



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, October 12, 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
Public Works Director Robert T. Williams
Human Resources Director Loretta M. Boucher
Golf Director Michael W. Aldridge
Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell
City Planner Richard E. Ventura
Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson
City Clerk Magalí Valls

2. Invocation: Councilman Best offered the invocation.

Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

3. Awards & Presentations:

3A) Resolution No. 2009-3463 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida Recognizing City Government Week, October 18-24, 2009 and Encouraging all Citizens to Support the Celebration and Corresponding Activities; Effective Date

City Manager Borgmann read the resolution in its entirety.

City Manager Borgmann asked the City Department Heads and those working for government to stand up and be recognized. He said that they try their best everyday to deliver the services that the residents have decided are important for the community. He is very proud to be working for the City of Miami Springs and is glad to have such a supportive Council.

Councilman Best moved to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Espino seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote (Resolution No. 2009-3463).

Vice Mayor Espino was happy that Council unanimously adopted this resolution. Tomorrow he will be presenting the Mayor, Council and Administration with a civic education proposal titled “Focusing Academics on Civic Education”. He intends to present the idea to the Education Advisory Board as an agenda item on October 20th in an effort to promote a number of programs and policies to promote civic education. The details will be presented to Council for discussion.

Councilman Lob asked if the Education Advisory Board meeting had to be publicized as he is also planning to attend.

City Attorney Seiden stated that any of the Council members could be there as long as they do not participate in the meeting. There is no reason to publish a notice unless there is going to be a debate.

Vice Mayor Espino explained that he spoke to Education Advisory Board Chair Mindy McNichols about his proposal and Council will have the opportunity to discuss it at future meetings.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that at any meeting or public place Council could only speak on individual topics without any debates.

Vice Mayor Espino announced that Alexandra Mirabal from the River Cities Community Charter School called him today and requested a brief presentation.

Alexandra Mirabal of 580 La Villa Drive thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the River Cities Community Charter School. She explained that the school was founded by volunteer parents approximately four years ago in an effort to partner with other schools in the community to provide an educational option for middle school students who needed a smaller learning environment.

Ms. Mirabal said that the process involved many challenges and hard work. When the school

requested zoning approval from the County Commission for the school building, Mayor Bain, Councilman Lob and Vice Mayor Espino offered their support.

Ms. Mirabal and her son presented plaques to the Mayor and Council members in gratitude for their support on behalf of the parents and students of the River Cities Community Charter School. She asked for continued support for all schools in the community that really need it during difficult economic times.

4. Open Forum

Caring About the Strays (CATS)

William Burnett of 153 Navarre Drive stated that he a concerned member of the Caring About the Strays (CATS) 501-C-3 organization, which has been involved in the City since 1998. He said that the goal is to reduce and eventually eliminate feral colonies within Miami Springs through an aggressive spay/neuter program. Their goal for the past eleven years was to prevent the local colonies from expanding and providing a healthy environment and they have spayed more than 5,000 animals and orchestrated over 200 adoptions per year, reducing the number of colonies from thirty to twenty-six.

Mr. Burnett explained that the vast majority of the current increase in felines that populate the colonies within Miami Springs is the result of people who abandon their pets because they are unable to take care of them. When new cats are found they are examined by a veterinarian who decides if the animal is healthy, it is given shots and placed in a foster home until adoption. All animals are spayed or neutered once they are six-months old. Healthy adult cats that are not social are returned to the colonies where they were found or if they are too sick they are euthanized.

Mr. Burnett stated that CATS also helps to save stray dogs and they have rescued more than 300 dogs over the last eleven years, bearing the cost of spaying and neutering of these animals as well. Homes were found for 225 dogs and the remainder stayed with foster families.

Mr. Burnett said that the CATS organization had spent more than \$80,000 on food and medical expenses taking care of abandoned animals in Miami Springs alone without any compensation for any of the individual members. Additionally, most food is paid for by individual members.

Mr. Burnett said that homes were found for more than 2,200 cats and dogs without any assistance from the City. However, due to the downturn in the economy there are more abandoned animals and fewer donations, which means it is time for the City Council to help the residents of the community who are unable to vote. He requested a contribution from the City of \$20,000 that could be applied directly to the veterinarian bill or a substantial contribution to the CATS organization.

