



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

The following were present:

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

Also Present:

City Manager James R. Borgmann
Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
Finance Director William Alonso
Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson
Grant Writer/Public Information Specialist Carol A. Foster
Programs Supervisor Patricia A. Bradley
Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Hitaffer

2. Invocation: Councilman Best offered the invocation.

Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

3. Awards & Presentations:

3A) Proclamation – Art for the Sky

Councilman Best presented the Art for the Sky proclamation to Miami Springs Middle School Principal Maria Mason on behalf of Mayor Bain.

Principal Mason thanked science teacher Katie Ortiz, the P.T.S.A., Mayor Bain and the City of Miami Springs for their help in making the project possible. A DVD presentation was made showing how the Art for the Sky project came together with the participation of all the students and staff forming an eagle on the school field.

Mayor Bain commended the kids and everyone who participated in the project.

Councilman Espino announced that the DVD is being sold by the P.T.S.A. for \$5.00.

3B) Certificates of Recognition to Springs River Festival Art and Writing Contest Winners

Mayor Bain presented certificates to the Springs River Festival Art and Writing Contest winners.

Center Director for Beyond the Bell Learning Center, Melisa Pascual, thanked Mayor Bain and all the children for the wonderful art and writing that was submitted. She introduced Center President Alex Rizzo.

Ms. Pascual stated that this is the third annual arts and writing contest sponsored by the Center. The center will be open for a reception after the meeting to showcase the artwork and writing. There will be discount vouchers for all students that entered the contest; the first place overall winners will receive a \$50.00 American Express gift card and all other winners will receive homework help or tutoring.

Mr. Rizzo thanked the Mayor, Council and everyone involved for recognizing the kids who did a great job. He said that all the work is displayed at the center and it shows the talent there is in Miami Springs.

(Mayor Bain called for a five-minute recess.)

4. Open Forum:

Library

Helen Lawrence of 641 Nightingale Avenue spoke about the balance between sports, school activities and scholarships. She sees that the library is not good enough for the kids that just received the awards. She would like to have a library that is as special as the kids are and County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa should be informed that the residents want their library now.

Annexation

Donna Hernandez of 769 Pinecrest Drive received notice from the County advising the residents of a proposed annexation meeting before the Planning Advisory Board on June 7th. She is undecided about annexation because there are many unanswered questions in regard to mitigation, zoning control, the FEC property, contiguity, budget analysis, etc. She would like all questions to be answered at the local level in a workshop meeting instead of at the county level. She submitted a list of questions for the record.

Mayor Bain informed Ms. Hernandez that an annexation update would be presented under agenda Item 9E.

Education

Education Advisory Board member Rob Gordon of 89 Corydon Drive stated that he heads a subcommittee that is focused on academic enhancement. He recommended that Council reconsider and redirect the efforts on the skate park to bolster academics. The City's average income is higher than many of the cities in the County, while the academic performance, as reflected in the test scores, is below the district average. He felt that this should be addressed as outlined in the education compact. He stressed the need for academic enhancement and better schools.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

5A) 05/10/2010 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the May 10, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved as amended.

Councilman Best moved to approve. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

5B) 05/17/2010 – Special Meeting

Minutes of the May 17, 2010 Special Meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Best moved to approve. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 05/11/2010 – Recreation Commission – Minutes

Minutes of the May 11, 2010 Recreation Commission meeting were received for information without comment.

6B) 05/12/2010 – Golf and Country Club Advisory Board – Minutes

Minutes of the May 12, 2010 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6C) 05/13/2010 – Board of Parks and Parkways – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the May 13, 2010 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting was received for information without comment.

6D) 05/27/2010 – Code Review Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the May 27, 2010 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6E) 06/15/2010 – Education Advisory Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the June 15, 2010 Education Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

7. Public Hearings:

None.

8. Consent Agenda:

None.

9. Old Business:

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

Vice Mayor Lob (Group III) **re-appointed** Dan Dorrego to the Code Review Board for a 3-year term ending on April 30, 2013.

Vice Mayor Lob (Group III) **re-appointed** Dr. Mara Zapata to the Ecology Board for a 3-year term ending on April 30, 2013.

9B) Architectural Review Board – Sign Post Presentation

Architectural Review Board Chairman Mark Trowbridge introduced Board members Kathy Fleischman, Roger Plasencia and Bob Calvert. He explained that this is a follow-up to the presentation of May 10th when they were asked to come back with a more detailed presentation.

Mr. Trowbridge explained that Council received information that was provided in the agenda packet as to the exact location of the fourteen sign locations recommended by the Architectural Review Board. He said that the Board would meet on June 2nd to address issues related to pedestrian way-finding and potential cluttered signs to be removed.

Mr. Trowbridge stated that each of the fourteen signs has a variety of directional sign posts attached to them delineating specific landmarks that the Committee felt were of the most importance within the City. The signs articulate together leading to a path up Westward Drive to the Circle; they also give points of interest and direction for municipal locations and parking down North and South Royal Poinciana Boulevard.

Architectural Review Board member Roger Plasencia referred to the site maps with numbers and arrows showing the direction in which each of the signs is pointing.

Mr. Trowbridge explained that the signage is broken down into three segments. He continued to explain the sign locations and the attached directional signage pointing to the various points of interest, municipal buildings, parking, etc.

Councilman Espino commented that there is more than one business district in the City and perhaps the signage should refer to the Downtown Central Business District, Neighborhood Business District and the N. W. 36th Street District.

Mr. Trowbridge added that each of the sign posts include the street names so that people can recognize where they are. He explained that the proposed signage would disappear into the landscaping for those who are familiar with the community.

Mayor Bain suggested that the signage on North Royal Poinciana Boulevard could point to the exit of the City to the Palmetto Expressway.

Mr. Trowbridge displayed the signage leading down Westward Drive noting City Hall, Police and Fire Station, Library, Tennis Courts, Prince Field, Community Center and public parking.

Councilman Espino pointed out the Neighborhood Business District heading west.

Mayor Bain felt that Prince Field and the Senior Center should be included on the same sign post as the Community Center.

Mr. Trowbridge understood that the Mayor's suggestion was to introduce the Senior Center and Prince Field on an earlier sign with the Community Center.

