



## *City of Miami Springs, Florida*

The Miami Springs City Council held a **SPECIAL MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

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

The following were present:

Mayor Billy Bain  
Vice Mayor Bob Best  
Councilman Paul C. Dotson  
Councilman Zavier Garcia  
Councilman Rob Youngs

Also Present:

City Manager James R. Borgmann  
Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland  
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden  
Chief of Police H. Randall Dilling  
Finance Director William Alonso  
Public Works Director Robert T. Williams  
Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson  
City Planner Richard E. Ventura  
City Clerk Magalí Valls

**2. Invocation:** Councilman Garcia offered the invocation.

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

**3. Awards & Presentations:**

**3A) Certificates of Recognition – Participants of the State-National History Competition from All Angels Academy**

Mayor Bain presented individual Certificates of Recognition to the participants to the State-National History Competition from All Angels Academy.

**3B) Pioneer Resident Award – Patricia Ball Deringer**

Mayor Bain presented the Pioneer Resident Award to Patricia Ball Deringer in recognition of her contributions to the community.

**4. Open Forum:**

**Recognition**

Michael Gavila of 684 Morningside Drive stated that the local swim club is participating in the national swimming competition in Houston July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> and since Douglas Ramos is the only local swimmer it would be an honor for Council to issue a proclamation to recognize his achievements.

**5. Approval of Council Minutes:**

**5A) 05/14/2007 – Regular Meeting**

Minutes of the May 14, 2007 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

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

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

**6A) 05/08/2007 – Recreation Commission – Minutes**

Minutes of the May 8, 2007 Recreation Commission meeting were received for information without comment.

**6B) 05/09/2007 – Golf and Country Club Advisory Board – Minutes**

Minutes of the May 9, 2007 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.

**6C) 05/10/2007 – Board of Parks and Parkways – Minutes**

Minutes of the May 10, 2007 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting were received for information without comment.

**6D) 05/15/2007 – Education Advisory Board – Minutes**

Minutes of the May 15, 2007 Education Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.

**6E) 05/16/2007 – Historic Preservation Board – Minutes**

Minutes of the May 16, 2007 Historic Preservation Board meeting were received for information without comment.

**6F) 05/22/2007 – Ecology Board – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the May 22, 2007 Ecology Board meeting was received for information without comment.

**6G) 05/24/2007 – Code Review Board – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the May 24, 2007 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.

**6H) 06/19/2007 – Education Advisory Board – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the June 19, 2007 Education Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

**7. Public Hearings:**

Council sat as the Board of Appeals at 7:12 p.m. to hear Case No. 23-V-07.

The Mayor reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**8. Consent Agenda:**

**8A) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Approve an Expenditure Not to Exceed \$30,000 to the Law Firm of Akerman Senterfitt for Police Department Legal Services, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code**

City Manager Borgmann read the title of the award.

The City Manager explained that the original line item in the Police Department budget for Professional Services was \$10,500.00 and unfortunately there was a situation involving the termination of an employee and the legal counsel that is representing the City's interest is raising the amount. He said that a line item transfer to the budget will be made to cover any future expenses, although the expenses are not expected to reach \$30,000.00.

To answer Councilman Dotson's question, City Manager Borgmann stated that the additional legal expenses would be covered with transfers from other Police Department line item categories, specifically Equipment and Education and Training.

City Manager Borgmann said that an appeal hearing was held before a mediator and the outcome looks favorable for the City.

**Councilman Youngs moved the item. Councilman Garcia seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously on roll call vote.**

**9. Old Business:**

**9A) Status Report Regarding the Transfer of the Water and Sewer Systems to the County**

City Manager Borgmann stated that a meeting was held with Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department representatives on May 10, 2007.

The City Manager introduced George Rodriguez from Miami-Dade Water and Sewer who has been the key person for the County during the negotiations and discussions. He explained that he would answer any questions in regard to the County's position.

City Manager Borgmann explained that during the process the County's rates were compared with the City's rates and there was a vast discrepancy showing that it could save the average Miami Springs' customer \$40.00 to \$50.00 per month. However, going through the process, it was determined that the County would have to absorb associated costs and their position is that they would not pay for the bonds, repairs and changes to the Miami Springs' system, totaling approximately \$19.7 million.

City Manager Borgmann stated that after all the calculations, it was realized that the City still needed \$450,000 coming into the General Fund from management fees and other sources from the Water and Sewer System, which brought the two rates closer together.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the resident using only 1,000 or 2,000 gallons per month, which represents 16% of the total users, would only save \$3.00 per month or \$36.00 per year. The resident using 3,000 to 4,000 gallons per month, or 11%, would save \$10.50 per month or \$125.00 per year.

Mr. Borgmann said that those residents using 5,000 gallons per month, representing 25% of the customers, would save \$13.70 per month or \$165.00 per year. Those using 6,000 to 7,000 gallons would save about \$16.66 per month or \$200.00 per year and the upper 5% of the users using 70,000 gallons or more would actually see an increase in their rate.

City Manager Borgmann felt that the final decision would be based on items that are not dollar related such as level of service and future controls or regulations.

The City Manager referred to his May 18<sup>th</sup> memorandum reiterating the statutory regulations of the State of Florida regarding the sale of a water or sewer utility by a city. He explained that the County is doing all the research and due diligence because they have to show that the purchase of the system would not be negative for the County and the City must make the same determination.

The City Manager added that the statutory requirements require a public hearing and a written report with the findings and concerns as to why the ownership of the system should or should not be transferred to the County.

Councilman Garcia asked if there were answers to any of the concerns about transferring the ownership of the system.

City Manager Borgmann responded that he addressed some of the service issues in his memorandum and one concern is that he spoke with County customers that measured the response to service calls in days, while the City responds in hours.

George Rodriguez, Assistant Director for Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department, stated that he spearheaded the effort to assess the City's water and sewer utility. He said that the County responds to leaks in the public right-of-way from the meter to the street, not from the meter to the property. Normally, someone can report to make an assessment within an hour due to the size of the system and if additional equipment is needed to perform the repair it could take another two hours, while the City is able to respond in less time because the Public Works facility is in closer proximity.