Caring About the Strays (CATS)

Buzz Fleischmann of 810 Pinecrest Drive said that he does not want to see animals running free in the City. It is a quality of life issue. Due to the economy people are abandoning their animals in the streets, which is an emotional issue. CATS has been looked upon throughout the State as one of the exemplary groups that takes care of the stray animals and their efforts are totally worthy of the City's support.

Caring About the Strays (CATS)

Kathy Fleischmann of 810 Pinecrest Drive thanked Council for their work. She supports the CATS organization for their volunteer work in helping cats and dogs. She said that the organization has done so much with so little and they have never asked for assistance. She knows that Mayor Bain and other Council members help whenever they can, which is appreciated, but now the volunteers are looking for support from the City. Donations are tax deductible and many companies have matching funds to support the cost of spaying and neutering in order to reduce the animal population.

Mayor Bain commended the people who dedicate their time to the cause. He asked if Council wanted to schedule an agenda item for the next meeting to further discuss the matter.

Council **agreed** to schedule an agenda item for the next meeting.

4-way Stop Sign at Albatross and Plover

Rebecca Perez of 511 Plover Avenue stated that on March 14th they lost their pet dog when he ran across the street and was hit by a speeding truck. She placed yellow "Caution – Children Playing" signs because cars speed on Albatross from Westward Drive north to the High School and on Plover Avenue. She is requesting Council support to place a 4-way stop sign on Albatross and Plover.

4-way Stop Sign at Albatross and Plover

Erin Ramirez of 511 Plover said that his dog died on Albatross when it was hit by a car that kept on going.

4-way Stop Sign at Albatross and Plover

Nicolas Casariego of 500 Hunting Lodge Drive explained that his dog was hit by a car because there was no stop sign and his best friend's dog also was hit on Plover.

(Agenda Item 10C was considered at this time)

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

5A) 09/28/2009 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the September 28, 2009 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

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

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 09/22/2009 – Ecology Board – Minutes

Minutes of the September 22, 2009 Ecology Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6B) 09/28/2009 – Board of Appeals – Minutes

Minutes of the September 28, 2009 were received for information without comment.

6C) 10/05/2009 – Zoning and Planning Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the October 5, 2009 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6D) 10/06/2009 – Code Enforcement Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the October 6, 2009 Code Enforcement Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6E) 10/08/2009 – Board of Parks and Parkways – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the October 8, 2009 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting was received for information without comment.

6F) 10/05/2009 – Board of Adjustment – Approval of Actions Taken at their Meeting of October 5, 2009, Subject to the 10-day Appeal Period

Actions taken by the Board of Adjustment at their meeting of October 5, 2009 were approved subject to the 10-day appeal period.

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

7. Public Hearings:

Council sat as the Board of Appeals at 7:35 p.m.
The Mayor reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:31 p.m.

(Mayor Bain called for a five-minute recess)

In reference to Board of Appeals Case # 20-V-09, 979 Hunting Lodge Drive, Mayor Bain asked if there was a consensus to review the Code in consideration of the properties on Hunting Lodge Drive.

City Attorney Seiden said that he would review the Council minutes when the ordinance was put into effect and hopefully there would be a reference as to why it did not apply to the R-1A District.

Councilman Lob explained that he would like to amend the ordinance to allow the property owners to construct porte-cocheres.

By consensus, Council **agreed** to schedule an agenda item for further discussion.

(Agenda Items 9D and 9E were considered at this time)

8. Consent Agenda:

8A) Approval of the City Attorney's Invoice for September 2009 in the Amount of \$9,471.00

City Manager Borgmann explained that Agenda Items 8L and 8M were pulled because the contracts that the City was going to piggy-back on had expired on September 30th. There will be new contracts for the same items, although the pricing structure may be different.

Mayor Bain asked if there were any items on the Consent Agenda that Council wanted to remove for further discussion.