Mr. Plasencia explained that the order in which each location is introduced is in the same order in which they are confronted. There is no preference given to any particular location.

Mayor Bain was concerned that someone entering the City from Curtiss Parkway traveling north to the Circle might be looking for Prince Field and they should be given advance directions. The motivation is to provide people with the information they need to find their destination.

Councilman Espino clarified that the concern is the order of the points of interest on the signs and when the locations are introduced.

Councilwoman Ator agreed that Prince Field did not appear on some of the earlier signs that reference the Community Center.

Mr. Trowbridge explained that the Mayor is suggesting that Prince Field should be included on the signs with the Community Center.

Vice Mayor Lob agreed with Mayor Bain that many visitors come to the City looking for Prince Field and they do not know where to go when they arrive at the Circle.

Mayor Bain added that the assumption is that visitors enter the City through Curtiss Parkway, but many people enter from South River Drive through Medley and perhaps a sign could be posted at that entrance guiding people to the main locations. His main concern is people who come to play baseball and one sign could guide people to their destination.

Mr. Trowbridge commented that the location at North Royal Poinciana Boulevard does not have a median and it is a wide intersection.

Councilman Espino said that another location for consideration would be at the Community Center to guide people to the Pelican Playhouse.

Councilman Espino recalled that there had been discussion about sign pollution and one location in his mind is the corner of Morningside Drive and Curtiss Parkway where all the church signs are posted. It would be helpful to replace those signs with one sign.

Mr. Plasencia understood the concern about sign pollution. He explained that once a sign is

introduced, other signs will be needed to guide people to the churches. They are not really way-finding signs; they are only signs to show that the churches exist. In order to give direction the churches would have to be added to other signs.

Vice Mayor Lob was of the opinion that a directory map would work to show the church locations. He also feels there should be posts on South Royal Poinciana Boulevard by the Office Depot pointing people west to Downtown and the Circle. The same logic should apply to the entrance from Medley at North Royal Poinciana Boulevard.

Mr. Plasencia said that the Architectural Review Board's study concentrated on Westward Drive, Curtiss Parkway and the Circle. They understand that there is a need for different types of signage, including entry signs to the City in various directions, which would be an expansion of the project in itself. The Board can always expand on Council's suggestions, based on the next priority.

Councilman Espino would like to see gateway signs as other municipalities have. They are not mutually exclusive with way-finding signs. He agreed with Vice Mayor Lob that signs are needed where people enter and leave the City both at the Country Club and coming over the bridge at Curtiss Parkway.

Councilwoman Ator stated that in defense of the Architectural Review Board they discussed entry signs and as the board liaison she implored them to stay on task in order to be able to come back with a recommendation. She said that they did a wonderful job and she appreciates their hard work.

Councilwoman Ator commented that church and service organization signs are not way-finding signs. She agrees that there are sign pollution issues in small towns, but they are important to maintain the small town character. She is not sure that the location on Curtiss Parkway at Morningside Drive is the best location for all those signs and perhaps they could be relocated to a different area or posted on one information board.

Councilman Espino knows that other cities direct people to parking and they have signs at the various parking locations. Currently there are green signs with "Public Parking" on them, which he hopes would be replaced.

Mr. Plasencia explained that there is an option for the future to convert the sign posts to lanterns. He felt that the lantern issue is important because the sidewalks along Westward Drive are dark. He asked to keep this idea in mind. The conduit would be inside the posts to allow the lantern conversion.

To answer the Mayor's question, Mr. Plasencia clarified that the directional signs would have reflective letters. He added that the Architectural Review Board would consider colors and materials at future meetings.

Mayor Bain felt that the overall recommendations were good, except that people should be given advance notice and consideration should be given to the entrance at North Royal Poinciana

Boulevard coming into the City from Medley.

Councilman Espino complimented the Architectural Review Board for doing a great job. He would like to see the color options. The new City logo has a series of colors that were well received by the community and this could be a starting point.

Architectural Review Board member Kathy Fleischman commented that there had been discussion about including the post office on the signage.

City Manager Borgmann added that the Aquatics Center and the Pelican Playhouse should also be considered.

Mayor Bain agreed that the Architectural Review Board should continue in the same direction. He would like the signage at the entrances to the City to advise people of the various locations and as people progress through the City the destinations are removed from the signs. He reiterated that people should be advised earlier of the various locations.

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden commented that due to the barriers along N. W. 36th Street that East Drive and South Drive should be considered because they are thoroughfares into the City.

Mayor Bain felt that the signage could be done in phases beginning with the fourteen sign locations and the entrance signs would be in the master plan for the future.

Councilman Espino said that signs at the major thoroughfares are important because the goal is to bring people into the City.

Mayor Bain agreed with Councilman Espino. He reiterated that the entrance from Medley is important and the Architectural Review Board will continue to work and come back with recommendations for entranceway signs.

Ms. Fleischman asked Council how they felt about the style of the sign post with the multi-directional signage.

By consensus, Council **approved** the Architectural Review Board's recommendation for the style of the directional signage.

Councilman Espino reiterated that he would like to see the sign in color and perhaps they could provide a three-dimensional rendering.

9C) Further Discussion Regarding a Bus for our Senior Center from Rotary Club

City Manager Borgmann referred to his memorandum in the agenda packet, explaining that the e-mail exchanges between local insurance agent Tom Webb and City Attorney Jan Seiden address the important issues and what the requirements would be if the City were to accept the bus.

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden spoke with the representative from the Florida Department of

Transportation (FDOT) who made it very clear that they would have to review an agreement between the City and the Rotary Club. The standards for the turnover of the bus would be five years or 120,000 miles. FDOT will not turn over bus unless it has enough mileage; they would be a lien holder on the bus and allow Rotary to keep it. The agreement with FDOT encourages the most usage of the bus and the City could not acquire the bus until it reaches a certain number of miles.

City Attorney Seiden stated that a final decision is needed from the Rotary Club regarding the amount of insurance they would require, either \$1MM or \$2MM. It must also be determined whose policy FDOT and Miami-Dade County would be listed on and it was made clear that they must be certificate holders or additional insured under the Rotary policy. The contract is a year-to-year contract and it would be hard to predict what the insurance increases would be. The Finance Director's spreadsheet might be accurate, but the amount is unknown.