Mr. Rodriguez explained that Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department covers the area from County Line Road to Homestead, operating with three maintenance centers and they are trying to add two in order to be more responsive to the customers' needs.

To answer the Mayor's question, City Manager Borgmann clarified that \$19.7 million would be a capital improvement that would be amortized over twenty years, which would be included in the rates.

Mr. Rodriguez explained that more than \$8 million is included to begin addressing the inflow and infiltration (I/I), which is the same problem the County had fifteen years ago when 50% of the flow was infiltration. He said that it has taken more than fifteen years and hundreds of millions of dollars to be able to put a dent in the I/I problem and the City has the same problem on a smaller scale. Mr. Rodriguez added that it is very expensive to maintain sewers.

Mayor Bain stated that the \$19.7 million includes \$8.8 million that the City would have to pay for the bonds regardless of whether or not the system is turned over to the County. In reality, the amount is approximately \$11 million additional to assume the system.

To answer Councilman Dotson's question, Mr. Rodriguez explained that once the County takes over the system, they would begin repairs by checking laterals from the mains in the street to the homes, which is the major source of infiltration.

Councilman Dotson stated that it does not seem fair for the City to be charged a surcharge for repairs to the entire system if the City joins the County system.

Mr. Rodriguez felt that the \$8 million estimate to repair the I/I is very low, although the deal would be sealed based on the \$19.7 million, which is a good price for the improvements that the County would make, including the installation of new meters that would allow automated readings. In addition, the County would agree to hire seven of the City's employees that have expressed a desire to make a transfer.

Vice Mayor Best said that the State Legislature is proposing numerous cuts in regard to water and sewer. He asked how this would affect the County's ability to service the City of Miami Springs in regard to labor, service response and equipment.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that the County Water and Sewer operates as an enterprise fund based on the fees that are paid by the customers. He said that the administrative service fees could increase, but he is not afraid that there would not be funds available for the operation of the sewer system plants and distribution pipes. The other departments that depend on ad valorem taxes like the Police, Fire and Public Works are going to suffer. He assured Council that the County has a very solid financial institution that should not affect the quality of service.

City Manager Borgmann said that the \$19.7 million is the City's responsibility to pay off during the next twenty years. If the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) were to come back and say that the 60% I/I must be reduced to 30%, it would cost the County millions of dollars that would be spread over the entire County system, not just the City.

To answer Councilman Dotson's question, Mr. Rodriguez confirmed that it is a County policy to replace meters every eight years, and the City has meters that are much older. If the County acquires the system, they would make it uniform by standardizing the meters.

To answer Councilman Youngs' question, Mr. Rodriguez clarified that \$863,000 is estimated for water meter replacement or \$250.00 per meter installed. He said that 50% of the City's flow is infiltration into the sewer system.

City Manager Borgmann stated that after the recent heavy rains there was one day when the sewer flow was 9.3 million gallons and the normal average is 3 million per day or less.

Councilman Youngs inquired if the City's system is deficient compared to the County's system as far as sleeving.

Mr. Rodriguez responded that it is difficult to say whether the infiltration is related to sleeving. The County has found that the laterals are the biggest problem with infiltration and they would have to inspect every collection area through every pump station and go street by street to detect where the water is coming from, which is a long effort that takes many years.

Councilman Youngs asked if the County has a level of service standard for response time and Mr. Rodriguez said that he did not have that information, but he would make it available to the City Manager.

City Manager Borgmann asked Mr. Rodriguez to clarify the fees for service calls.

Mr. Rodriguez said that when customers complain about a sewer back up inside the house and they discover that the obstruction comes from the house, the customer is charged \$250.00 to remove the object from the line. He explained that there is no charge if the problem is caused by tree roots that have gone into the sewer laterals.

To answer Councilman Dotson's question, Mr. Rodriguez confirmed that when a meter is not reading accurately the County replaces it at no charge, but if the County performs an accuracy test and the meter is functioning correctly, the customer is charged \$25.00.

Vice Mayor Best asked what would be the timeframe for the installation of new meters citywide and Mr. Rodriguez responded that it could take six months to a year or 1-1/2 years at the most.

City Attorney Seiden stated that if an agreement is reached with the County, there would be a "most favored nation status" provision, which means if another City wanted to sell their system to the County, that they would be treated the same as Miami Springs and their assessment would not go against the entire system.

Mr. Rodriguez clarified that two other cities are interested in turning their systems over to the County and they will be treated the same as far as the assessment for the repairs.

Mayor Bain requested a detailed breakdown of the \$19.7 million and a report on the level of service. He wanted to make it clear that the \$19.7 million is locked into the agreement, which works in the City's favor because it is unknown what repairs will be needed in the future.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the rates that were quoted were based on the current rates and if the County raises their rates, the City's rates would increase accordingly. He does not want any misunderstanding that the City is locked into a rate for twenty years. A report will be provided for the required public hearing.

Councilman Youngs asked if the \$19.7 million would be divided between users equally or if it would be a percentage based on usage.

Finance Director Alonso explained that the bill would include charges for the consumption and related taxes and there will be a special assessment amount on each bill to cover the \$19.7 million for the next twenty years. He agreed that the amount would vary based on the gallons used.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that the County has a water conservation measure rate structure, which means the more water that is consumed, the higher the rate is.

Councilman Dotson asked if the County Enterprise Fund subsidizes the General Fund through administrative fees.

Mr. Rodriguez responded that the Enterprise Fund subsidizes the General Fund, the administrative fees vary and the amount is approximately \$20 million.

Finance Director Alonso stated that if the tax reform passes in Tallahassee, it could mean that the amount of the subsidy to the General Fund would increase.

Councilman Dotson asked if the City currently has the same type of arrangement for subsidizing the General Fund.

