



## *City of Miami Springs, Florida*

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, March 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

The following were present:

Mayor Billy Bain  
Vice Mayor Dan Espino  
Councilwoman Jennifer Ator  
Councilman Bob Best  
Councilman George V. Lob

Also Present:

City Manager James R. Borgmann  
Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland  
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden  
Chief of Police Peter G. Baan  
Finance Director William Alonso  
Public Works Director Robert T. Williams  
Golf Director Michael W. Aldridge  
Recreation Director Omar L. Luna  
Programs Supervisor Patricia A. Bradley  
City Clerk Magalí Valls

### **2. Invocation:** Councilman Lob offered the invocation.

**Salute to the Flag:** The audience participated.

**3. Awards & Presentations:**

**3A) Presentation from the Police Department Regarding the Charles B. Stafford Golf Tournament to be Held on Friday, April 9, 2010**

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.

To answer the Mayor's question, Sergeant Gurney-Moore clarified that last year's donation from the City was \$2,000.

An agenda item will be scheduled for the next meeting to consider the request.

**4. Open Forum:**

**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.

**Skate Park**

Katheline Johnson of 762 Rio Vista Drive expressed her opposition to building a skate park at the end of the street where they live. She said that the Saratoga Springs Apartment Building across the street had already diminished the property values and the skate park would contribute to the problem making it impossible to sell their 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 skate park location.

**Skate Park**

Liset Granda of 851 Albatross Street stated that her back yard is adjacent to the proposed skate park location. She does not want the noise from the skate park. She knows that most of the kids who go to the parks are not supervised by parents and she will not tolerate that in her back yard.

**Skate Park**

Orlando Granda of 851 Albatross Street stated that he 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, 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. They live 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 that is not in somebody's back yard.

### **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 that is more suitable. 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 from the skate park, it would bring more pedestrian traffic from Hialeah over the pedestrian bridge. She felt that the residents would be liable if there is a 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, said that he 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 regarding the library improvements that was made more than one year ago. He said that the project had been delayed, the library is abandoned and the property is neglected. Mr. Crossland said that there are three new library branches being built, while the City's library is being renovated. He suggested that Council contact County Commissioner Sosa regarding the issue.

### **Sidewalk Cleaning**

Martin Crossland noticed that Council is considering cleaning the Downtown sidewalks. He noticed that there are broken plastic posts in front of Starbucks and 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 – Regular Meeting**

Minutes of the February 22, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

**Councilwoman Ator moved the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion, which carried 4-0, with Councilman Best abstaining.**

**6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:**

**6A) 02/04/2010 – General Employees Retirement System – Minutes**

Minutes of the February 4, 2010 General Employees Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.

**6B) 02/04/2010 – Police and Firefighters Retirement System – Minutes**

Minutes of the February 4, 2010 Police and Firefighters Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.

**6C) 02/18/2010 – Historic Preservation Board – Minutes**

Minutes of the February 18, 2010 Historic Preservation Board meeting were received for information without comment.

**6D) 02/23/2010 – Ecology Board – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the February 23, 2010 Ecology Board meeting was received for information without comment.

**6E) 02/25/2010 – Code Review Board – Minutes**

Minutes of the February 25, 2010 Code Review Board meeting were received for information

without comment.

**6F) 03/01/2010 – Zoning and Planning Board – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the March 1, 2010 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.

**6G) 03/02/2010 – Code Enforcement Board – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the March 2, 2010 Code Enforcement Board meeting was received for information without comment.

**6H) 03/01/2010 – Board of Adjustment – Approval of Actions Taken at their Meeting of March 1, 2010 Subject to the 10-day Appeal Period**

Actions taken at the March 1, 2010 Board of Adjustment meeting were approved subject to the 10-day appeal period.

**Vice Mayor Espino moved the item. Councilwoman Ator seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.**

**7. Public Hearings:**

None.

**8. Consent Agenda: (approved with one motion)**

City Manager Borgmann removed Agenda Item 8C from the Consent Agenda. It will become Agenda Item 10D.

**8A) Approval of the City Attorney's Invoice for February 2010 in the Amount of \$11,589.75**

There was no discussion regarding this item.

**Councilwoman Ator moved the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Espino seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**8B) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Approve 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**

Mayor Bain clarified that funds were included in the budget.