City Attorney Seiden advised Council that they must make a determination on the final numbers based on the amount of insurance coverage and the agreement would have to be finalized and sent to FDOT for consideration and approval before it is executed. Council would then make a decision on how they want to deal with increases on an annual basis.

To answer Councilman Espino's question, City Attorney Seiden explained that the only numbers that come into play would be the cost for carrying insurance that the City would have to reimburse the Rotary Club. If there were to be an incident the City would be responsible for deductibles.

The City Attorney clarified for Mayor Bain that FDOT would not release the vehicle after five years unless there is enough mileage.

Councilman Espino explained that if the bus were to have enough mileage after five years, it could be relinquished to the City and placed under the City's policy with the Florida League of Cities, which would change the insurance numbers, making the cost significantly less. Option one on the Finance Director's spreadsheet shows that the City will be paying \$89,000 over ten years if it accepts the grant and the bus still might not have enough mileage after that time.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the numbers would change because they are based on \$2MM coverage. The local insurance agent's e-mail states that the premium for the coverage for \$1MM without uninsured motorist coverage would be around \$5,000; the excess for an additional \$1MM would be around \$1,500, which means that the annual premium would be approximately \$5,000 or \$6,500.

Further discussion ensued regarding the spreadsheet analysis and the annual cost of insurance.

Finance Director Alonso stated that his analysis was based on ten years because the current senior center vehicle is nine years old and it has 62,000 miles. The vehicle is starting to cost more for maintenance and after ten years it will need to be replaced.

Councilman Espino was of the opinion that it would be more economical for the City to purchase a vehicle outright and form an Interlocal Agreement with the Rotary Club for use of the vehicle.

Marge Palmer of 449 Swallow Drive stated that Grace Lutheran Church would like to join in on the use of the bus and contribute toward the cost of insurance. They are proposing to use the bus several times a year for road trips to destinations such as Orlando that would compile a great deal of mileage in addition to the mileage for the Rotary Club "Funsters". The Church Board of Directors is going to vote on the proposal this evening and the Pastor is sure that the likelihood of the church's use of the bus would well compensate the contribution toward the insurance.

Ms. Palmer also spoke with Ed Carson at FDOT who said that it would be okay with him for the Church to contribute to the use of the bus. Although it might be less expensive for the City to purchase the bus outright, there is a \$72,000 grant from State funds that was awarded to the Rotary Club, which could be very beneficial to the seniors and the Rotary Club.

Councilman Espino clarified that there had never been discussion about not helping to facilitate the bus for the Rotary Club. Many grants have so many requirements that sometimes it is more economical to turn them down.

To answer Mayor Bain's question, Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson confirmed that the bus accommodates 16 passengers with fold downs for two wheelchairs.

City Manager Borgmann assured Mayor Bain that there is no way the bus would reach the amount of mileage for FDOT to release it to the City.

The new factor introduced by Ms. Palmer is that if there could be a paid use for the bus that might impact Council's decision-making, according to City Attorney Seiden.

Councilwoman Ator explained that the annual cost is based upon a large insurance premium and eliminating \$10,000 would reduce the numbers making it the same as if the City were to purchase the bus outright.

Councilman Espino emphasized that the City would be paying a higher amount for insurance for ten years. He felt that it would cost \$78,000 in any case and he would rather purchase the vehicle outright and not fall under the restrictions of the State.

Mayor Bain stated that the City might have the option to opt out of the agreement with the State after five years rather than spending the \$78,000 up front.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the language of the agreement is drafted so that the City could opt out yearly, although this has not been approved by FDOT. The standard that is used is five years or 120,000 miles and the bus might only have 30,000 miles in five years. He asked the FDOT representative if the bus would be released under those circumstances and he responded "no". They want to maximize the grant and the use of the bus.

Councilwoman Ator would agree with the Mayor that the City could evaluate the use of the bus on a year-to-year basis if the grant is accepted.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that the City would lose 10% or \$7,200 if it accepts the grant. Opting out after five years could put the Rotary Club in a difficult position because they are not in a position to use the bus without the assistance of the City.

Ms. Palmer stated that the Rotary Club would not accept the bus unless they have to option to give it back to the State and she would verify this point with FDOT. She asked Council to consider the offer from Grace Lutheran Church and for the City to accept the grant.

Mayor Bain said that if the City decides to opt out of the agreement after three or five years the Rotary Club must verify what responsibility they have under the agreement with FDOT. Final negotiations must be made with Grace Lutheran Church in order to know what amount they will contribute to the cost of insurance.

City Manager Borgmann interjected by saying that Staff just advised him that there could be federal regulations under Statute 53-10 that might preclude a general use of the vehicle because there is a senior preference.

Ms. Palmer clarified that the Rotary Club was denied use of the City's vehicle on two occasions due to liability and the fact that allowing them to use it would open the door for others to use it.

Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson stated that the purpose of the partnership with the Rotary Club was for the City to have the opportunity to replace its current vehicle through the \$72,000 grant. The addition of Grace Lutheran Church is a concern to her because trips outside of the City must be planned around use of the vehicle by the Senior Center on Monday through Friday. She also asked Council to consider the precedence that it could set if other churches offered to contribute. Soon the City would be maintaining a vehicle, providing a driver, providing the insurance and the bus would be going everywhere.

Ms. Palmer commented that the Lutheran Church has qualified drivers who would only use the bus on the weekend.

Councilwoman Ator felt that the numbers for the compounding cost of insurance were on the high side. She thinks that accepting the grant and using the bus on a year-to-year basis would make sense.

Vice Mayor Lob was inclined to agree with Councilwoman Ator as long as the City can opt out of the agreement.

City Attorney Seiden said that the question to be answered is what would happen if the City opted out. In addition, the proposed agreement must be sent to FDOT to see if it meets their approval.

Mayor Bain stated that Grace Lutheran Church has made a proposal and there is nothing wrong with researching the option. If a community organization wants to help with the bus and the logistics do not work out that is fine, but the Rotary Club and the City should negotiate an agreement and see

what happens.