Finance Director Alonso explained that there is an administrative fee of \$310,000 each year for water and sewer and this amount would be eliminated if the system is turned over to the County. The utility tax would be eliminated, as well as two positions in the Finance Department, and the loss of investment earnings from the cash flow generated by the system every year. He figured that the General Fund would lose \$450,000 combined, which divided by 4,000 customers is \$112.00.

Councilman Dotson asked if the civil service regulations would allow the elimination of two employees.

Finance Director Alonso explained that one cashier has been working less than one year and the other is fairly new. Even if the two positions were eliminated, the civil service employees could bump someone with less seniority if a similar job is available in the City.

Mr. Rodriguez said that the County is very appreciative of the City's help in providing information on a timely basis as well as the assistance from the Public Works employees that rode with County Staff.

Councilman Youngs asked if there is any additional information needed in order for Council to reach a decision other than the County's level of service targets.

City Manager Borgmann explained that Council was provided with a preliminary report of the status of the project and the meeting with WASA on May 10<sup>th</sup>. At this point, if Council would like to proceed, a full report is required by Statute with a public hearing for Council to make a final determination.

The City Manager said that a target date for the public hearing would be the end of June since Council does not meet in July.

City Attorney Seiden added that the County would have to provide the City with an Interlocal Agreement, and since it is a fairly complex document that will take time to review, June is not a realistic target date.

To answer Vice Mayor Best's question, City Attorney Seiden explained that the public hearings would determine if the turnover of the system is in the best interests of the public.

City Manager Borgmann stated that a resolution adopting the Interlocal Agreement would declare that the turnover is in the best interest of the City based upon the level of service, cost, future considerations, etc. and if that conclusion is not reached, then the City could pull out of the deal.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the County must also make a determination that they are not acquiring a "white elephant".

Councilman Youngs said that the question is how the turnover of the system could be in the best interest of both the City and the County.

Councilman Dotson felt that the County has an advantage as a larger institution to operate more efficiently, particularly if there are expensive federal mandates in the future. He said that the water shortage is becoming more acute, it will be more of a problem in the future, and the City might not be able to handle the requirements that it could be faced with.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the groundwater is infiltrating into the sewer system, which is basically the drinking water that is becoming precious and the water restrictions may last forever because of the need to conserve. The biggest waste is the groundwater that is being pumped through the sewer system.

City Attorney Seiden said that \$8.8 million covers the bond debt and the City will be paying \$8 million for sleeving or repairs regardless of who owns the system, and the only spread is the expense for the new meters and the administrative costs. The City could guard against catastrophic loss, costs and regulations that might require a future bond as opposed to loss of regulatory control at the local level.

Finance Director Alonso stated that the breakdown of the \$19.7 million is \$3.9 million for water transmission pipe repair and replacement, \$70,000 for fire hydrants, \$863,000 for water meters, \$919,000 for pump station improvements and \$7.5 million on sewer collection system I/I study and improvements.

Mr. Alonso explained that the surcharge would be 28.4% on water and 53.8% on sewer, which is over and above the County's retail rates for customers. The annual assessment on a \$20 million bond would be approximately \$1,557,000 for twenty years.

To answer the Mayor's question, Mr. Alonso explained that the annual debt service on the City's \$8 million bond is approximately \$900,000.

Councilman Youngs questioned what the interest rate would be on the \$20 million bond.

Finance Director Alonso said that he would have to calculate the interest rate. He added that if the annual assessment is \$1,557,000 for twenty years it would total more than \$30 million.

Councilman Garcia suggested conducting an in-house survey through the utility bills in order to get an idea of how the residents feel about turning over the system. Some people want the savings and others want to pay a higher rate for the extra service.

Mayor Bain stated that a resident in Miami Lakes who is already serviced by the County pays half the amount compared to what Miami Springs charges. The extra expense for twenty years would be related to the turn over of the system, but the rates will be comparable in future years.

Councilman Garcia would like to have a survey that is extremely informative with all the facts, listing the pros and cons. He felt that many of the young families that plan on living here for the next twenty or thirty years are going to see the benefit of turning over the system.

Mayor Bain said that he would like to have all the statistics available for discussion at the June 25, 2007 Regular meeting.

Councilman Youngs suggested scheduling a Workshop meeting that could be aired on public access Channel 77, in addition to the required public hearing, and an informational flyer could be circulated to the residents. He said that holding a referendum during one of the primary elections in August or September might be in the best interest of the public because the transfer is a significant issue.

Mayor Bain would like to wait to schedule a Workshop meeting until after the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and if the City Manager feels it is appropriate, the second meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> could be dedicated to this agenda item and it could be shown on Channel 77 the entire month of July while Council is in recess.

Councilman Garcia recommended holding a separate Workshop meeting that could be recorded, in addition to the discussion at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Council **directed** the Administration to move forward and prepare a full report, including a cost breakdown of the \$19.7MM for presentation during the second meeting in June.

### **9B) Discussion Regarding Tot-Lot Shading Alternatives**

City Manager Borgmann stated that a request for proposal was sent out for the Tot-Lot shading alternatives and one response was received from Shade Systems for a four phase proposal for various prices. Phase one is a very large structure that would cover the majority of the “Let’s Build It Playground”. Phase two would cover the swings and the remaining portion of the playground to the east and there are two smaller shade structures to the north by the field, which are phase three and four. The total for all four phases is approximately \$150,000, less a 10% discount if all four items are purchased at the same time.

To answer Councilman Garcia’s question, Assistant City Manager Gorland stated that the shade coverings are made by the same company that installed the coverings over the picnic benches and part of the field.

Councilman Garcia said that it was mentioned in discussion that there should be some sunlight filtering through the covering and the sails are smaller and could be placed over select areas. He asked if this could be a less expensive alternative to covering the entire area.

Assistant City Manager Gorland explained that the City requested the most innovative designs that would keep the cost as low as possible. Only one proposal was received and the other companies did not submit a bid for various reasons, and one company suggested that the City should consider piggy-backing off a county bid. He said that all the companies that were invited to bid are very well known to all the counties and municipalities.