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8B) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure, not to Exceed \$13,500.00 to AT&T Mobility, Utilizing WSCA 2 Master Agreement # 1523, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code, on an “As Needed Basis”

To answer Vice Mayor Espino’s question, Chief of Police Baan explained that this item is related to the mobile data terminals for the Police cars through the Western States Contracting Alliance, which is a government contract that the City is legally allowed to piggy-back on for the best price.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8C) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code and Approve an Expenditure of, not Exceed \$14,407.75 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 to USA Software, Inc., for Software Maintenance

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8D) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code and Approve an Expenditure of, not Exceed \$5,600.00 to Miami Lakes Veterinary Clinic for Services and Supplies to the Two Police Canines

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8E) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, and Approve an

Expenditure of \$18,000.00 to International Data Depository (IDD) as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, for a One-year Contract Extension for Storage of Documents Required to be Kept by Florida Records Retention Laws and Schedules

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8F) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure of, not to Exceed \$25,000.00 to General Asphalt Company, Inc., Utilizing Miami-Dade County Bid # 6752-0/11, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code, on an "As Needed Basis" to Purchase Various Types of Road Materials for Repairs of the City's Roadways

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8G) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure of, not to Exceed \$20,000.00 to Grainger Industrial Supplies, Utilizing State of Florida Bid # 445-001-07-1, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code on an "As Needed Basis" to Purchase Various Supply and Stock Items Needed for Building Maintenance

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8H) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure of, not to Exceed \$30,000.00 to Miami Tire Soles, Inc., Utilizing State Bid # 863-000-06-1, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code, on an "As Needed Basis" to Purchase Automotive Tires to be Used in the Repair and Maintenance of the City's Fleet

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8I) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure of, not to Exceed \$20,000.00 to NAPA Auto Parts, Utilizing County Bid # 1070-5/14, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the

City Code, on an "As Needed Basis", to Purchase Various Supplies and Stock Items Needed for the Fleet Division

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8J) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Approve an Expenditure of \$43,560.00 to South Florida Maintenance Services, Inc., as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Pursuant to the Contract Renewal Option for Janitorial Services for an Additional One Year Period

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8K) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Approve an Expenditure of \$21,528.00 to South Florida Maintenance Services, Inc., as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Pursuant to the Contract Renewal Option for Street Sweeping Services for an Additional One Year Period

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8L) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure of \$206,598.00 to General GMC Truck Sales, Utilizing Florida Sheriffs Bid # 08-16-0908, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code to Purchase an Automated Sanitation Truck for the Public Works Department

The City Manager **pulled** this item from the agenda.

8M) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure of \$122,740.97 to Rechten International Trucks, Inc., Utilizing Florida Sheriffs Association County Contract # 08-16-0908, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code to Replace Current Lightning Loader

The City Manager **pulled** this item from the agenda.

8N) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure of, not to Exceed \$60,697 to Yamaha Leasing, for the Leasing of Golf Carts

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8O) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$10,882.32 to Show Turf John Deere, for Golf Work Cart Leasing

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8P) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$60,699.24 to Show Turf John Deere, for the Purchase of One John Deere 2653B Trim Surround Mower and One John Deere 7700 Precision cut Fairway Mower to Replace Existing Units

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8Q) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$35,000 (12-month period) to Atlantic-Florida East Coast Fertilizer, on an “As Needed Basis” to Purchase Supplies

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8R) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$35,000 (12-month period) to Lesco, on an “As Needed Basis”, to Purchase Supplies

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8S) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$13,000 (12-month period) to Foot Joy, on an “As Needed Basis” to Purchase Merchandise to be Resold at the Pro Shop

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8T) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$20,000 (12-month period) to Titleist, on an “As Needed Basis”, to Purchase Merchandise to be Resold at the Pro Shop

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8U) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$30,000 (12-month period) to Howard Fertilizer and Chemical Co., on an “As Needed Basis”, to Purchase Supplies

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8V) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$30,000 (12-month period) to Hector Turf, on an “As Needed Basis”, for Equipment Repairs

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8W) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$26,089.26 to Hector Turf, for the Purchase of One Toro Pro-core 6548 Aerator with Attachments

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8X) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$15,000 (12-month period) to Aeration Technology, on an “As Needed Basis” for Contractual Services

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8Y) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$30,700 (12-month period) to Land and Sea, on an “As Needed Basis” for Fuel Purchases

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8Z) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$10,000 (12-month period) to Florida Superior Sand, on an “As Needed Basis” to Purchase Sand

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8AA) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process, as Provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and Approve an Expenditure not to Exceed \$310,000 (12-month period) to Greens Grade Services, on an “As Needed Basis” for Contractual Services

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda items with the exception of 8L and 8M. Councilman Lob 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 III) **re-appointed** Jacqueline Martinez Regueira to the Code Enforcement Board for a full 3-year term ending on September 30, 2012.

