



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
Regular Meeting of Monday, April 12, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

AGENDA

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call	All present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. (Councilwoman Ator arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
2.	Invocation	Offered by Councilman Best.
	Salute to the Flag	The audience participated.
3.	Awards & Presentations	
		<i>Discussed after Agenda Item 3B</i>
3A)	Westward Drive	<p>Chief of Police Baan presented information on the one lane/test study proposed for the first four blocks of Westward Drive to be conducted on May 16-17, 2010.</p> <p>City Manager Borgmann was concerned that the proposed project will not show the results that Council is looking for and he would like to make changes that are more aesthetically pleasing so that people would be able to see exactly what the end result would be.</p> <p>Council directed the Administration to begin advertising now and schedule an agenda item for the meeting of April 26th for Council to make a decision about the details of the project.</p>

- 3B) Proclamation Mayor Bain proclaimed Monday, April 12th “Suzie Gavila Day” to recognize her contributions to the community and for thirty-five years of employment at Variety Children’s Hospital.
- 4. Open Forum:**
- Skateboarding Nery Owens of 332 Payne Drive circulated pictures of skateboarders in the roadway in front of her house. She reported that she has called the Police but by the time the officers arrive the skateboarders have left the area. She suggested that “No Skateboarding” signs be installed, that the Community Policing Department hold seminars at the Middle and High Schools to inform students that it is against the law to skateboard in the road and urged Council to take action to resolve this problem.
- Census Lily Saborit Abello of 117 Palmetto Drive spoke about the U. S. Census and the concern that only 51% of Miami Springs’ households had responded. A Census representative asked her to help with an event to promote census awareness with the help of the Woman’s Club, Optimist Club, and Rotary Club. The responses increased to 55%. She urged everyone to complete and return their census form.
- Senate Bill 6 Todd Stiff of 1255 Dove Avenue would like the City to issue a resolution in regard to Senate Bill 6. He said that the bill was rushed through the House and the Governor has until Friday, April 16th to sign the bill.
- Pelican Playhouse Update Ralph Wakefield of 255 Springs Avenue spoke about the Rebeca Sosa Theater in the new Community Center and a postponement of the Grand Opening of the Pelican Playhouse. The additional two weeks would allow the equipment to be delivered and allow more time to train people to use the new equipment.

Pelican Playhouse Update

Nancy Jones of 255 Springs Avenue stated that the Pelican Playhouse received the 501-C-3 status. The new screen was donated by University Baptist Church and it replaced the smaller 6' x 8' screen. She reported that Target has a grant for arts in the schools that they will be applying for.

Pelican Playhouse

Kevin Hicks of 25 Corydon Drive has been developing the website for the Pelican Playhouse where one can receive information on the upcoming plays and recitals and general information about the programs. Tickets will be sold on-line at www.pelicanplayhouse.org beginning next week and the site will also have links to certain restaurants.

5. Approval of Council Minutes

5A) 03/22/2010 Meeting

Minutes of the March 22, 2010 Regular Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Vice Mayor Lob
Voice Vote: 5-0

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions

6A) Education Advisory Board

Minutes of the March 16, 2010 Education Advisory Board meeting were received for information.

Councilwoman Ator commented that the minutes included recommendations for Council and she asked how this is normally handled.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the Council Liaison or the Board Chair could bring the recommendations to Council. The City Clerk can also provide excerpts of the recommendations that can be scheduled as an agenda item for a future meeting.

6B) Ecology Board

Minutes of the March 23, 2010 Ecology Board meeting were received for

information without comment.

- 6C) Code Review Board Cancellation Notice of the March 25, 2010 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6D) Zoning and Planning Board Cancellation Notice of the April 5, 2010 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6E) Architectural Review Board Cancellation Notice of the April 7, 2010 Architectural Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6F) Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Cancellation Notice of the April 14, 2010 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6G) Board of Adjustment Council **approved** the actions taken by the Board of Adjustment at their meeting of April 5, 2010, subject to the ten-day appeal period.
Motion: Councilman Espino
Second: Vice Mayor Lob
Vote: 5-0
7. **Public Hearings:** None
8. **Consent Agenda:**
- 8A) City Attorney's Invoice Council **approved** payment of the City Attorney's invoice for March 2010 in the amount of \$11,873.75.
Motion: Councilwoman Ator
Second: Vice Mayor Lob
Vote: 5-0
9. **Old Business:**
- 9A) Appointments to Advisory Boards Vice Mayor Lob (Group III) **re-appointed** Ariana Fajardo to the Board of Adjustment for a 3-year term ending on April 30, 2013.
- 9A) Appointments (Continued) Mayor Bain **appointed** Michael Dominguez to the Golf and Country Club Advisory

Board for a full 2-year term ending on July 31, 2011.

Councilwoman Ator (Group IV) **re-appointed** Amy Klose to the Ecology Board for a 3-year term ending on April 30, 2013.