To answer Councilman Dotson’s question, Mr. Gorland said that his recommendation would be to look into the matter further because the proposal is very expensive. He asked for proposals for two of the shade coverings that would provide enough shade for the swings at one end and the area for the toddlers.

Mr. Gorland stated that the company did not follow instructions for the shading of the large areas that are two stories above the ground because they were told not to cover the top sections and they submitted a proposal for total shade.

Councilman Garcia recommended getting proposals for sail shades that only cover certain sections.

Mayor Bain suggested shading the areas that receive the most sunlight during the morning and afternoon. He said that Phase two might be enough to provide sufficient shade.

Assistant City Manager Gorland felt that the size of the phase two proposal could be reduced, which is what he is proposing by reorienting phase three and four in order to cover more of the toddler and swing areas. He was of the opinion that the sail covering would not block the hot sun from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Best stated that if the phase three covering was turned lengthwise next to the phase one covering it would cover the entire area for \$78,000.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the City would have the option of piggy-backing on other bids for the sail type coverings the same as the existing shade structures. He said that it is a reputable company and if Council feels this is the right way to proceed, the Administration could sit down with them to discuss the options now that the bids have been revealed.

**Council directed the Administration to schedule this item for discussion at the next meeting.**

### **9C) Status Report – Evaluation and Appraisal Report**

City Manager Borgmann stated that a letter was received from the State saying that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) sufficiency finding will be mailed on or about July 17, 2007 and the final sufficiency finding will be determined no later than August 16, 2007.

City Planner Richard Ventura commented that the sufficiency finding will be mailed on or about July 17<sup>th</sup>; however, if there are no issues outstanding there may not be a preliminary finding and the report might go to the final sufficiency finding before August 16<sup>th</sup>, which could be the latter part of July.

City Manager Borgmann said that in the meantime, the City could begin the Comprehensive Plan amendment process, not only with public hearings, workshops, etc., but also by submitting draft Comprehensive Plan amendments to DCA for their review and preliminary comments. State Statutes mandate that the City cannot transmit the adopted plan amendments until the final sufficiency finding is received.

City Planner Ventura informed Council that he contacted Michele Glenn at the FIU Metropolitan Center who said that she will provide a schedule of when she and her staff are available.

To answer the Mayor's question, City Manager Borgmann said that there is a 99% chance that the EAR will be accepted before August 16<sup>th</sup>. He explained that if there are minor issues to resolve they could be done as part of the amendment process.

Mayor Bain asked what assistance FIU Metropolitan Center would provide during the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

City Planner Ventura explained that FIU would hold the workshops, draft the amendment language, prepare the publications and literature for distribution to Council and the public and transmit the adopted copies to DCA and other agencies.

Mayor Bain suggested holding a Workshop Meeting with the FIU consultants before Council recesses in July.

Council **scheduled** a Workshop Meeting for Monday, June 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., subject to availability of the FIU Staff. The meeting is to be advertised as a public hearing.

## **10. New Business:**

### **10A) Consideration of Additional \$25,000 Exemption for Seniors (Requested by Councilman Dotson)**

City Manager Borgmann stated that this item is a consideration of additional Homestead Exemption for qualified seniors. According to the County there are 268 qualified persons currently taking advantage of the additional \$25,000 exemption and this would add another \$25,000 to the original amount bringing the total to \$75,000.

City Manager Borgmann explained that Councilman Dotson requested the placement of this item on the agenda; however, an ordinance would have had to been passed before June 1<sup>st</sup> in order for it to be effective this November. He said that any legislation passed now would not take effect until 2008, which allows time to see what the impact will be from the property tax reform legislation.

To answer Councilman Garcia's question, City Manager Borgmann stated that the impact for the additional exemption would be \$50,000 based on the current millage rate.

Councilman Dotson regrets that the item was not placed on the agenda sooner because it is a very important issue for the 268 taxpayers that are involved who would save approximately \$186.00 per year. He explained that these are residents whose annual income is \$20,000 or less and it could mean the difference between whether they eat or pay their taxes, insurance, or other necessities.

Councilman Dotson felt that it would be better to wait and see what the State decides with the property tax reform. He emphasized that he strongly supports the additional exemption, which many other cities have already adopted for this year. He would like to address this matter as soon as the news is received from the State.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the special session in Tallahassee will be finished on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the information should be available for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Council tabled this item pending the outcome of actions that will be taken by the Florida Legislature in June.**

## **10B) Discussion Regarding Hiring a Lobbyist (Requested by Councilman Garcia)**

City Manager Borgmann stated that Councilman Garcia brought up the fact that the City should look into hiring a lobbyist to represent the City's interests in Tallahassee and Washington. The process would entail developing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which includes success rates, a list of current clients, references and areas of specialization.

City Manager Borgmann explained that some lobbyists represent many different cities and clients that might have needs that are cross purpose to the needs of Miami Springs and the lowest paying client could fall to the bottom of the effort list, which is a factor to keep in mind during the process.

Mayor Bain asked if the funds would be budgeted for next fiscal year.

City Manager Borgmann stated that funds were set aside this year and where Council directs their lobbying interest will determine how much will be spent. In this particular session in Tallahassee, many projects were placed on the line item budgets in the Senate and the House with or without the help of lobbyists, and then they were vetoed by the Governor.

Councilman Garcia emphasized that it is extremely difficult to have any project placed on the list for the Governor's consideration. He agreed it is important to look at the lobbyists' success rates over the last five or ten years. He added that it is important to know what funds to ask for and when.

In response to Councilman Garcia's question, the City Manager Borgmann explained that the Administration would recommend groups that would be ranked by Council and the Administration would enter into negotiations to get the best deal.

City Attorney Seiden stated that once the responses are received, the individuals are interviewed and ranked and the negotiations are turned over to the Administration.

To answer the Mayor's question, City Attorney Seiden explained that lobbyists must be paid on a fee basis because they are prohibited by law to have contingency contracts.

Mayor Bain suggested retaining a lobbyist and paying them on an "as needed basis".

