



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, December 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following were present:

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

Also Present:

- City Manager James R. Borgmann
- Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
- City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
- Chief of Police Peter G. Baan
- Finance Director William Alonso
- City Planner Richard E. Ventura
- Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Hitaffer

2. Invocation: Vice Mayor Espino offered the invocation.

Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

3. Awards & Presentations:

3A) Certificate of Appreciation to Willie O. Greenhaw Jr. for Twenty-One Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Miami Springs in the Police Department

Mayor Bain presented a Certificate of Sincere Appreciation to Willie O. Greenhaw Jr. for twenty-one years of dedicated service to the City of Miami Springs in the Police Department.

Mr. Greenhaw introduced his wife, family and friends.

Chief of Police Baan stated that Bill had worked for the City of Miami Springs since 1956. He began his career as a Police Officer and retired in 1988 after 32 years. He then served as a Parking Enforcement Officer for fourteen years until the position was eliminated and became a Dispatcher for another six years. Bill is a great guy, excellent employee and he will be missed.

City Manager Borgmann presented a commemorative clock in recognition of twenty-one years of service. He explained that Bill had actually served the City for a total of fifty-three years and thanked him for so many years of great service.

4. Open Forum:

Revitalization

Joe Buonassi of 1131 Swan Avenue commented that he had been following the Council meetings in regard to Downtown Revitalization. He has heard much discussion on sidewalks and parking and it seems that Council does not know how to proceed. He would not want the City to spend a lot of money on infrastructure.

Mr. Buonassi said that he is for business and he would like to see the City adopt a business theme. The City Manager and Finance Director could help to determine how to bring revenue to the City with successful businesses.

Bicycle Safety

Chuck Adams of 101 Palmetto Drive stated that there is no bicycle enforcement at night. He almost killed two teenagers on bikes in front of his house because they could not be seen or heard. He suggested that the Police Department could issue tickets for bicycle riders without the proper safety devices at night.

Citizens on Patrol

Chuck Adams stated that most people work during the day and cannot participate in the Crime Watch program. He suggested that the City could implement a Citizens on Patrol program, similar to the City of Coral Gables. He is concerned with the break-ins in the residential neighborhoods due to people accessing the back of homes through the alley-ways.

Illegal Construction

Chuck Adams stated that the City is missing out on fines and tax revenue due to illegal construction and conversion of homes into apartments.

Skateboard Park

Peter Newman of 340 Cardinal Street spoke in opposition to building a skateboard park at the tennis court location. He received an e-mail from the City Manager that this subject was going to be scheduled for a topic of discussion on this agenda and he and his neighbors are very concerned about what would happen to the neighborhood. There were surveyors working in the area for four days who told him that the tennis courts were going to be relocated and the property was being improved.

Mr. Newman circulated a petition signed by 49 homeowners, which he hopes will be considered. He canvassed the neighborhood and found that there are ten neighbors who work shift work in close proximity to the proposed skateboard park location. He was concerned that the residents would hear the noise from the park. He also felt that a skateboard park would lower the value of the homes in the area.

Mr. Newman stated that the library is in close proximity to the proposed site, which is a quiet environment. He implored Council to take these facts into consideration and he hopes that the City will notify the residents in the three block radius of the proposed location when the item is placed back on the agenda.

Caring About the Strays (C.A.T.S.)

Laney Silver, of 931 Dove Avenue, Director of C.A.T.S., stated that the “meow-mobile” came to the City today and it was an enormous success. An ad was placed in the River Cities Gazette and they received a tremendous response. They spayed or neutered forty cats and there are another twenty cats from twelve residents who called about the service. The van was set up at the Golf Course driving range and the residents were thrilled that the City was offering this service. She implored Council to continue this service.

Military Troops

Helen Lawrence of 641 Nightingale Avenue said that during Desert Storm in 1991, she obtained names from all the residents who served their country and were in need of prayer. The names were posted throughout the City and she feels that this should be done again in light of the current situation with the troops being sent to Afghanistan and what happened at Fort Hood. She would like to remember all residents serving in the military in prayer and urged people to call her to give her names of their loved ones.