Vice Mayor Espino stated that it would be onerous for the City to acquire the services of another company due to the term of the agreement.

City Manager Borgmann added that the City had excellent service from Yamaha Motor Corporation and there is only one other company that leases golf carts.

Golf Director Mike Aldridge explained that the Yamaha lease would not expire until November 2010, and they are willing to waive the remainder of the term without payment. He is requesting to end the agreement now due to the cost of repairing the carts for the next eight months, which eliminated the golf cart attendant/repair position.

To answer Councilman Best's question, Mr. Aldridge responded that there is no additional cost and Yamaha will provide a free beverage cart and picker.

Mayor Bain asked about the possibility of holding a Junior Golf Tournament.

Golf Director Aldridge said that he would be willing to hold a tournament before June 1<sup>st</sup> or after September 1<sup>st</sup>, due to the possibility of installing a new irrigation system.

City Attorney Seiden noted for the record that the new agreement with Yamaha would save the City \$45,000.

**Councilwoman Ator moved the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Espino seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

Mayor Bain reiterated his desire to hold the Junior Golf Tournament at the Golf Course.

Councilwoman Ator asked if the irrigation system would be replaced on the front or back nine holes.

City Manager Borgmann responded that the work would depend on the timing. If the first nine are finished this summer, the remainder of the work could be done utilizing funds from the next fiscal year's budget.

Assistant City Manager Gorland expects to bring a recommendation to Council for the irrigation system before June 1<sup>st</sup>. The best estimate right now is \$1.1MM.

*(Item 8C discussed as 10D)*

**8C) Recommendation that Council Award 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**

City Manager Borgmann moved this item to 10D, following the resolution approving the budget amendment for the Recreation Department.

### **9. Old Business:**

#### **9A) Appointments to Advisory Boards by the Mayor and Council Members**

No advisory board appointments were made.

*(Agenda Item 10A considered at this time)*

#### **9B) Revised Proposed “Welcome to Miami Springs” Signage for the new Community Center Gym (Discussed: 2/22/2010)**

City Manager Borgmann stated that Council received a proposal at the last meeting for two signs that would be placed on the back of the scoreboards in the new Community Center. There were some concerns about the design and Dana Estabrook was asked to come back with a new design, as shown in Exhibit “A” of the agenda packet.

Councilwoman Ator was of the opinion that the flower logo in the middle of the design is out of place.

**Vice Mayor Espino moved to approve the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion, which carried 4-1, with Councilwoman Ator casting the dissenting vote.**

#### **9C) Discussion Regarding Changes to Basin 35**

Mayor Bain asked to table this item to the next meeting.

City Manager Borgmann explained that he spoke with representatives of South Florida Water Management District who asked about the status of the Basin 35 project because there are dollars set aside for the work. The City has been reimbursed for \$96,000 from the first \$120,000 grant. The City would have to return approximately \$25,000 if the project is not complete. They must have an indication from Council if they wish to move forward. If not, they will release the dollars to another community.

To answer the Mayor’s question, the City Manager explained that there had been no agreement reached between Post Buckley Schuh & Jernigan and the City for the additional work that is required by the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM).

Vice Mayor Espino explained that there is a variable of more than \$100,000 for liability and

engineering work.

City Manager Borgmann said that he wanted Council to review the numbers so that he could make a rational decision and inform South Florida Water Management of the situation with Post Buckley and that the City is going to proceed because it is a drainage project that needs to be solved.

Mayor Bain explained that Council is in this position of making a decision. He would like to express the concern that the responsibility lies with Post Buckley.

City Attorney Seiden explained that Council must state that their position and opinion is that they intend to go forward with an alternative Basin 35 Project as previously described, with the numbers to be worked out later. The City Manager must respond to South Florida Water Management District so that they do not give away the grant funds.

**Councilman Best moved the item with the understanding that the Administration will continue negotiations with Post Buckley. Councilman Lob seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**9D) Signing of Documents for the Community Center Project**

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden explained that this is a ministerial matter, but he always advises the City Manager to be more protective of himself and informative to Council. A package of documents was delivered by Link in regarding to the Community Center construction project, including a bill of sale, waiver of lien, a maintenance bond and a W-9 form. These documents must be signed and submitted in order to hook up to the water and sewer facility services. Council authorization is needed for the City Manager to execute the documents on behalf of the City.