Councilman Garcia stated that a lobbyist could be paid to address a specific project, which would be much less than paying a retainer.

City Manager Borgmann added that lobbyists specialize in different areas and they make applications for grants and lobby for them in Tallahassee.

Councilman Garcia stated that the City had been unsuccessful in obtaining funding for the last two years and during this session as well, and a lot has to do with the State representatives and who is appointed as Speaker of the House. He felt that the City is not working the system.

Mayor Bain was of the opinion that the City is not getting their fair share from the State, legitimate projects are overlooked and the people in the community should write to their representatives.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the benefits of hiring a lobbyist.

**By consensus, Council directed the City Manager to send out a Request for Qualifications for a lobbyist.**

**10C) Recommendation that Council Award Bid # 05-06/07 to Alberni, Caballero, and Castellanos, the Lowest Responsible Bidder, in an Amount not to Exceed \$39,000, for External Auditing Services, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (1) of the City Code**

City Manager Borgmann read the title of the award to Alberni, Caballero and Castellanos for external auditing services. He explained that the City had used this firm for the past several years and the price for a three-year contract is basically less than what the City has paid during the last three years. Their services are highly recommended.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the three years would be \$39,000, \$42,000 and \$44,500 respectively.

**Councilman Youngs moved the item and Vice Mayor Best seconded the motion.**

Councilman Dotson said that he does not approve of having three Administrative employees on the audit committee, which is the same concern he addressed last year. He has no problem with the firm, but he believes that someone from outside should be a member of the audit committee, which is a good business management practice.

City Attorney Seiden stated that Council could select an independent person, but it would not be a paid position.

City Manager Borgmann said that next year Council would have the option of putting the auditing services out to bid or exercising the second year option for this firm in the amount of \$42,000.

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

**10D) First Reading – Ordinance – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-029, Political and Election Sign Regulations; by Eliminating Certain Ordinance Provisions, Modifying Certain Ordinance Provisions, and Adding Certain Ordinance Provisions; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date**

City Attorney Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that the ordinance was drafted based on Council’s discussion and direction at the last meeting. He reviewed the provisions of the ordinance.

Attorney Seiden explained that a phrase was added to address Councilman Dotson’s concern that reads “the carrying of signs and placards on all properties in the City, including swales and medians and bike paths shall also be permitted so long as the activities are conducted in a manner that does not create a hazard to the public health, safety or welfare and is not otherwise prohibited by State Statute or county or municipal ordinance.”

Attorney Seiden stated that signs for political candidates in City Council elections may be placed at any time following the candidate’s qualification for office. It was made clear that signs that are in the public right-of-way can be removed without warning. Regarding sizes and locations, the provisions follow what the Code Compliance Department suggested, which is five-feet from the side property line and signs in areas without sidewalks must be placed at least 16-feet from the edge of the street pavement and in all instances the location will eliminate the possibility of infringement on the City right-of-way.

Attorney Seiden explained that the provision for “up to five” signs was eliminated in Section D (4), D (5) and D (6) and replaced with “any” signs.

Councilman Youngs stated that Council had discussed eliminating the five-foot requirement from the side property line as well as the front any property line.

Attorney Seiden said that the Code Compliance Department suggested leaving the five-foot requirement on the side where two properties meet.

Mayor Bain clarified that his intention was to remove the five-foot requirement on the side and the front.

Vice Mayor Best was of the opinion that it would make sense to specify a certain distance on the side because it could be construed that the next door neighbor is supporting a certain individual.

Council **agreed** to remove the five-foot setback requirement from the side property line.

Councilman Dotson recommended including a provision allowing ten days for removal of signs after notification.

Councilman Youngs stated that all candidates were refunded their \$200.00 deposit and Code Compliance was cooperative by calling those candidates that still had signs up after ten-days so that they could be removed as soon as possible.

**Councilman Youngs moved to approve the ordinance on first reading, as amended. Councilman Garcia seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously on roll call vote.**

**10E) First Reading – Ordinance – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Enacting New Code of Ordinance Section 52-13, Mandatory Metering-New Apartments and Condominium Units; by Providing that all Newly Constructed Units in the City are Required to be Individually Metered; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date**

City Attorney Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that following the enactment of this ordinance, all newly constructed condominium and apartment buildings shall be required to provide individual water meters for each unit constructed and for the building itself.

**Councilman Garcia moved the item. Vice Mayor Best seconded the motion, which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote, with Councilman Youngs absent at roll call.**

**10F) Discussion Regarding Change of City Election to Avoid Conflict with Spring Break**

City Manager Borgmann stated that Council had requested discussion about the possibility of amending the City Charter to allow a change in the election date in order to avoid conflict with spring break.

City Manager Borgmann said that the dates for spring break change every year and often times the date for private schools does not coincide with the public schools, which means that the election date would vary. In the effort to encourage voting, this could upset those voters who vote regularly and most people understand that the elections are held on the first Tuesday in April of every odd year. Additionally, there is the option of early voting and absentee voting.

City Manager Borgmann suggested that Council might consider moving the election permanently to the first Tuesday in March or May and this might avoid a conflict with any spring break dates.

Mayor Bain stated that even with early voting, some people have said that it is difficult to vote during spring break and he would like to accommodate everyone. He would prefer a set date.

Councilman Garcia said that he would recommend changing the date to one month earlier, which allows more time for the elected officials to prepare for the budget process. He added that the people would have to vote for a charter amendment. He requested a list of the items that Council previously discussed regarding the election changes such as the length of the qualification period.

Vice Mayor Best and Councilman Dotson expressed their opposition to changing the election date.

Councilman Youngs was of the opinion that the election date should be changed to avoid a conflict with spring break because many people leave town on Thursday before early voting. He said that he would be in favor of changing the date.

Mayor Bain emphasized that the last two elections had a conflict with the dates for spring break.

Councilman Youngs suggested holding a referendum in November asking the voters if they want to change the election date to the first Tuesday in March. He is an advocate for reducing the length of the qualification period.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that if the voters were to approve the change in the election date it would not impact the current Council. The next election in 2009 would still be held on the first Tuesday in April and those elected to office would understand that they would have a shorter term. The change in the election date would not be effective until 2011.