Skateboard Park

Eulogio Ortiz, Jr. of 310 Cardinal Street said that he lives directly across the street from the tennis courts. He does not understand why Council would want to ruin a beautiful, quiet neighborhood by putting in a skateboard park. He thought that Council had already approved this location because the surveyors were there.

Mayor Bain clarified that it was his decision not to put the skateboard park on the agenda for discussion this evening because there is nothing to discuss at this point. He assured the residents

that their voices had been heard, other locations were being considered and there were no concrete plans to put the skateboard park at the tennis courts.

To answer Mr. Ortiz's question, Mayor Bain said that he was not aware of what the surveyors were doing at the property and he would request a report from the City Manager.

Downtown Parking

Carl Malek of 172 Curtiss Parkway suggested that the City could build a parking garage across the street from the City Hall behind the Post Office and shops on Westward Drive.

Parking/Traffic Enforcement

Carl Malek said that he walks throughout the City and sees cars parked across the sidewalks, which is not enforced. He said that people should not have to leave the sidewalk to go around the vehicles. He added that there are many trucks that cut through the City even though there are "No Through Trucks" signs posted.

Skateboarding

Nery Owens of 332 Payne Drive said that she lives across the street from Prince Field and has photographs of skateboarders in the park and on the street at night, which is illegal according to F.S.S. 316.2065 (12). She has called the Police Department numerous times, they chase the kids away and they return the next day.

Ms. Owens urged Council to see that the City enforces skateboarding in the roadways and in Prince Field. She said that there is a skateboard park in Doral where people can skateboard safely and she wants skateboarding out of Miami Springs.

Skateboard Park

William Gonzalez of 450 Cardinal Street stated that he opposes the skateboard park.

Skateboard Park

Marina Gonzalez of 450 Cardinal Street voiced her opposition to the skateboard park.

Skateboard Park

Marta Cesar of 413 Falcon said that she does not agree with a skateboard park.

Skateboard Park

Ana Rivera of 520 Cardinal Street spoke against the skateboard park.

Skateboard Park

Miriam Rio of 419 Falcon voiced her opposition to the skateboard park.

Skateboard Park

Edwin Mendez of 419 Falcon Avenue stated that he and his wife oppose the skateboard park.

Skateboard Park

Jackie Tapanes of 404 Swan Avenue stated that she works with juvenile delinquents and bringing a skateboard park to the City is an invitation to crime. She thinks that this is a quality of life issue aside from decreasing the property values.

5. Approval of Council Minutes: *(Simultaneously approved)*

5A) 11/23/2009 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the November 23, 2009 Regular Meeting were approved as **written**.

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

5B) 12/07/2009 – Special Meeting

Minutes of the December 7, 2009 Special Meeting were approved as **amended**.

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

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 10/27/2009 – Ecology Board – Minutes

Minutes of the October 27, 2009 Ecology Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6B) 11/05/2009 – General Employees Retirement System – Minutes

Minutes of the November 5, 2009 General Employees Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.

6C) 11/05/2009 – Police and Firefighters Retirement System – Minutes

Minutes of the November 5, 2009 Police and Firefighters Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.

6D) 12/01/2009 – Code Enforcement Board – Minutes

Minutes of the December 1, 2009 Code Enforcement Board minutes were received for information without comment.

6E) 12/02/2009 – Architectural Review Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the December 2, 2009 Architectural Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6F) 12/03/2009 – Art in Public Places Ad-Hoc Committee – Minutes

Minutes of the December 3, 2009 Art in Public Places Ad-Hoc Committee meeting were received for information without comment.

6G) 12/08/2009 – Recreation Commission – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the December 8, 2009 Recreation Commission meeting was received for information without comment.