9B) Springs River Festival
Council **approved** an additional donation to the Springs River Festival in the amount of \$666.28 to cover the rental of cable ramps.
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilwoman Ator
Vote: 5-0

9C) Skate Park Sites
Assistant City Manager Gorland presented information on the surveys for the Rio Vista Drive and Crane/North Royal Boulevard sites under consideration for the proposed skate park. Council **directed** the Administration to look at the new area on the Golf Course adjacent to Dr. James' property proposed by Mayor Bain. Also, to further investigate the Rio Vista site and the new survey compared to the zoning map on file.

9D) Field Restroom Openings
Assistant City Manager Gorland presented a recommendation for the field restrooms to stay open only during organized events. Council **agreed**.

10. New Business:

10A) Budget Transfers
Council **approved** the budget transfers within departments as submitted by the Administration.
Motion: Councilwoman Ator
Second: Vice Mayor Lob
Vote: 5-0

10B) Community Center:
Change Orders No. 6 & 7
Council **approved** change orders No. 6 and 7 to Link Construction for the new Community Center totaling \$50,995.55.

- Motion:** Vice Mayor Lob
Second: Councilman Espino
Vote: 5-0
- 10C) Ground Lease Agreement Council **approved** a ground lease agreement with Clear Wireless, LLC.
Motion: Vice Mayor Lob
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0
- 10D) Interlocal Agreement:
Shuttle Bus Service Council **approved** an Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Virginia Gardens for shuttle bus service.
Motion: Vice Mayor Lob
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0
- 10E) Curtiss Mansion Project:
Change Order No. 2 Council approved change order No. 2 for the Curtiss Mansion Renovation Project No. 02-08/09 totaling \$37,044.28.
Motion: Councilwoman Ator
Second: Vice Mayor Lob
Vote: 5-0
- 10F) Website Design: RFP # 02-09/10 Assistant City Manager Gorland presented information on RFP # 02-09/10 for the website design. Council **directed** the Administration to allow the City Manager to select a committee relative to the website selection process and bring back the top five for Council review.
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Vice Mayor Lob
Vote: 5-0
- 10G) Optimist Club Fishing Tournament **Tabled.**
11. **Other Business:** None
12. **Reports & Recommendations:**
- 12A) **City Attorney**

Special Meeting
City Attorney Seiden reminded everyone of the Special Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 19th for the purpose of discussing code revisions. He will be getting additional information from the City Planner and Board of Adjustment Chair Manny Perez-Vichot. He urged Council to contact him if there were any questions in advance of the meeting.

Attorney's Luncheon
City Attorney Seiden reported that he, Councilman Espino and Councilwoman Ator would be attending the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Attorney's luncheon on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

Audit Committee
City Attorney Seiden stated that the committee met today to review the responses for the City auditing services responses. Presentations will be made by all four companies that responded on Wednesday, May 4th and a recommendation to Council will follow.

12B) City Manager

Executive Session
City Manager Borgmann announced that the rescheduled date for the Executive Session is Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

Community Center
City Manager Borgmann stated that the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Community Center went amazingly well. The dedication of the theatre to County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa was one of the nicest things that could be done in light of all she did for the City to make it possible to construct the building.

12B) Summer Camp Registration
City Manager Borgmann announced that the Summer Camp registration began. The process went very smoothly and 182 of the 185 slots were filled as of 7:30 this evening. The programming was expanded due to the

size of building.

Community Center Plaque

City Manager Borgmann stated that he distributed a memento plaque to Council with the inscription “Upon our Past We Built our Future”. The base of the plaque is a piece of the old gym floor and the top is a surplus piece of the new gym floor.

Post Buckley Schuh and Jernigan

City Manager Borgmann received a letter from PBS&J regarding the Basin 35 drainage project.

City Attorney Seiden pointed out that the City disagrees with Post Buckley. The letter received today states their position, which the City does not agree with and the City will have an opportunity to respond after reviewing the numbers with Finance Director Alonso. It must be determined what part of the services that were rendered, both from an engineering standpoint and a construction standpoint turned out to be beneficial to the City. Once they agree with the City’s position on one section, everything else should fall into place and they will eventually see the City’s position.

Springs River Festival

City Manager Borgmann reminded everyone of the Springs River Festival this weekend beginning on Friday, April 16th.

Congratulations

City Manager Borgmann extended congratulations to City of Doral Mayor Bermudez and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

12B)

Sidewalk Repairs

City Manager Borgmann announced that sidewalk repairs would begin around the Community Center and the swimming pool facility utilizing Local Option Gas Tax and CITT funds. Grassy areas that turned to dust during the construction will be re-

sodded.

Stafford Golf Tournament

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Stafford Golf Tournament was a success raising \$8,000, just short of last year due to the economy.

Parking Garage

City Manager Borgmann talked to CITT representatives and received verbal approval for the construction of the parking garage. He will meet with the director on Friday, April 16th to give him a formal proposal and map.

12C) City Council

Easter and Passover

Councilman Espino hoped that everyone had a holy Easter and Passover.