To answer Vice Mayor Best's question, City Attorney Seiden stated that the election date was established in the late 1970's when the Charter was amended.

Attorney Seiden said that there is nothing wrong with making the process of voting more available to voters and the floating date would only cause problems because it would be confusing. Council should deal with all election issues since the City will have the expense of a Charter election.

Councilman Dotson stated that he appreciates the idea of accommodating as many people as possible but it is a very imperfect world. The School Board could perceive a different method of setting the date for spring break, which varies each year. He does not feel it is reasonable to change the election date and perhaps the early voting dates could be adjusted.

City Clerk Magalí Valls said that Council could adopt a resolution changing the early voting dates. She explained that the City opted out of the County mandate for early voting and holds early voting for two days, which can be adjusted. The Elections Department is only four miles away and people can vote there for almost a month preceding the election, which is very convenient. She reminded Council that election expenses have increased and it would be more expensive to hold early voting for additional days.

To address the Mayor's question, City Attorney Seiden said that it would not make sense to let a third party organization determine the City's election date.

Councilman Garcia said that he would not want a floating election date based on the Miami-Dade County School Board's schedule for spring break. He does not see anything wrong with setting the date for the first Tuesday in March or another date that would increase the voter turn-out or reduce expenses.

Councilman Garcia reiterated that he is a proponent of increasing the voter turn-out so that the true will of the people is heard. He would like to take additional steps to inform people of the election date in advance.

City Manager Borgmann said that historically 60% of the registered voters do not exercise their right to vote and people make a conscious choice that whoever is in office is doing a good job or that it does not matter who is elected.

Councilman Garcia suggested that Charter amendment questions could be placed on a November ballot when there is the highest turnout of voters. He would like to increase the voter turnout without offending anyone and still maintain the small town tradition of holding the election on a special day.

Councilman Youngs would be in favor of moving the election date to the second week of March.

Mayor Bain requested information showing the dates of spring break for the last five or six years.

Councilman Garcia requested a list of the election issues that Council had discussed at previous meetings and the survey of other cities' qualification periods, etc.

**Council directed the Administration to schedule the item again for discussion during the second meeting in June.**

**10G) Resolution – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Authorizing and Adopting Rules and Regulations for Parks and Recreational Facilities; Authorizing Enforcement; Effective Date**

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

Councilman Dotson suggested including fire and fireworks to the list of prohibited activities.

To answer Mayor Bain's question, Assistant City Manager Gorland explained that cooking is only permitted for City sponsored events, not the general public.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the resolution adopts the existing rules and regulations for parks and recreational facilities and the next item on the agenda establishes penalties for violations. He said that the regulations apply to Prince Field, Stafford Park, Peavy Field, the tennis courts and the pool.

To answer the Mayor's question, Assistant City Manager Gorland said that policies were set by former Recreation Directors, which were placed on signs but they were not adopted formally by resolution. He explained that the rules would be placed on signs and posted at the Recreation Center.

Councilman Garcia suggested consideration of allowing outdoor cooking in authorized locations.

Assistant City Manager Gorland said that cooking would create an exposure that would put everyone at risk.

Councilman Garcia stated that tents and canopies were never allowed but some people put up shade coverings at the baseball games. He asked if certain size canopies would be allowed.

Assistant City Manager Gorland clarified that canopies are prohibited regardless of size. The requests for canopies that are set up for swimming meets or baseball games are granted by special permission.

Councilman Garcia said that he sets up a canopy when his son plays Little League baseball. He asked if this would be allowed.

City Manager Borgmann clarified that the visitors to sanctioned sports events would be allowed to put up shade canopies.

Mayor Bain asked about the Dog Park Regulations.

Assistant City Manager Gorland explained that the Dog Park regulations are met to prohibit parties and barbecues with alcoholic beverages by persons not associated with dogs.

To answer the Mayor's question, Assistant City Manager Gorland stated that the problem at the pool is that young children are being dropped at the pool that do not know how to swim and the pool manager is very uncomfortable with this situation.

City Manager Borgmann suggested that the rule should apply to open swimming, not children who are dropped off for swimming lessons. He recommended adding a provision for other health department regulations.

Mayor Bain recommended including language that the regulations only apply to non-sanctioned events.

**Councilman Garcia moved to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote (Resolution No. 2007-3359).**

To answer Councilman Youngs' question, Assistant City Manager Gorland explained that the lightning predictor system became 100% functional today and it will be tested during the week to make sure the horns are functional.

**10H) Resolution – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending the Appendix of Civil Infraction Code Sections and Civil Penalties for Violations Appended to, and Made a Part of, Code of Ordinance Section 101-01, Supplemental Code Enforcement Citation System; Directions to Codifiers; Effective Date**

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

Attorney Seiden explained that the resolution sets a \$50.00 penalty for each rule violation.

Assistant City Manager Gorland stated that there had been a number of incidents involving kids who will not listen to the Police and this resolution gives the authority to issue violations.

Mayor Bain was of the opinion that Code Compliance should not be involved in these situations.

City Manager Borgmann stated that a member of the Recreation Staff would most likely see the violation first and notify the person that they are in violation. The person can make a choice to stop the violation or continue with the activity and the next level of enforcement would step in. Since most situations occur on a weekend or after 5:00 p.m., the Chief of Police was asked to enforce rules that were not on the books. He assured Council that many measures will take place before a ticket is issued.

Chief of Police H. Randall Dilling stated that he requested written rules because of incidents that occurred in the past involving the Police Department. He said that there is no problem with Code Compliance informing someone when they are breaking the rules, but 95% of the time the Police will be handling the complaints.

Chief Dilling recommended adopting the resolution as written because Code Compliance and the Police Department are both authorized to enforce civil infractions and changing it would only complicate matters. He stated that the same situation applies to the new swale ordinance.

City Manager Borgmann felt that the response would rise to the level of the offense.