6H) 12/17/2009 – Historic Preservation Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the December 17, 2009 Historic Preservation Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6I) 12/07/2009 – Zoning and Planning Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the December 7, 2009 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6J) 12/10/2009 – Board of Parks and Parkways – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the December 10, 2009 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting was received for information without comment.

6K) 12/07/2009 – Board of Adjustment – Approval of Actions Taken at their Meeting of December 7, 2009, Subject to the 10-day Appeal Period

Actions taken by the Board of Adjustment at their meeting of December 7, 2009 were approved subject to the 10-day appeal period.

Councilman Best moved the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

7. Public Hearings:

7A) Second Reading – Ordinance No. 987-2009 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Approving and Adopting the City’s Public Education Facilities Element and Corresponding Comprehensive Plan Amendments for the City of Miami Springs Comprehensive Plan; Authorizing the Amendment of the City Comprehensive Plan in Accordance with the Public Education Facilities Element and Corresponding Comprehensive Plan Amendments; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date (First Reading: 11/23/2009 – Advertised: 11/25/2009)

Mayor Bain announced that this is the second reading of an ordinance and there is a sign up sheet in the back of the Council Chambers for those who wish to sign their name and address if they would like information on the Comprehensive Plan amendment.

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

Attorney Seiden stated that there had been no changes in the ordinance since the first reading. The purpose of the sign up sheet is for anyone who is interested in tracking the progress of the ordinance though the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Mayor Bain opened the public hearing to those persons wishing to speak. There were no speakers, and the public hearing was closed.

City Planner Ventura stated that following the transmittal of the signed ordinance the next step is a first reading of the Capital Improvements Element at the January 11, 2010 Council meeting. This will be followed by the second reading at the January 25, 2010 Council meeting. This is the final

element to draft, adopt and send to Tallahassee.

City Planner Ventura explained that there should be a response from the Department of Community Affairs by December 28th on the bulk of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment package. These are the proposed changes for the Airport Golf, N. W. 36th Street and Abraham Districts, the boundary line change for those lots that were divided and the 3.0 floating floor area ratio.

City Planner Ventura informed Council that after the second reading of the Capital Improvements Element the Department of Community Affairs has another forty-five days to respond on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Package. The final step will be to revise Section 150 of the Zoning Code to reflect the approved Comprehensive Plan changes.

Councilman Lob moved to adopt Ordinance No. 987-2009. Vice Mayor Espino seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8. Consent Agenda: (approved with one motion)

8A) Approval of the City Attorney's Invoice for November 2009 in the Amount of \$11,461.50

City Manager Borgmann read the titles of the consent agenda items.

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the item. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8B) Recommendation that Council Approve a Bid to Peterson's Harley-Davidson of Miami, L.L.C., Utilizing Miami-Dade County Contract # 5206-5/14-1, in the Amount of \$32,000.00, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code to Purchase Four New 2010 Harley-Davidson FLHP Police Motorcycles for the Police Department Fleet

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the item. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

9. Old Business:

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

Councilman Lob (Group 3) **appointed** John Salomon to the Education Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending on May 31, 2011.

9B) Report Regarding New Dog Park Committee

City Manager Borgmann explained that Assistant City Manager Gorland had been working very closely with the new Dog Park Committee that is forming to give advice and make recommendations for the Dog Park.

Assistant City Manager Gorland introduced Ernest Culp who is one of the Co-chairs of the new committee. He thanked him for volunteering to head the Committee, together with Sid Klein. Additional members include Barbara Benners, Dee Gillespie, Anita Gordon, Carol Johnson, Laurie Morat, Larry Morat and Laura Pilgrim.