City Manager Borgmann stated that it is basically the \$82,000 water line and the City will not receive a water meter from Miami-Dade County until the documents are executed.

**Councilwoman Ator moved to authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary for procuring water and sewer services for the new Community Center. Councilman Lob seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.**

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Mark Pruitt of 141 Westward Drive stated that he had been helping the businesses pressure clean their sidewalks and there are many good products that help break down the tannic acid on the sidewalk. He agreed with Councilwoman Ator that there is a lot of dirt in the curb and gutter area and it is difficult to do the work because of the cars. He thanked the City for doing this for the Downtown area.  
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## **10. New Business:**

### **10A) Sidewalk Cleaning in the Downtown Area**

City Manager Borgmann stated that in response to Council requests, the Administration obtained three quotes for cleaning the sidewalks in the Downtown area. The lowest quote was \$4,800 and the highest was \$8,000. The bids were based on 5,500 square feet and entail approximately three weeks of labor. There are fewer employees since the water and sewer staff was transferred to Miami-Dade County and having City Staff perform the work is not an option.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the City could hire a temporary/part-time worker to perform the work for \$10.00 per hour, which would amount to \$1,200 for the three-week period. Even if the work takes six weeks it would still be half the price of the lowest quote.

Councilman Lob stated that a professional company would have the equipment that would ensure a better job. Cleaning the walking path along the center of Westward Drive median should also be considered.

Councilwoman Ator commented that the streets in the Downtown along the curb are also very dirty.

City Manager Borgmann clarified that the City has a street sweeping service and there is a Public Works employee that sweeps by hand.

Public Works Director Williams stated that the street sweeping service is done three days a week. The traffic around the Circle in front of Starbucks has increased, which adds to the litter, etc. Public Works was sending one employee to hand sweep every day, but the labor was reduced.

Mayor Bain commented that the original proposal was to clean the sidewalks and Councilman Lob is requesting to expand it to the median pathway.

Councilman Lob wanted to consider the entire Downtown area.

City Manager Borgmann reiterated that the most economical option would be to hire someone on a temporary basis under the supervision of the Public Works Director.

Vice Mayor Espino agreed with Councilman Lob that a professional company would have more equipment that would ensure a better job.

Public Works Director Williams disagreed that a professional company would do better work than his employees.

Mayor Bain suggested that the work could be done by Public Works employees that could earn overtime funds.

City Manager Borgmann responded that it would be very costly to pay the overtime rate.

Councilman Best said that Public Works Director Williams seems sure that he could properly supervise the work of a part-time employee and he approves of the reduced cost.

Vice Mayor Espino felt that hiring one part-time employee is not comparable to hiring the services of a professional company.

**Councilman Best moved the item. Councilwoman Ator seconded the motion which was carried 3-2 on roll call vote, with Vice Mayor Espino and Councilman Lob casting the dissenting votes.**

**10B) Review of City Attorney's Memorandum and Supporting Documentation and Consideration of Scheduling a Special Meeting to Discuss Proposed Code Amendments, Revisions and Additions**

Mayor Bain explained that the City Attorney prepared a list of the proposed code revisions for Council to address at a Special Meeting. He asked Council for their input and whether or not they would like to add or remove some items.

Councilman Best suggested scheduling two meetings to address the list of items.

Mayor Bain suggested addressing the building codes first and the other codes later.

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden stated that a Special meeting would allow Council to give him specific direction. He does not anticipate a lot of discussion on the items, it should be a quick process and if Council wants a specific listing they can advise the Administration which ones they want to address at a specific time.

Mayor Bain felt that there is no reason to address Section 150-013 - Residential Plantings, Fences and Walls. He said that this is an issue that neighbors should handle themselves.

City Attorney Seiden said that his opinion has been that it is a civil matter between neighbors, but the Code Department would like to solicit some help. Council can maintain the long standing policy if they wish, but he wanted to provide an extensive list of the items that were brought to him within the past six or eight months.

Councilwoman Ator agreed that the details could be discussed at a Special meeting. She suggested that it might be possible to prepare a single page explanation that would help Code Enforcement inform the residents of the City's position.