City Attorney Seiden said that if the Police were involved that they would most likely arrest someone for disorderly conduct. The Code Enforcement Citation System is meant to be flexible.

Mayor Bain stated that in his opinion Code Compliance should not be involved in civil issues with individuals.

**Councilman Garcia moved to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Best seconded the motion, which carried 4-1 on roll call vote, with Mayor Bain casting the dissenting vote (Resolution No. 2007-3360).**

**10I) Consideration of Request from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami to Locate Administrative Offices at the First Presbyterian Church, 301 Westward Drive**

City Planner Richard Ventura stated that a request was received from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami to locate administrative offices at the First Presbyterian Church. The Church is presently zoned P-2 use only, which restricts activities to those directly related to the normal operation of a church.

City Planner Ventura said that if Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami were to locate administrative offices consisting of twenty staff members, they would be engaged in activities such as accounting, family services, and mortgage servicing for those individuals who have a problem acquiring shelter and housing. The Administration determined that Code Section 150-091- P-2 church only would have to be revised to include administrative office use for a non-profit organization.

City Planner Ventura stated that attached to his memorandum is a letter from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami, as well as a letter from the Internal Revenue Service describing their tax exempt status. He recommended approval of the request.

City Attorney Seiden explained that Council would have to amend the ordinance for church use to allow business uses in a church district.

Anne E. Manning, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, stated that a lease arrangement would be made with the Church after they determine if the use of the building is allowed.

To answer Mayor Bain's question, Ms. Manning stated that the church was selected because it has space available and the church is their partner because they are a Christian organization. Their current location is 3800 N. W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street at the N. W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue exit of State Road 112.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that this is not a re-zoning request; it would only expand the definition of usage for the district and permit business uses to intermingle in the church district. While this activity may be tangentially related, it will create a new activity that does not exist now. The business would be subject to the same requirements as any other district related to signage, parking, etc.

To answer Mayor Bain's question, Ms. Manning said that Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization and the income is used to provide housing for low income families.

Councilman Garcia stated that he would not want to set a precedent and the use should be specified as a service oriented business.

Attorney Seiden said that the type of service would include accounting, mortgage financing, insurance and the uses would be specific as possible.

Councilman Dotson felt that the use should be limited to a 501-c-3 non-profit charitable organization with specific activities that are permissible. He said that the businesses on Westward would benefit from the new employees and the people who will come to Miami Springs.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the Administration is looking for authorization to proceed because it will require an ordinance adding uses to the Church district. He said that in speaking with the various church ministers they have conveyed that they are looking for additional financial support to keep their congregations afloat.

Councilman Garcia expressed his concern about churches that are contiguous to residential areas like All Angels.

Councilman Youngs stated that schools are allowed as church functions and since this is an activity directly connected with the normal operation of a church, he would like to find a way to amend the zoning code to allow the use without establishing a damaging precedent.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the use would bring a certain element of business related activity to the area, there could be a problem if certain churches were excluded and it should be applied to the entire district.

Councilman Dotson suggested defining the use in terms of scope as to the size of the operation.

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*Councilman Garcia moved to extend the meeting for 15 minutes until 11:15 p.m. Councilman Youngs seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on voice vote.*  
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To answer City Attorney Seiden's question, Ms. Manning clarified that twenty is the average number of employees, except in 1992 after Hurricane Andrew when the number increased to approximately thirty.

City Attorney Seiden said that limiting the number of employees could cause a problem for the operation and if this is what Council wants to do, they would have to settle for it.

Councilman Youngs stated that he would like to approve a limit that is not too intrusive and could be defined by the number of employees.

Ms. Manning said that the organization should not be confined by a certain number of employees because they would relocate when they outgrow the facility.

To answer Councilman Youngs' question, Mr. Manning clarified that the office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and they do not keep track of the number of visitors. Most of the visitors are families who come to make mortgage payments or to receive counseling for non-payment of their accounts.

Mayor Bain asked Ms. Manning if she could provide additional information on Habitat for Humanity's relationship with other cities and church organizations.

Ms. Manning responded that Habitat for Humanity is a church group and they have stepped in where the church has failed.

To answer Councilman Garcia's question, City Attorney Seiden reiterated that no churches should be excluded without a reasonable basis for justification because it would leave the City vulnerable.

**Ms. Manning will submit additional information to the City Attorney. This item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.**

**10J) Discussion of Historic Preservation Board Minutes Regarding Hybrid Designation of the Golf Course (Refer to Minutes under Agenda Item 6E)**

This item was tabled and will be **re-scheduled** for the next meeting.

**10K) Recommendation that Council Approve a One-year Extension of City Bid No. 06-05/06 Originally Awarded on July 1, 2006 for Congregate and Home Delivered Meals for the Senior Center with Greater Miami Caterers**

City Manager Borgmann stated that this is a recommendation for approval of a one-year extension of City Bid No. 06-05/06 for congregate and home delivered meals for the Senior Center with Greater Miami Caterers. He explained that this is basically the only company that provides this type of service and price increases are based on the cost of living index.

Councilman Dotson said that the quality of the food is important and the increase is modest.

**Vice Mayor Best moved the item. Councilman Garcia seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously on roll call vote.**

City Attorney Seiden stated that by approving the extension, Council is waiving the competitive bid process.

**On roll call vote, the motion was unanimously carried.**

## **11. Other Business:**

### **11A) Tax Reform Legislation**

City Manager Borgmann stated that he submitted a memorandum and the Mayor has been keeping abreast of what is happening with the tax reform legislation.

Mayor Bain said that no one knows what the outcome will be and he would like to **reschedule** the item for the June 11, 2007 meeting.

City Manager Borgmann offered to provide updates as he receives new information. He said that the Legislature would make a decision before the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting when he would be able to make a final report.

Mayor Bain reiterated that he would like to schedule an agenda item for June 11<sup>th</sup> and the City Manager agreed.