Assistant City Manager Gorland stated that after numerous meetings, they arrived at the following requests and actions:

1. Removal of the fence around the water fountain and that it will be converted into a planter. They prefer that it be removed from the park entirely – under consideration.
2. Construction of a 12 x 25' shade system with lighting – to be brought to Council in the next budget bona fide cost estimates.
3. Installation of two additional metal picnic tables – in process.
4. Installation of a double-sided bulletin board inside the Park – in process.
5. Obstacle course tubes and ramps – in process.
6. Replacement water fountain for the dogs – under consideration.
7. Planting of more large shade trees – in process.
8. Additional signage – in process.
9. Two keys for the Peavy-Dove bathrooms – in process.
10. Replacement dog feces bag dispensers – in process.
11. Dog Park irrigation – under consideration.

In addition, Mr. Culp and Mr. Klein have requested that the park or the proposed shade structure be lighted. They understand that this is not possible due to a long standing agreement with the surrounding neighbors to control the amount of traffic and activity in the neighborhood at night. They may petition the neighborhood to change this policy.

The Dog Park Committee understands that they are the primary vehicle for communicating with Council and the Administration, but that anyone, at any time, has just as much right to do the same. The subject Committee has not been incorporated, nor do they have plans to do so.

Mayor Bain asked how the bathroom keys would be controlled.

Assistant City Manager Gorland responded that the keys would be tightly controlled as the Committee understands there is no cleaning service, except during the sports season. The City will

watch to make sure the restrooms are clean, but it is the Committee's primary responsibility.

Councilwoman Ator understood that at one point the committee who set up the Dog Park was incorporated and had 501-c-3 status. She asked if the new committee members had contacted that group to see if they could reactivate that status.

Ernest Culp stated that the committee members decided not to reactivate the 501-c-3 status. He added that they would like to hold fund raisers to supplement the City's contributions.

Attorney Seiden recommended that the committee should have a 501-c-3 corporation so that people who make donations can receive a tax deduction.

Councilwoman Ator added that the non-profit status would add credibility to the organization when asking for donations. She said that it is difficult to form a new corporation, but it would be simple for the committee to reinstate the previous 501-c-3 corporation.

Assistant City Manager Gorland turned over the keys to the restroom to Mr. Culp. The Administration will contact the Chair of the former Dog Park Committee to determine if the 501-c-3 non-profit corporation can be reactivated and to ask if there are any funds left over.

10. New Business:

10A) Resolution No. 2009-3468 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Authorizing the Proper Officers, Officials and Representative of the City to Apply for a “Historic Preservation Small Matching Grant in Aid”, in the Amount of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars, from the Florida Department of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Historical Resources; Authorizing the Use of the Grant Funds to Create a Web-Based “Virtual Tour of Historic Miami Springs”; Committing a Portion of the Grant Writer’s Annual Compensation and Ongoing Server Hosting and Maintenance Services to Comply with the Match Requirement of the Grant; Effective Date

Attorney Seiden stated that Council received a copy of a revised resolution. The original resolution stated that part of the salary was to come from the Grant Writer and this was changed to make it part of the Public Information Specialist's annual salary.

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

City Manager Borgmann added that the resolution showing Council's support is a requirement of the grant.

Councilwoman Ator moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-3468. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10B) Confirmation, as a Ministerial Duty, per City Code §35.56 (A) (3) of Police Captain Jonathan Kahn as the Fifth Member of the Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement System, Chosen Unanimously by the Other Board Members at their Meeting of November 5, 2009

City Manager Borgmann stated that per Code §35.56, Council must confirm, as a ministerial duty, the appointment of Police Captain Jonathan Kahn as the fifth member of the Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement System. He was chosen unanimously by the other board members at their meeting of November 5, 2009.

Councilwoman Ator moved the item. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10C) Consideration of Change Order No. 01 for the Curtiss Mansion, in the Amount of \$24,173.03 to Carivon Construction Co.

City Manager Borgmann stated that Change Order No. 01 was received for the Curtiss Mansion restoration project. It has been reviewed by Boukman Mangones, the architectural Project Manager, Roy Rodriguez for CMI and Ivonne Munne, President of Carivon Construction Company.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the additional work had been deemed necessary as a result of field conditions that were impossible to foresee prior to commencement of the work. Parts of the building that were assumed to be stable were found to be otherwise, thereby requiring extra work.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Administration recommends approval of the Change Order. Funds are available in the grant of \$1MM for this project. Roy Rodriguez is present to answer any questions.