Mayor Bain requested a log or some form of backup documentation from Code Compliance on the number of telephone calls or complaints as evidence of the problem. He explained that many of the proposed revisions are related to Code Compliance and the list is more extensive than what he planned to address. He does not want to get involved in matters that should be negotiated between neighbors.

City Attorney Seiden agreed with the Mayor's position.

Councilwoman Ator explained that Council could address all the items during the Special meeting and the Administration could be instructed to prepare a sheet explaining the City's position, which solves both problems.

Councilman Lob said that he would not change the policy; the Administration could prepare a statement to give the residents explaining the City's position.

Vice Mayor Espino recommended scheduling a Special meeting to work through the items and if they do not finish they can call another meeting.

City Attorney Seiden added that the Code Review Board met to discuss coverage of rear yards, which must come back to Council as part of the meeting. They did a good job and should be commended.

Mayor Bain reiterated that he would like a clear explanation on the Code Compliance matters.

City Attorney Seiden said that he spoke with the Building Official and Code Compliance Supervisor requesting their presence at the Special meeting to provide expert testimony.

Vice Mayor Espino agreed with Mayor Bain that he would like documentation showing the prevalence of the specific situations.

**Council scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

**10C) Resolution No. 2010-3477 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs 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; Effective Date**

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the resolution by title.

City Manager Borgmann stated that during the budget workshops Council was advised that once the

Community Center was finished that the Administration would come back with adjusted cost figures for maintenance, staffing, programming, etc.

City Manager Borgmann explained that Recreation Director Omar Luna, in conjunction with the Finance Department, was charged with the task of developing a plan with reasonable numbers that would be sufficient to operate the department through the remainder of this budget year and lay the foundation for the next budget.

Recreation Director Omar Luna stated that he met with Staff to discuss the different options and what is needed to make the Community Center work for the next six months and into the future. There are additional operating expenditures, including utility costs for electric, water and sewer, monthly service for internet, cable television, telephone, alarm service, printers and scanners, floor mat systems, janitorial services and staff.

Recreation Director Luna said that Exhibit "B" includes many of the proposed programs with additional staff. Some of the programs listed will be offered this fiscal year and others will be provided in future fiscal years. He would like to implement all the programs to see if they will work. Some programs are related to the Community Center and others are department-wide external programs.

Councilwoman Ator referred to Exhibit "C" noting that the game room has only one television with two game programs.

Councilman Lob said that two televisions would allow the use of both game systems.

Recreation Director Luna explained that the game room is set up for only one television. They will only provide active games that help kids stay fit.

To answer Mayor Bain's question, Mr. Luna clarified that \$13,845.40 for janitorial services covers the expense for the next six months. The installation and monthly service fees total \$11,898.04.

Councilwoman Ator asked if there is new fitness equipment in storage.

Recreation Director Luna said that he has not checked the equipment in storage, but he understands that some is in good shape and some is antiquated. There are many people who are very interested in fitness and that will be one of the main programs.

City Manager Borgmann added that Bodies by Mari is changing the focus of her business operation and selling much of her equipment. The City was able to purchase three items for \$700.00 that would have cost almost \$2,000.00.

Councilman Lob wanted to be sure there were enough funds for new equipment and office furniture for the new facility.

Recreation Director Luna assured Council that he and his staff feel that they are requesting everything needed to move forward. He added that there are extra funds in the budget due to the savings for janitorial services during the last five months.

**Councilman Lob moved to adopt the resolution. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

*(Agenda Item 8C became 10D)*

**10D) Recommendation that Council Award 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**

City Manager Borgmann stated that this is a recommendation to award 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.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the Parks and Recreation Department has one fleet vehicle for daily maintenance and other day to day operations. The department had two vehicles, but one was removed as it was deemed to be unsafe by the Police Department. It is imperative to replace one vehicle to continue to provide adequate and safe services to the parks.

Vehicle # 417 was purchased in 1995 for \$13,415.00 and has experienced maintenance from 2001 to the present totally \$14,248.00, with the value of the vehicle estimated at \$1,675.00. The condition of the vehicle is poor and it would cost an additional \$2,000 in repairs to make it road worthy. The department is requesting an additional vehicle as the Staff is constantly using their personal vehicles for day to day operations.

The Administration is recommending the purchase of a Ford Ranger for \$12,121.00 and a Ford F-150 for \$14,362.00. Funds are available in the Parks and Recreation administrative budget.