City Attorney Seiden advised Council that Grant Writer Carol Foster and Elderly Services Karen Rosson must verify that the use of the bus by Grace Lutheran Church is allowed under the grant regulations; it might be restricted to use by the elderly. He felt that the answers to the questions must be determined before Council accepts anything.

Ms. Rosson clarified for the City Attorney that FDOT needs a commitment letter signed by the Rotary Club before the end of June this year. She would also like to confirm that if Grace Lutheran Church were to be part of this endeavor that they would be allowed to use their own commercial licensed driver.

Mayor Bain explained to Ms. Palmer that Council is trying to make a decision and now the Rotary Club is offering use of the bus to Grace Lutheran, but all the information is needed in order to make a decision.

Ms. Palmer stated that the proposal made to Grace Lutheran Church is that they would contribute one-third of the insurance cost.

Mayor Bain said that the item would be placed on the next Council agenda pending the additional information.

City Attorney Seiden will send a cover letter with the proposed agreement to the Florida Department of Transportation for their approval. This will be the first step and hopefully there will be information forthcoming.

Mayor Bain reiterated that it is important to know if the City and the Rotary Club can both opt out of the agreement and release responsibility for the bus. The second question that must be answered is whether or not the Church can be part of the agreement for the use of the bus.

Vice Mayor Lob added that the question must be answered about the CDL licensed operator.

The City Attorney clarified that the insurance company must qualify any driver who would operate the bus.

The item was **tabled** for the June 14th Regular Council meeting.

(Mayor Bain called for a two-minute recess.)

9D) Skate Park Site Report... Eldron and Curtiss Parkway

City Manager Borgmann provided a comprehensive view and a description of the proposed skate park location on Curtiss Parkway, including aerial photos, diagrams, underground and overhead utilities and the corresponding trees. There is one large tree and 5 medium size mahogany trees that

will have to be removed.

The City Manager talked to the City's Arborist and they decided that it would be less expensive to take the small trees out and plant new ones, because they only have a 50-50 chance to live. There is no question that the large tree should be removed because the canopy drops a berry that ferments, has a bad odor and causes a slippery situation by the fourth tee.

Due to the location of the existing power poles, the park was narrowed by ten feet; this should not be a noticeable difference to the skaters. The concrete pad for 9,000 square feet would be approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000. A 90 x 100 foot park is roughly nine times larger than the size of the Council Chambers and there would be a 25 foot buffer between the power poles and the furthest edge of the park. A six feet high fence will probably be installed around the park itself, so that might be another issue as far as distance to the poles is concerned.

City Manager Borgmann explained that Assistant City Manager Gorland would meet tomorrow with Florida Power and Light to get a definitive answer. When building the Community Center a pole was relocated and the cost was approximately \$9,000.

To answer Councilman Espino's question, City Manager Borgmann responded that depending on the design there would be a fence plus landscaping.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the elevation of the land itself has always been a factor when considering skate park sites throughout the City. The elevation of this site indicates that most water sheds southward toward Eldron Drive and when the concrete itself is poured it may elevate this area so the rain will further shed even better to the south. He recalled also that the revised drainage plan for the drainage south of the driving range will pass directly by the site. One additional grate will be easy to install to further assist the drainage in that area.

With regard to this issue, Councilman Espino understood that it is unlikely that the City would face the hefty expenses that were associated with Stafford Park, which was \$250,000 to raise the grade.

City Manager Borgmann stated that he did not recall the price.

Councilman Espino spoke with a contractor at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference and they actually had the file. They said it was \$250,000 to raise it eighteen inches.

Councilman Best stated that industry standards are \$100,000 per foot, per acre.

City Manager Borgmann said that the pad at East Drive for the concession stand restroom was a significant expense for a 20' x 40' building. There had been situations with flooding in the past before the drainage project was done.

City Manager Borgmann explained that flooding would not be a problem in the proposed location. There are no water and sewer lines located in the site area; the new irrigation plan for the Golf

Course will not be a factor as it will be located north of the pump house. An additional issue to consider will be the location of the existing bike path. Building a new path would entail about 345' of new path. The existing bike path does not have to be removed as it could serve as walk ways up to the skate park entrance. Limited unpaved parking could be achieved on the south side of the park between Eldron Drive and the relocated bike path.

In regard to lighting, most of the sites considered so far did not include lighting, according to Mr. Borgmann. The park would not be used at night. Staff would have to be on duty when the park is open and shelter would be needed from the elements, possibly a small pre-fabricated building. Due to the proximity of this site to the Country Club, restrooms would not be needed.

Councilman Espino commented that if an individual staff member has to use the restroom, the location would remain unsupervised or closed. A single stall bathroom at the location should be considered and it would be monitored by staff. He did not know what it would cost to bring water and sewage lines to the site.

City Manager Borgmann pointed out that there was a manhole and a water line in the immediate area that they should be able to connect to after consulting the appropriate authorities.

Councilwoman Ator expressed concern that the location would impact the Basin 35 drainage project.

City Manager Borgmann replied that PBS&J had been consulted regarding the drainage design so it would not be impacted by the park, and he did not think there would be any maintenance issues pertaining to this segment of the line. He proceeded to explain the various diagrams and aerial photographs of the area, pointing out the locations of the current water and sewer lines and the proposed water lines for the new golf course irrigation system. The ground elevation survey also appears to be compatible with a skate park with minimal impact from utilities.

Vice Mayor Lob agreed that a 100' x 100' park appears feasible in the area, and asked if there was a way to obtain a rough design or rendering for further review.

Mayor Bain suggested that the unofficial designs created by Mr. Seth Levy could be posted on the City's website so residents would be able to see examples of what the park could look like.

Mr. Seth Levy of 5940 S. W. 45th Street, Miami Florida agreed to lend his designs for the website with the understanding that they were ideas only; they did not address landscaping and many other factors that would be involved. An actual design phase starts from scratch and encompasses the specific requirements provided by the City. Mr. Levy explained that his examples ranged from layouts for beginners to advanced skaters, with a mixture of elements and styles.

Council agreed to post the examples on the City website so that residents would have a clearer idea of the options available, complimenting Mr. Levy on his drawings.

Councilman Espino felt that there were a number of concerns that would still need to be addressed at this potential site, including parking.

