Playhouse performance "Is There a Doctor in the House" will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in the new Community Center at 7:30 p.m., followed by six additional performances on future dates.

Springs River Festival  
City Manager Borgmann reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the Springs River Festival on April 16-18, 2010.

Summer Camp Registration  
City Manager Borgmann stated that Summer Camp registration for City of Miami Springs residents will begin on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Residents receive first preference and if there is additional space, registration is opened to kids living outside of the City and Virginia Gardens.

Playground Mulch  
City Manager Borgmann reported that the new playground mulch was delivered. Prince Field Tot-lot is complete and Stafford and Peavy-Dove should be finished by the end of the week.

Painting of Pool Facility  
City Manager Borgmann announced plans to paint the exterior of the existing pool facility to coordinate with the colors of the new Community Center.

Pool Complex Proposal  
City Manager Borgmann reported that an unsolicited proposal was received for a new pool complex. He is not recommending that it be done; it is only a proposal with a price tag of approximately \$3.4MM, which is reasonable considering it is for a new building and pool. He is providing the information because it goes along with the original concept of the City's Recreation Master Plan. The plan shows a ten-lane pool, while eight lanes would be sufficient and the price includes a wading pool feature.

12B) Sandy Graham Younts  
City Manager Borgmann announced that a good friend of Miami Springs passed away. The Graham family left Miami Springs years ago to develop Miami Lakes and their daughter Sandy Graham Younts died of breast cancer at the age of 59. His thoughts and prayers are with the family.

12C)

**City Council**

Thank You

Councilman Best thanked Council for their frank discussions during the meeting.

Thank You

Councilman Best thanked Public Works Director Robert Williams for stepping up to the plate on the Downtown sidewalk cleaning issue.

Popular Annual Financial Report

Councilman Best thanked Finance Director William Alonso for the Popular Annual Financial Report that is very helpful when talking to residents.

Little League Opening Day

Councilman Best reported that he is looking forward to the Little League Opening Day Ceremony and the kick-off of season on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Prince Field.

Charles B. Stafford Golf  
Tournament

Councilman Best stated that the annual Charles B. Stafford Golf Tournament is a reasonable tournament, proceeds go to a good cause and it is very well attended. He urged everyone to get involved.

Community Center

Councilman Lob stated that it is very nice to see the progress with the new Community Center. He is glad that Council approved the budget amendment and the building is looking better every day. He urged people to drive by the facility.

12 C)

Cancer Relay for Life

Councilman Lob said that he enjoyed the Cancer Relay for Life. Many people attended and he is sorry for those who missed the event. He hopes that the event is planned again for next year. The event raised a significant amount of funds, based on the economic situation in the country and everyone involved put forth a lot of work and effort.

Councilman Best  
Councilwoman Ator is happy to see that Councilman Best is back and feeling better.

Cancer Relay for Life  
Councilwoman Ator explained that even though the annual Cancer Relay for Life is over there are additional fund raisers that are being planned throughout the next few months. She knows Miami Springs will reach their fund raising goal.

Curtiss Mansion Restoration  
Vice Mayor Espino visited the Rotary Club on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, to provide an update on the Curtiss Mansion restoration. He announced they are re-plastering the walls of the Mansion, which should be completed in the next two weeks, followed by exterior painting and window installation. The work is amazing and there is a beautiful view of the Golf Course.

Church Softball League  
Vice Mayor Espino announced that the Church softball league had started playing. All the churches participate and Blessed Trinity lost last Sunday.

Carlos Santana  
Vice Mayor Espino stated that Carlos Santana and his Head Chef Byron Rubio from Holleman's were on the South Florida Today Show. They held a cooking and guitar demonstration, which promoted the businesses.

12C) Business Cards  
Vice Mayor Espino explained that City Clerk Valls asked about ordering business cards with the new City Seal. He would like to change the design of the card in its entirety so that it is simple, yet elegant. He will provide samples for an updated card.

Cancer Relay for Life  
Vice Mayor Espino stated that the Cancer Relay for Life was a tremendous success. even though fewer teams participated. Funds raised were only \$10,000 short of

what was collected last year. The filming crew from the American Society corporate office loved the event, which will motivate the entire country. He thanked everyone who participated and is looking forward to next year's event.

Cancer Relay For Life

Mayor Bain said that rain hurt the Cancer Relay for Life because not as many people came out to purchase food between 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The event is one of the best because it brings families and the community together.

Soccer Banquet

Mayor Bain stated that the Soccer Banquet organized by the Village of Virginia Gardens is a nice banquet that is always well attended. The food supplied by Outback Steakhouse was great.

Flag Football

Mayor Bain reported that approximately thirty kids signed up on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> for flag football and the Recreation Department hopes to sign up more kids. There were hotdogs and hamburgers and it was a good time.

Prince Field

Mayor Bain said that Prince Field looks very nice and the grass is in good condition for the Little League Opening Ceremony on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

12C)

Compliment

Mayor Bain complimented Council for a good meeting.

**13.**

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.