To answer Mayor Bain's question, City Manager Borgmann clarified that the funds would come from the grant, not the General Fund of the City.

Councilman Best asked who conducted the initial inspection and determined that the areas were stable.

City Manager Borgmann explained that Heisenbottle Architects assumed certain areas were solid, but were not. Most of the work is related to removal of concrete slab or demolition of beams, walls, tile, etc.

Roy Rodriguez of 564 Palmetto Drive stated that the change to reinforce the existing structure was insisted upon by Building Official Skip Reed. There was some debate between the engineer of record and Mr. Reed whether the work was necessary or not, and rather than delaying the project,

they decided to do the work. Other items were due to unforeseen conditions and foundations underneath the earth; there were existing stairs underneath the new elevator pit that were left underground.

Councilman Best was concerned that there might be other areas that could be found non-functional.

Mr. Rodriguez assured Council that the Curtiss Mansion would be structurally sound, even during a hurricane.

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

11. Other Business:

11A) Consideration of Scheduling a Meeting in January 2010 to Discuss Downtown Parking

City Manager Borgmann stated that Council could decide to schedule a Workshop Meeting or a Special Meeting that would allow official action. The Regular Council meetings scheduled in January are on the 11th and the 25th. He suggested that Wednesday, January 13th would be a reasonable date.

Vice Mayor Espino explained that a number of individuals would like to see the process move along and he would recommend scheduling the meeting as soon as possible.

By consensus, Council scheduled a Workshop Meeting for Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

11B) Consideration of Canceling the December 28, 2009 Council Meeting

City Manager Borgmann stated that historically the second Council meeting in December is canceled due to the holidays.

The City Manager stated that Staff recommends cancellation of the December 28th meeting and if there are any items that need to be discussed a Special meeting can be called.

By consensus, Council canceled the December 28, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

City Attorney Seiden advised that if there is an appeal from the Board of Adjustment the case could be heard at the first meeting in January.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

Annexation

City Attorney Seiden stated that everyone is aware of the favorable result of the vote regarding annexation at the Miami-Dade County Commission meeting on December 8th. Since that time he received calls from the attorneys for Medley and Doral. They set a follow up meeting with the Mayors for all the cities on January 5, 2010 in Medley. He added that City Manager Borgmann would also be attending.

Vice Mayor Espino thanked the City Attorney, City Manager, Mayor Bain and Lobbyist Jose Fuentes for an excellent job.

City Attorney Seiden said that Lobbyist Jose Fuentes should be encouraged to continue his efforts because there is still a long way to go in regard to annexation. It is likely that the County Commission will consider annexation on an individual basis. Virginia Gardens and Miami Springs are tied together and Doral and Medley are separable because of their locations.

Happy Holidays

City Attorney Seiden wished everyone Happy Holidays.

12B) City Manager

Community Center

City Manager Borgmann distributed a two-week looking forward status report on the Community Center. Plans are being made for a Grand Opening celebration based on the opening date and the availability of County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

Rumble Strips and Striping

City Manager Borgmann announced that the rumble strips and striping at the Circle are finished and hopefully they will work to slow down the traffic.

Traffic Circle

City Manager Borgmann reported that he had placed several calls to the County about the Circle traffic calming project. He will invite a representative to the Workshop meeting on Wednesday, January 13th.

Santa at the Circle

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Santa at the Circle event was a success and well attended. Everyone seemed to have a great time and consideration will be given to expanding the event to two days next year.

Shade Systems

City Manager Borgmann announced that the shade system installations will be finished by Friday at both Stafford and Peavy Parks.

Basin 35 Drainage Project

City Manager Borgmann reported that Hunting Lodge Drive should be restored by the end of the week, with the exception of tree planting. Representatives from Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc. will attend the January 11, 2010 Council Meeting to discuss alternatives for the portion of the drainage project on the Golf Course that was discontinued.