**Councilman Lob moved the item. Vice Mayor Espino seconded the motion, which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

## **11. Other Business:**

**11A) Vote of Confidence for the City Attorney as Required by Section 8.01 (1) of the City Charter**

**Councilman Best moved to give the City Attorney a vote of confidence. Vice Mayor Espino seconded the motion.**

Councilman Best thanked City Attorney Jan K. Seiden for the professional service he provides to the City.

Vice Mayor Espino said that there is a tremendous relationship between Council and the City Attorney. He appreciates the fact that he is always available for any issue, his quick response, the caliber of his answers and the level of service he provides. He added that his services are underrated.

Councilman Lob thanked City Attorney Seiden for the job that he does and for protecting Council.

Councilwoman Ator agreed with Vice Mayor Espino that the City Attorney is underrated and he does an excellent job.

Mayor Bain stated that City Attorney Seiden keeps Council and the City in good legal standing. He also appreciates his quick response to his questions.

City Attorney Seiden took a class in law school called Municipal Corporations, which was thought to be an easy class. The professor explained that at least 25 to 30% of the students would end up practicing municipal law and he knows of three of his classmates that are municipal or county attorneys.

**The motion was carried unanimously on roll call vote.**

#### **11B) Vote of Confidence for the City Clerk as Required by Section 8.01 (1) of the City Charter**

**Councilman Best moved to give a vote of confidence to the City Clerk. Councilwoman Ator seconded the motion.**

Mayor Bain stated that City Clerk Magalí Valls is always available and provides anything that he needs in a timely manner.

Councilman Best thanked City Clerk Valls very much.

Vice Mayor Espino stated that with all due respect to the City Manager, he felt that the City could run on the efforts of City Clerk Magalí Valls. He thanked her for her level of service, saying that no detail is too small for her attention. He added that she keeps Council in check.

Councilman Lob thanked City Clerk Valls for her wonderful response whenever he calls. He knows that the City would not run the way it does without her help.

Councilwoman Ator echoed all of the previous responses. She said that City Clerk Magalí Valls takes care of everyone and has everyone well trained. She thanked her very much.

**The motion was carried unanimously on roll call vote.**

**11C) Scheduling of Workshop Meeting to Discuss Employee Benefits and Compensation**

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Administration would like to schedule a Workshop meeting with Council to discuss employee benefits and compensation.

**Council scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

**11D) Scheduling of Community Center Grand Opening**

City Manager Borgmann stated that he received new information this afternoon and it does not look like the Recreation Department will be able to move into the building on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He suggested holding a grand opening of the Community Center sometime in April.

Mayor Bain spoke with County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa's staff today and they confirmed she would be available on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. He will call her tomorrow to let her know if Council agrees with this date.

City Manager Borgmann suggested that 7:00 p.m. would allow more time for people to attend.

Mayor Bain added that there would be one month to plan the grand opening ceremony and to invite Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Representative Erik Fresen, Senator Rudy Garcia and all those people that contributed to the Community Center project.

To answer the Mayor's question, City Manager Borgmann responded that he told Link that the artists are welcome to begin their work based on their schedule.

Mayor Bain emphasized that time is critical and he hoped that the artists would begin their work.

**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.

### **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 to 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.

### **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 it is opened to Virginia Gardens and outside residents.

### **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 Exterior 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 regarding a new pool complex. He is not recommending that this should 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 for a Recreation Master Plan for recreation facilities. He noted that the plan shows a ten-lane pool, while eight lanes would be sufficient and it includes a wading pool feature in the price.

### **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.

### **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 that 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 that 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. He said that 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.

### **Business Cards**

Vice Mayor Espino explained that City Clerk Valls asked him 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 more simple, but 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. In spite of the economy, the 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 was phenomenal and it 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 the 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. He said that it one of the best events that brings families and the community together.

### **Soccer Banquet**

Mayor Bain stated that the Soccer Banquet organized by the Village of Virginia Gardens is one of the nicer banquets and it is 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>.

### **Compliment**

Mayor Bain complimented Council for a good meeting.

### **13. Adjourn.**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Billy Bain  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Magalí Valls, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved as written during meeting of: 3/22/2010.

Transcribed by Suzanne S. Hitaffer.