Mayor Bain stated that he would like to proceed with sending out notices to the residents as promised. He would also like input from an expert regarding site elevation to determine if there would be potential problems before making a final decision to use the site, and more time to consider parking issues, landscaping and a potential bathroom, and the type of slab or base recommended. He hoped this information could be gathered before the next meeting.

Councilman Espino agreed the issues should be addressed before taking a vote, adding that residents have also voiced concerns regarding noise. He would prefer to have all of the issues discussed and resolved before a design is selected.

In response to Vice Mayor Lob's question, Mayor Bain replied that this site was chosen by a 4 – 1 vote and he felt they should proceed accordingly, though the option to entertain another site is always open for discussion.

Councilman Best noted that the Golf Course staff had recommended an additional site, and he would like to hold discussions regarding that site.

Councilman Espino reiterated that the site they are presently discussing has itself shown to be viable and he felt they should continue to explore it unless further research proves it is not and then Council would have the option of choosing an alternate site.

Councilman Best expressed concern that the alternate site was not discussed during the presentation from which Council made their selection.

Councilwoman Ator confirmed that the original vote concerned the location they have been discussing. As the dissenting voter, she is not in a position to ask to reconsider the motion, though she would prefer to explore other locations.

Councilman Best requested that the alternate location be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

City Attorney Jan K Seiden advised that no official site has been selected. The administration was directed to explore the viability of the selected site, but it would still be appropriate to discuss additional sites if any Council member desired to do so.

Councilman Best moved to look into the other site on the Golf Course by the 6th hole, as proposed by the Administration at the May 10th meeting. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion which was carried 3-2 on roll call vote, with Councilman Espino and Mayor Bain casting the dissenting votes.

City Manager Borgmann asked if Council had any preference as to location in the event it was decided to erect a building on the present site. He pointed out it might be more economical on the south side due to the proximity of the water and sewer hook ups.

Councilwoman Ator reiterated her concern that the park might impact the Basin 35 drainage project.

City Manager Borgmann advised that the Administration is still in discussion with Post Buckley regarding the Basin 35 project design.

9E) Annexation Update and Approval of for a Continuance and Rescheduling of the June 7 Meeting Before the County Planning Advisory Board

City Manager Borgmann stated that the agenda packet included a one-page memorandum and he placed additional information on the dais that includes the report that was received from the County.

City Manager Borgmann explained that he, City Attorney Jan Seiden and Mayor Bain met with representatives of the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) on May 19, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss their letter regarding their response to the City's annexation application. The letter was adversarial in the sense that the FEC property not be included in the annexation application of Miami Springs or Virginia Gardens.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the meeting went well because questions were answered as to the rumors that had surrounded the rail yard for many years. It was conveyed that the plans for the property is that it will remain a rail yard with no residential or commercial use. However, the plans call for an increased presence of rail for transporting goods to and from the airport and seaport, which would create more noise. Noise abatement was discussed as an option as they get closer to making changes to the rail yard and they basically agreed.

City Manager Borgmann reiterated that the bottom line is that FEC does not want to be included in any annexation. This is not an issue for the City since they currently pay no property taxes. They would pay taxes only if the land were changed to a commercial or residential use. At some point in the future if the rail yard was abandoned and some other form of development was imminent the City would be interested in annexation of that area again.

FEC advised the City that if they were excluded from the current annexation application that they would attend any and all County meetings to give their unconditional support, according to Mr. Borgmann. Further, should contiguity become an issue, they would assist in providing the same. This is a huge plus in the process and he believes this is the way to proceed. The County has said on numerous occasions in the past that contiguity is no longer an issue for Miami Springs.

The City received a 20-page report from the County Planning Advisory Board. The County plans to hear the annexation request at their June 7th meeting, which is two weeks away. However, Miami Springs and the other cities involved in the annexation effort do not feel this is enough time to prepare, according to Mr. Borgmann. Medley and Doral have asked that the hearings be postponed until September. The County recesses in August and Medley has a problem with July.

City Manager Borgmann explained that since the applications for Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens are so separated from Doral and Medley that they could go in July. The County informed

the City's annexation consultant that all four cities will be heard together. At this time it appears that the City has no choice other than to accept the conditions and this will allow sufficient time to review the report and prepare rebuttals to those sections that they disagree with.

City Manager Borgmann referred to three attachments to his memorandum describing the County process for reviewing annexed applications, the latest County report and a set of charts prepared by City Staff approximately two years ago showing how the new area would assist in lowering the millage rate for the City and the surplus that would be available. It should be noted that the numbers were based on the assessed values for the area at the time the charts were developed; they do not reflect the lower assessments for last year or the current year that resulted in a drop from \$1BB to \$900MM. The number for assessed property values is expected to drop even lower, although the amount will not be known for at least another month.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the County developed a "20/20 Plan" for the Airport many years ago. This is an aggressive plan by the Airport because they would be purchasing so many properties, which could cost billions of dollars. He does not foresee this happening; it would be more of a hindrance to Virginia Gardens' application.

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden explained that Town of Medley Attorney Mel Wolfe is asking for the City's position on continuance of the June meeting, which would be Council's decision. It is unfortunate that Attorney Wolfe has a scheduling issue that will impact all the other cities because he will not present Medley's application until September.

City Attorney Seiden said that the City's annexation consultant and Staff just received the report from the County today and the meeting of the Planning Advisory Board is two weeks away. This is not sufficient time to prepare for the meeting and Council must consider a motion to allow the annexation application to be amended to withdraw the rail yard. The County may not want to consider the City's application in light of the fact that it would be amended.

City Attorney Seiden asked Council to consider a motion to withdraw the FEC property from the annexation application and to take whatever actions are necessary to do that.

Councilman Best moved to take whatever actions are necessary, by amendment or otherwise, to remove the FEC property from the annexation application. Councilman Espino seconded the motion.

Councilman Espino added that this action would be done with a caveat that the FEC property remains a terminal. At some point in the future, should the property cease to function as a terminal, it should be made clear that the City would again ask the County for the property.