Pool Opening

City Manager Borgmann stated that the swimming pool was re-opened to the public today. He will send a thank-you letter to the City of Hialeah for allowing the City to use their pool facility for approximately five weeks.

Happy Holidays

City Manager Borgmann wished everyone Happy Holidays.

12C) City Council

Santa at the Circle

Councilman Lob commended the Recreation and Public Works Staff for the Santa at the Circle event that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Annexation

Councilman Lob thanked everyone involved who worked to ensure a successful annexation vote by the County Commission, which is very important to the City.

Happy Holidays

Councilman Lob wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Santa at the Circle

Councilwoman Ator thanked the Recreation Department for the Santa at the Circle event this past weekend. She and her family had a good time and she passed out 250 candy canes.

Movie Night

Councilwoman Ator reminded everyone that Movie Night at the Circle is Friday, December 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. They will be showing “Monsters vs. Aliens” and “Fred Claus”.

City Logo

Councilwoman Ator asked if the new City logo had been digitized for placement on clothing and other products.

City Manager Borgmann will check to make sure the logo is digitized if it has not yet been done.

Happy Holidays

Councilwoman Ator wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

Employee Holiday Party

City Manager Borgmann invited Council to the Employee Holiday Party on Thursday, December 17th at the Lions Club from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Public Comments

Councilman Best stated that it was nice to have the group of people who attended the meeting to speak on a myriad of issues, which is good for the community.

Annexation

Councilman Best was pleased with the County Commission’s vote on annexation.

Community Center

Councilman Best stated that the Community Center progress is amazing, especially the way that Link Construction has conducted their business, along with the follow-up of Bill Sprague.

Happy Holidays

Councilman Best wished everyone Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

Hialeah Park

Vice Mayor Espino reported that he attended the grand re-opening of Hialeah Park on Saturday, November 28th, along with Councilman Lob, Nora Lob, Councilwoman Ator and Bill Tallman. The event was very well attended by approximately 15,000 people. They were very thankful for the proclamation he presented on behalf of Mayor Bain.

Miami-Dade League Dinner

Vice Mayor Espino stated that he attended the Miami-Dade County League of Cities dinner on Thursday, December 3rd at the Landshark Stadium with Councilwoman Ator and Councilman Lob. They received a walk-through tour of the stadium to see all the improvements that were made.

Rotary Club

Vice Mayor Espino stated that it was his pleasure and privilege to have been the guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday, December 9th.

Cancer Relay for Life

Vice Mayor Espino reported that the Cancer Relay for Life Holiday party was a great event with good food and company. He thanked everyone who was able to attend. He looks forward to future events in January and the relay in February.

Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce

Vice Mayor Espino stated that the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce invited members of the Miami Springs Chamber of Commerce to attend their monthly breakfast meeting at the Biltmore Hotel on Thursday, December 17th. He will attend the meeting with nine residents and business owners from the City for the purpose of forming a relationship in an effort to help the Miami Springs Chamber to reorganize.

Happy Holidays

Vice Mayor Espino wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Plover/Albatross Stop Sign

Mayor Bain asked about the progress of the installation of the stop sign at Plover Avenue and Albatross Street.

City Manager Borgmann responded that the County completed the traffic study for the area and they are working on the final report that should be ready in January.

Annexation

City Attorney Seiden announced that he spoke to former Councilman Rob Youngs who congratulated the City on annexation. He offered to assist in any way possible on behalf of the City.

Annexation

Mayor Bain stated that the favorable vote on annexation was a good team effort. He knows that the entire Council would have liked to attend the County Commission meeting to show their support, which was not possible because they have jobs and other responsibilities.

Happy Holidays

Mayor Bain wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays.

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Billy Bain
Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Hitaffer, CMC

Deputy City Clerk

Approved as written during meeting of: 01-11-2010