### **11B) Approval of School Board Contract**

City Manager Borgmann stated that it appears that the new school bus that was purchased will not be delivered on time and the School Board has a program that allows the City to hire their bus and driver for \$32.00 per hour to provide this service. He explained that the cost is not expected to exceed his purchasing authority of \$10,000, but that he wanted to inform Council of the additional expense and request Council authorization to sign the contract.

To answer Councilman Dotson's question, Assistant City Manager Gorland explained that the old bus needs \$3,500 in repairs to make it operational. Police Officer Danny Kelly performed a detailed inspection and shut it down.

To answer Councilman Garcia's question, City Attorney Seiden clarified that insurance is not included and the Florida League of Cities has agreed to add the School Board as additional insured. He said that it is an unusual situation because most companies that charge an hourly rate for this type of service include insurance and the School Board does not agree to this even though the driver is their employee. In effect, the City is providing insurance to the School Board and covering their driver over which the City has no control over.

**Councilman Garcia moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. Councilman Youngs seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously on roll call vote.**

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*Councilman Garcia moved to extend the meeting for 15 minutes until 11:30 p.m. Councilman Youngs seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on voice vote.*  
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**12. Reports & Recommendations:**

**12A) City Attorney**

No report.

**12B) City Manager**

**Gym: Phase II Engineering Report**

City Manager Borgmann reported that the Phase II desktop work is finished and the engineering firm will be provided with a lift to perform a physical examination of the gym on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. He hopes to have a final report before the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Starbucks Coffee**

City Manager Borgmann reported that he met with the Manager of Starbucks Coffee last week and June 23, 2007 is the targeted opening date. This is a big opportunity for the Circle because the clientele that frequent that location would perhaps visit other shops. He added that there are three new businesses developing at 1 Westward Drive, which is exciting and a signal of good things to come.

Mayor Bain inquired about the status of additional parking for downtown and the City Manager informed him that the City put out a request for proposals (RFP).

Mayor Bain asked the City Manager to look into speed bumps or traffic calming devices.

**Country Club**

City Manager Borgmann stated that there was an issue at the Country Club restaurant on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. He spoke with Carlos Santana to express his complete displeasure because the restaurant was not open and they will be meeting to discuss this and other issues.

## **Golf and Country Club**

City Manager Borgmann announced that May is a record breaking month for the Golf operation.

## **Summer Program**

City Manager Borgmann stated that the gymnasium will open during the summer on Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. as a pilot program in order to see what kind of response is received.

## **Vacation**

City Manager Borgmann said that he will be on vacation and this weekend the Chief of Police will be in charge while Assistant City Manager Gorland is also out of town.

## **12C) City Council**

### **Spider Bite**

Vice Mayor Best stated that a Miami Springs resident was recently bitten by a brown recluse spider, which is the most dangerous and poisonous spider on this planet. He urged everyone to be aware because they are not much bigger than the size of a quarter. The person that was bitten developed a staph infection and he hopes she is doing better.

### **Tax Reform**

Vice Mayor Best attended a luncheon with State Representatives Dan Gelber, Luis Garcia, Yolly Roberson and others to express the concerns of the City and the intentions for the upcoming vote in the special legislative session. He spent time with the City Manager to discuss how to communicate the hopes for Miami Springs.

City Manager Borgmann said that one message conveyed was a possible liberalization for the use of the Law Enforcement Trust funds so that they could be used for operational purposes.

### **Fair Havens**

Councilman Dotson asked if Fair Havens was issued a permit for the air conditioning sound barrier.

Assistant City Manager Gorland responded that Fair Havens had not applied for a permit and the next step would be for Council to direct the citation process to begin. The indication is that they are having difficulty with the existing plans and they were going to have the Trane architect review the plans or have a copy made for \$35.00, but they were not interested. At this point they are still waiting for the architect to come to City Hall.

**Tax Assessment Valuation**

Councilman Dotson asked when the City would receive the tax assessment valuation this year. City Manager Borgmann confirmed that Council would be notified when the assessed values are received in June.

**Selective Code Enforcement**

Councilman Dotson said that he spoke with Bill Booher about the photographs that were sent to Council concerning Code Enforcement problems and he requested a meeting with the City Manager and Building Official.

Assistant City Manager Gorland explained that he met with Mr. Booher on the subject and wrote a memorandum highlighting the points of their discussion. He said that Mr. Booher told him that he is not a repeat offender and his boat was only moved into the swale for purposes of mowing the lawn and it was moved to the back yard afterward. At one point, Mr. Booher said that he may have left the boat on the swale overnight but that it should not matter.

Mr. Gorland said that the matter had been discussed with Mr. Booher seven other times since 1998, and he offered to provide him with a copy of the Code. Five of the photographs submitted by Mr. Booher were not Code violations and he offered to discuss the matter with Tex Ziadie. He also suggested that Mr. Booher could speak with the City Manager or take whatever steps he felt were necessary and Mr. Booher understood he was not supposed to have the boat on the swale overnight.

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*Councilman Dotson moved to extend the meeting for 15 minutes until 11:45 p.m. Councilman Youngs seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on voice vote.*  
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Councilman Dotson explained that Mr. Booher was of the opinion that it was selective enforcement and that is why he took as many as twenty photographs.

**Brain Aneurism Walk**

Councilman Garcia attended the walk sponsored by “Bodies by Mari” to fight brain aneurism, which was a successful event and hopefully more people will be encouraged to participate in these types of charitable events.

## **Park Restrooms**

Mayor Bain requested a report from the City Manager on the park restrooms.

City Manager Borgmann stated that a letter and check for \$360.00 were submitted to DERM for the permit for Dove Avenue Park for a new sewer new connection. There is another minimal fee that is required and he will talk to the Finance Director about issuing the check. He explained that the work at Stafford Park could not commence until all the fees are paid.

## **Optimist Club Fishing Tournament**

Mayor Bain reminded everyone about the Optimist Club Fishing Tournament and Fish Fry on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> that will be preceded by the Captain's Meeting on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Holleman's Restaurant.

## **13. Adjourn.**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 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: 06-11-2007

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