The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

City Attorney Seiden explained that due to the Town of Medley's schedule the County could require all four cities to be heard together. Although all four cities have proceeded together, it is clear that

the applications for Doral and Medley have the western part and Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens have the eastern part. The City would not need a continuance until September, only another month to amend the application and prepare for the hearing, which would be July. Unfortunately, it appears that this is not an option. Medley's attorney feels that their position has been unfair in that the County gave short notice and they had sufficient time to provide numbers to the cities.

City Attorney Seiden stated that based upon the circumstances that were presented to the City at the present time it appears that the City will be unable to proceed to the Planning Advisory Board meeting proposed by the County on June 7th and a continuance of the appearance before the Board is officially requested until September 2010.

Councilman Best noted that the County would have to publicly cancel the June 7th Planning Advisory Board meeting because several notices were already mailed to the residents and business owners.

Mayor Bain commented that the most important point is that the County is requiring all four cities to be heard together.

Vice Mayor Lob asked what the position is of the other two cities involved.

City Attorney Seiden explained that Doral has agreed to wait until September.

Mayor Bain stated that Virginia Gardens Mayor Deno was inclined to move forward with Miami Springs after meeting with the FEC officials.

City Manager Borgmann clarified that the County made it very clear that all four cities must be heard together.

Councilman Espino moved to accept the language previously stated by the City Attorney that “Based upon the circumstances that were presented to the City at the present time it appears that the City will be unable to proceed to the Planning Advisory Board meeting proposed by the County on June 7th and a continuance of the appearance before the Board is officially requested until September 2010”. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Vice Mayor Lob asked what would happen if the County denies the request for a continuance until September.

City Attorney Seiden explained that Medley Attorney Mel Wolfe has said that without equivocation that Medley will not participate in the hearing on June 7th. He feels that it was not properly noticed to them, there is not sufficient time and he will be out of the country until July. Mr. Wolfe is planning to send a strong letter of objection and request to the County and he is waiting to hear from Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens so that he can include those actions within his letter.

Donna Hernandez of 769 Pinecrest Drive stated that the issue is that the City is going to ask for a continuance of the County meeting and she wants the residents to be informed of future meetings prior to receiving notice from the County. She said that since the assessed value of the properties in the proposed annexation area had dropped drastically the residents should know whether or not annexation is a good decision.

9F) July 3rd Post Parade Celebration Recommendation

Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland presented the following July 3rd post-parade celebration recommendation:

In response to Council's request to provide a more elaborate post-parade celebration, Program Supervisor Patti Bradley is recommending to approve the following schedule from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on July 3rd:

1. 2 large water slides - \$1,145
2. 2 jump houses - \$1,175
3. 3 – 20' x 40' tents - \$1,140
4. 25-30 8' rectangular tables - \$330
5. 300 chairs - \$330
6. Local DJ - \$325
7. Optimist Club will serve hotdogs, hamburgers and refreshments (\$2,000 donation from City)

The estimated cost of items 1-7 is approximately \$4,500.00, which is within budget, according to Mr. Gorland. There is a nine-month lead time to put together a special music broadcast coupled with the July 4th fireworks, which cannot be arranged this year. Ms. Bradley will continue to pursue the RF modulator approach outlined by Councilman Espino. She is attempting to get a band or DJ to perform the evening of July 4th, but cautions that in years past this has not been very successful from an attendance vantage point.

Programs Supervisor Patti Bradley stated that she contacted Firepower who provides the fireworks and was advised by Gary Evans that the RF modulator would cost \$8,000 to \$9,000.

Councilman Espino realizes that the modulator to provide the music would be an additional expense. The music extends the length of the firework presentation, which makes for a better show.

Ms. Bradley explained that a band or DJ had been provided in the past for three years, but most people are entertaining at home during that time and there is a history of low attendance. It would also require an additional stage, tent, generator and lights.

Councilwoman Ator said that the water slides and jump houses can only accommodate one or two kids at a time for safety reasons and last year there was a line with a hundred kids. She believes that it would be better to hold the activities at a place where there are additional opportunities like the playground at Prince Field and the pool would be better than behind the Country Club.

Ms. Bradley added that parking is a problem at the Community Center.

Mayor Bain stated that it is too late in the process this year and perhaps next year more thought could be given to the parking arrangements.

Councilman Espino moved to approve items 1-6 in the amount of \$4,500 for the 4th of July activities. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion.

To answer the Mayor's question, Ms. Bradley explained that the local DJ will be set up under one of the three tents behind the Country Club.

City Manager Borgmann added that \$2,000 for the Optimist Club will make the total cost \$6,500.

To answer Ms. Bradley's question, Council agreed that they did not want a DJ for Sunday, July 4th before the fireworks.

The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

9G) Westward Drive Trial Parking and Traffic Flow Update

Peter Newman of 340 Cardinal Street stated that eight years ago the issues in the City were the protection of the Golf Course, making the Circle smaller and making Westward Drive a two-lane street. He recalled that a meeting was held at the Country Club to discuss these issues with approximately 250 people attending. After much debate Council sponsored a Charter Amendment to which the residents were able to vote on and the amendment was overwhelmingly approved to protect the Golf Course from sale or lease.

Mr. Newman said that Council pursued their plans to turn Westward Drive into a two-lane street and reduce the size of the Circle against the will of the residents and they picketed City Hall and gathered signatures on petitions. The following election the Mayor and two Council members who supported these proposals were voted out of office. Mayor Bain was propelled into office winning over the incumbent Mayor partially due to these issues.

Mr. Newman stated that this Council is now considering changing Westward Drive into a two-lane street. The business owners have circulated two petitions opposing this plan; one is signed by forty-three business owners and the other by 345 residents. If Council proceeds with this idea the business

owners and residents will continue to gather signatures and do whatever is necessary to stop it. If the intent is to help the business owners, a better approach might be to streamline the inspection and licensing procedure for new businesses or operating current businesses.

Mr. Newman explained that another consideration might be tax incentives for the property owners to upgrade the commercial buildings. Council is considering spending \$20,000 to conduct a test to see a result of their plan to make Westward Drive a two-lane street. He referred to a situation in South Miami on Sunset Drive where it becomes a two-lane street in the Downtown with traffic backed up.

Mr. Newman said that the proposal to change Westward Drive would impact the business owners and residents. Everyone agrees there is not enough parking and at the most this plan would create one additional parking space.