Tallahassee Trip

Councilman Espino reported that he went to Tallahassee on April 5th – April 7th to pursue some of the City's legislative priorities. Unfortunately, most of the conversation was in regard to Senate Bill 6. Legislative items on the horizon for the next session include municipal pensions. He was able to speak with a gentleman at the Historic Preservation Board with regard to the Curtiss Mansion National Landmark designation that must be approved by the state and federal government. This would enable the Curtiss Mansion to join the ranks with the Biltmore Hotel and the Freedom Tower. He met with Florida League of Cities representatives and will be joining several legislative committees and working with the Florida Redevelopment Association in a formal capacity. He appreciates the City's lobbyist Jose Fuentes for arranging most of the trip and the meetings.

12C) Curtiss Mansion (CMI)

Councilman Espino stated that the Mansion restoration is proceeding well. CMI will be selling bricks at the Springs River Festival that can be laser etched to be placed at the Curtiss Mansion for a small donation.

Community Center
Councilman Espino thought that the Community Center Grand Opening was a phenomenal event. Link Construction presented basketballs with the City Seal, signed by the Administration and present and past Council members. He added that the building is amazing and is generating positive feedback. He knows that County Commissioner Sosa was astounded with the construction of the building and the naming of the theatre after her.

Community Center
Councilman Best echoed Councilman Espino's comments about the Community Center and what an amazing event the Grand Opening was. The highlight of the evening was when they dropped the drape on the name of the Rebeca Sosa Theater.

Library Branch
Councilman Best reported that he read at the Library branch last week, but unfortunately there was not a great showing. He would suggest in the future that the designated readers should go to the schools. The Library Manager indicated that the schools no longer have funding to transport the children to the Library.

Springs River Festival
Councilman Best reminded everyone of the Springs River Festival this weekend.

Friends of the Theater
Councilman Best announced that the opening of the Pelican Playhouse would begin with "Friends of the Theater" on Thursday, April 29th. Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 2nd. Subsequent performances will be held on Friday, May 7th, Saturday, May 8th and Sunday May 9th.

12C) Skateboard Park
Councilman Best stated that the discussion on the skateboard park was interesting and he is glad that the opinions were brought to the table.

Sidewalks Vice Mayor Lob thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning the downtown sidewalks. Hopefully the sidewalks could be cleaned once a year in the future.

Community Center Vice Mayor Lob stated that the Grand Opening of the Community Center was an incredible event with approximately 1,200 people in attendance.

Summer Session Vice Mayor Lob said that the large turn out for the summer session is a by-product of the new Community Center. There were many people in line to register for the program and it was a great response. He commends the staff for their planning of the Grand Opening of the facility.

Library Branch Councilwoman Ator stated the senior citizens had expressed their concerns about the temporary library location. She thanked Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson for following up with the County and they worked out a plan to make it easier for the seniors to get to the temporary location and to check out books by mail.

Out of Town Councilwoman Ator announced that she would be going out of town with her husband this weekend and is disappointed that she would miss the Springs River Festival. She knows that many organizations have great plans for the Festival and it is going to be an outstanding event.

12C) Education Advisory Board Councilwoman Ator stated that the Education Advisory Board requested a proclamation for “Art for the Sky Day” event at the Middle School as well as support from the City in the “Take Stock in Children” mentoring program.

Streets and Sidewalks

Councilwoman Ator commented that the sidewalks and streets are looking much better since they were cleaned.

T-ball and Baseball

Councilwoman Ator reported that the baseball and T-ball programs are well underway. She said that she is a baseball mom and the games are very exciting. She thanked all the volunteers who are doing a great job.

T-shirt Logo

Councilwoman Ator presented two versions of the City logo in a horizontal layout.

Business Cards

Councilwoman Ator began working on the layout for the business cards based on Councilman Espino's draft.

Rain Barrel Workshop

Councilwoman Ator stated that the rain barrel workshop is coming up. She asked how the event is being advertised and suggested some signage.

City Manager Borgmann responded that an ad would be placed in the River Cities Gazette and people who would like to attend must pre-register. He offered to see what is planned to publicize the event and what can be done to supplement it.

Springs River Festival Clean-up

Mayor Bain commended the volunteers who worked to clean up the River Cities area on Saturday, April 10th. He said that they did a good job.

12C)

Census Event

Mayor Bain reported that Lily Saborit promoted a census rally that was held at the Circle on Sunday afternoon, April 11th. He added that Lily would like to make a presentation at the April 26th Council meeting.

Handicap Ramp

Mayor Bain spoke with a gentleman in a wheelchair about a handicap ramp in front of Starbucks. He asked if one could be placed in that area.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the area was checked and there is no cut-out on that side of the street. There is also a severe ramp in front of the pharmacy building and an area should be blocked off that is handicap accessible.

Community Center

Mayor Bain thanked Parks and Recreation Director Omar Luna, the Recreation Staff and the Administration for doing a great job in coordinating the Grand Opening of the Community Center. Commissioner Sosa knew that the Community Center was being constructed, but she had no idea how great the facility was going to be. It was nice that so many residents attended the event.

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.