Former Councilwoman Joan Hutchings of 1160 Ibis Avenue stated that this is a very important issue to her as she is very opposed to making Westward Drive a single lane. The street is the main east/west thoroughfare and changing the street would reduce the aesthetic and personality of the City. The street should not be reduced to a single lane as the other lane is needed when people are parking along the street.

Ms. Hutchings also referred to the situation on Sunset Drive in South Miami where people take side streets to avoid the business district. She said that if this happens in Miami Springs that it would move the traffic into the school district and residential neighborhoods, which does not help the businesses. She did not feel that the residents or businesses would benefit from the proposed changes to Westward Drive.

Ms. Hutchings added that most people who signed the petitions were not aware of the proposal. She felt that an issue of this magnitude should be voted on by the citizens. She urged Council to leave Westward Drive alone.

City Manager Borgmann stated that he had not received any responses from the companies that were asked for quotes for the Westward Drive test to create curb stops and extend the sidewalks. Both sides of a single block would cost approximately \$10,000, including the potted trees that would work as a barrier between the extended sidewalk and the street.

City Manager Borgmann asked if the trial plan is approved for one-block if Council wanted to use barricades and cones for the remaining three blocks or if they should be left as they are. He also asked if Council had a preference for the block that is approved for the trial demonstration. The very first block off the Circle is not a good location in the Police Chief's opinion as it could cause accidents.

Councilwoman Ator commented that regardless of what is decided for Westward Drive, she would approve of purchasing twenty trees.

Mayor Bain stated that originally the trial was to be conducted during a time when school was in

session and now school is closing for the summer. Council will review the Request for Qualifications for the Downtown Consultant at the Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 26th. In his opinion, the test should be put on hold to see what ideas are brought forth by the consultant.

Mayor Bain stated for the record that Council was only proposing a trial period and there is no commitment to change Westward Drive to one lane.

Councilman Best agreed with Mayor Bain that it is not the right time to make a decision. He has heard a lot of negativity to the proposal from shop owners who have legitimate concerns. He added that it would be an expensive task and he would rather wait for a professional decision.

Councilwoman Ator stated that there had been interest from citizens and business owners when the idea was originally proposed to widen the sidewalk and reduce the lanes. Council recognized it would be an expensive proposition, but that the idea should be explored on a trial basis. She would not want to put the idea on a back burner, although she understands why Council would not want to move forward tonight.

Mayor Bain explained that there seemed to be a consensus in conducting the trial and sometimes an experiment is the only way to find out if an idea will work. He added that it is not the right time to conduct the experiment with Westward Drive.

Vice Mayor Lob agreed with Mayor Bain. He said that most of the traffic in the City is generated when school is in session. The quote that was received for one block was not feasible at all and this is the reason that the test was delayed. He was always in favor of hearing the comments and opinions of the consultants because they have experience.

Vice Mayor Lob would not want to put the test on hold forever. Council has been discussing the proposal for some time and those people who signed the petitions did not have the courtesy of coming to the meetings to express their opinions, which Council has always asked for.

City Attorney Seiden suggested tabling the item.

Councilman Best moved to extend the meeting to 11:15 p.m. Councilman Espino seconded the motion, which carried 4-1 on voice vote with Councilwoman Ator casting the dissenting vote.

Councilman Espino agreed that the timeframe was missed for conducting the trial on Westward Drive. He certainly hopes that a commercial development consultant will be selected moving forward.

With regard to notice to the residents and involvement, Councilman Espino explained that this was an issue that began before the election. He talked to many people during his campaign and most Council members ran for office based on the type of change that they would like to effectuate in the Downtown and they won overwhelmingly. Whenever there is a controversial issue there are always some people on the opposite side. The majority of the community asked to create a more vibrant

Downtown with shops and restaurants for people to enjoy, according to Councilman Espino.

Councilman Espino stated that the studies and the work the commercial development consultants have already accomplished mirror that which the community wants. For Council to falter because a small pocket of the community is throwing up obstacles is disheartening. He said that there are three groups, which are residents, business owners and property owners. The property owners involved in this process are in favor of bringing about change. It is preposterous to say that Miami Springs will be forever impaired by going to one lane of traffic. He referred to Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach where they created traffic calming measures and shops and restaurants with outdoor seating.

Councilman Espino understands that Westward Drive is one of the main thoroughfares; it is not Curtiss Parkway, State Road 112 or Sunset Drive or even Miracle Mile in terms of the amount of traffic. He said that there are a number of measures that can be done to improve Downtown, including parking and signage. He will listen to every point of view and everyone's concerns, but the City is continuing the same pattern that whenever there is a controversial issue that results in negativity everything stops. That is the reason that the City is in the current position.

Councilman Espino stated that the City has a very service oriented Downtown and it needs a cross-section of retail, restaurants and service to have a healthy business environment, which the City does not have. Council will have to make the decision to bring a consultant on board to help funnel the plans, public opinion, the businesses and the goals of business recruitment and retention. Some people who sign the petitions are against any and all possibilities for advancing ideas. He wants to hear the concerns from a cross-section of property owners, residents and business owners.

Councilman Espino explained that he had done extensive research of past studies and reviewed the Request for Proposals from the Downtown consultants. Not one community the companies have helped to make changes has had deleterious consequences.

Councilwoman Ator said the question is what would be the process to place this proposal on the agenda again at some point.

Mayor Bain responded that Council could table the item and request to bring it back for consideration after school starts in the fall.

City Manager Borgmann felt that if Council decides to hire a consultant that they would certainly give direction.

Mayor Bain clarified that he may or may not agree with making Westward Drive one lane, but a study should definitely be done to address the issue.

Councilwoman Ator emphasized that she would not want to shelve the idea.

City Manager Borgmann reiterated that if a Downtown consultant is hired they would become involved in the idea.

Councilwoman Ator continued to express her concern about delaying the decision.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the proper procedure would be to table the item.

Councilwoman Ator moved to table the item. Councilman Espino seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Vice Mayor Lob asked the City Manager to please continue looking for viable companies who would do the trial work for the City.

10. New Business:

10A) City Website RFP # 02-09/10 – Respondent Presentation Recommendation

Assistant City Manager Gorland explained that Council had requested to review the top five companies who would make presentations and if no selection is made from that group more companies could be asked to make presentations.

City Attorney Seiden stated that Council is only being asked to schedule a meeting at this point and the materials from the respondents would be distributed prior to the meeting.

City Manager Borgmann said that the top five ranked companies presented proposals in the \$18,000 to \$31,000 range.

City Attorney Seiden explained that no motion was required. This is a recommendation from the Administration to set a date to receive presentations from the top five companies.

Council **agreed** to schedule a Special meeting for Monday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. was offered by Councilman Espino. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion, which carried 4-1 on voice vote, with Councilwoman Ator casting the dissenting vote.

10B) Resolution No. 2010-3482 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Providing for the Fourth Amendment of the FY2009-2010 General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets; by Increasing the Recreation and Culture Budget Category to Cover the Costs Incurred for the Hiring of Additional Summer Staff; Providing for a Corresponding Increase in the Charges for Services Category of the General Fund to Account for the Additional Revenues to be Received from the Summer Program; Authorizing an Increase in the General Government Category to Fund Various Donations and Special Services Authorized by the City Council; Transferring Funding from the General Fund to the Golf Course Operations Category of the Special Revenue Fund to Cover the Unbudgeted Shortfall

Required to Pay for the Golf Course Irrigation Project; Declaring the Intent and Purpose of the Budgetary Amendments; Effective Date

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

Attorney Seiden stated that the details are set forth in Attachment "A".

Councilwoman Ator moved to approve Resolution No. 2010-3482. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion.

Mayor Bain asked for a report on the total revenues collected and the procedures for collecting payments for use of the Community Center.

City Manager Borgmann stated that he would distribute the information in a memorandum to Council.

The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Councilwoman Ator added that it is important for the information to be included in an agenda packet so that the people can see it as well.

Mayor Bain explained that he would like Council to receive a report first because he may want to add something to it before placing the item on the agenda.

Councilman Espino reminded the Administration that Council had not revisited the resolution setting the fees that was tabled for lack of information.

11. Other Business:

11A) Scheduling of Workshop and September Budget Public Hearings

City Manager Borgmann stated that notice was received that the County scheduled one of their public hearings on a date that was chosen by the City.

Finance Director Alonso explained that the City's budget hearings were originally scheduled for Monday, September 13th and Monday, September 27th. Since the County decided to hold one of their budget hearings on September 13th, the City cannot hold a hearing on that date. The next available date is Tuesday, September 14th and the second will remain on Monday, September 27th.

Mr. Alonso added that the budget workshops were changed to Tuesday, August 10th and Monday, August 16th. Monday, August 30th is available if another budget workshop is needed.

Councilwoman Ator suggested Wednesday, August 25th for the third budget workshop, if needed,

since she will not be available on Monday, August 30th.

Council **agreed** to schedule the first budget public hearing on Tuesday, September 14th, and the second on Monday, September 27th with budget workshop meetings on Tuesday, August 10th, Monday, August 16th and Wednesday, August 25th if needed.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

Special Meeting

City Attorney Seiden explained that Councilwoman Ator agreed to the scheduling of the Special meeting on Wednesday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. even though she is not able to arrive before that time. He clarified that no vote would be taken until she has an opportunity to view all the presentations on tape. Voting will take place at the next regular meeting on June 14th.

12B) City Manager

Planning Grant

City Manager Borgmann announced that notification was received that the City was awarded another planning grant for \$16,000 with a \$4,000 match from the City. The funds are specifically for Westward Drive.

Hurricane Conference

City Manager Borgmann reported that a Hurricane Conference would be held on Friday, June 4th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Fire Rescue Headquarters. The meeting is specifically for administrators and elected officials to learn about the emergency management process. He asked the Mayor and Council to notify him if they will be attending.

Basketball Tournament

City Manager Borgmann stated that the 3 on 3 basketball tournament scheduled for Memorial Day weekend has been canceled due to a funding issue.

Ludlam Tree Project

City Manager Borgmann reported that trees are being planted on both sides of Ludlam Drive.

FEC Barrier Wall

City Manager Borgmann was informed by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa that the Florida East Coast Railroad was told to make the repairs to the barrier wall and clean it up.

School Recess

City Manager Borgmann urged people to drive carefully and keep kids in mind as school will be out for the summer before the next Regular meeting.

Sympathy

City Manager Borgmann said that unfortunately City Clerk Magalí Valls' brother in South America passed away after fighting a brave and long fight against cancer. He extended his sympathy and asked everyone to keep her in their prayers.

12C) City Council

Mentoring Program

Councilwoman Ator requested an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss the “Take Stock in Children” mentoring program that was recommended by the Education Advisory Board.

Fishing Tournament

Councilman Espino stated that he and Optimist Club President Tony Silva were on the South Florida Today show this morning advocating for the Optimist Club fishing tournament, which was well received.

Blessed Trinity Golf Tournament

Councilman Espino reported that Blessed Trinity Catholic Church is hosting their 23rd Annual Golf Tournament. They hope that the City of Miami Springs would sponsor a foursome in the tournament to establish a friendly rivalry with the Village of Virginia Gardens who already agreed to sponsor a foursome. The minimum donation for four golfers, a tee sign and a cart sign is \$500.00.

Mayor Bain suggested donating funds for a foursome to play golf, which could be included as a door prize. He said that many of the golfers are participating in the Optimist Club Fishing Tournament scheduled on the same day.

Councilman Espino moved that the City of Miami Springs donate \$500.00 to the Blessed

Trinity Golf Tournament with the end of sponsoring four golfers to compete against Virginia Gardens in the tournament. Councilman Best seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Ator asked how the four players would be selected.

Mayor Bain reiterated that it would be difficult to select the golfers because of the fishing tournament.

Councilman Espino amended his motion to state that each of the four Council members would nominate a player. Councilman Best seconded the amended motion.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that the amendment is that every Council member gets to choose one of the members of the golf team, except for the Mayor.

On roll call vote the motion carried 3-2 with Councilwoman Ator and Mayor Bain casting the dissenting votes.

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Billy Bain
Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne S. Hitaffer, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Approved as written during meeting of: 6/14/2010.