Councilman Lob (Group III) **appointed** Dr. Mara Zapata to the Ecology Board for an unexpired term ending on April 30, 2010.

Councilman Lob (Group III) **re-appointed** Phyllis Causey to the Golf and Country Club Advisory Board for a full 2-year term ending on July 31, 2011.

9B) Appointment by Council of Members of New Ad Hoc Committee for the Art and Public Places for the Community Center (Discussed: 9/28/2009)

City Manager Borgmann provided a draft copy of the Call to Artists Request for Qualifications in order to better explain the process under which the plan works. There is a requirement of Miami-Dade County that any public buildings constructed in Miami-Dade County must put aside 1.5% of the total project cost for art in public places. The artwork can be a myriad of things, including terrazzo flooring, stained glass windows, art sculptures, etc. It must be a piece of art that is commissioned for this particular structure and designed in context with the building.

The process to select the artists is what Council is being asked to consider. There are five people

who are ready and willing to serve on an Ad-Hoc Committee or each Council member can select their own appointee.

Councilwoman Ator asked about a provision in the draft copy for seven committee members, since Council had decided at the last meeting that it should be composed of five members.

City Manager Borgmann explained that there could be five, seven or nine members which would ensure that there would never be a tie vote.

Councilman Best **appointed** Kathy Fleischman.

Vice Mayor Espino **appointed** Cristina Arce.

Councilman Lob stated that his appointment would be forthcoming.

Councilwoman Ator **appointed** Mark Trowbridge.

Mayor Bain **appointed** Aldo Bartolone.

(Agenda Item 9D was considered before 9C)

9C) Discussion Regarding the James Medical Center Property; Encroachment on Golf Course (Tabled: 9/28/2009)

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden referred to information that he had submitted on the history of the property. The property was previously owned by the City of Miami and although there was some discussion about a lease for the property, they were not interested. Subsequently, there were meetings with Dr. James and Attorney John Cosgrove in an attempt to reach an agreement with the City regarding the property.

In the couple of meetings that he and the City Manager had with Julie James, they arrived at three alternatives, according to Attorney Seiden. Vice Mayor Espino had asked to explore a fourth alternative, which would be a purchase and it was conveyed at the last meeting with Ms. James that the property is on the market for more than \$3MM.

Attorney Seiden stated that the first option is a sale or long term lease of the encroaching property by the City that would entail Council action to divest actual and effective ownership of the property. This would be the more difficult decision because it would require a vote of the citizens based on the Charter provision. It would also require securing approval for sale or lease from the City of Miami in accordance with the deed restrictions and there would have to be an agreement on the price and related costs. This is probably the least attractive of the three options because it would be very difficult and expensive.

The second alternative would be for the City to provide an easement running with the land so that the land could continue to be used by subsequent property owners. The easement would have to be conditioned upon the maintenance of insurance and appropriate property conditions and would prohibit the use of the parking lot for any other use. Any violation of the aforesaid conditions would cause the cancellation of the easement; this option would also provide that the City would be permitted to use the parking area on a certain limited basis.

The third alternative is that the property owner could surrender the encroaching property that they are using back to the City. This option would require that the City would take effective control of it requiring excavation, re-fencing and landscaping the area, which would require a survey. The encroachment is clearly shown on the survey and the bridle path is between the property line of the Golf Course and the property. In some areas around the Golf Course the bridle path is owned by the property owners who were able to purchase it from the Curtiss Bright Company and in other cases people use the property, but they do not own it.

To answer the Mayor's question, City Attorney Seiden said that the City would not receive any revenue from the second option because it is not a lease arrangement. An easement is simply extending an assigned right to use the property under limited conditions. Option two allows the family to market the property as it exists now and the easement would transfer over automatically so long as it is not violated.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the City can permit Ms. James to continue using the property and allow sale of the property with the easement, subject to the conditions that would cause the property to revert back to the City or the City can stress that they want the property back.

To answer the Mayor's question, Ms. James clarified that there are eighteen parking spaces on the encroaching property.

Tony Longoria of 790 Morningside Drive, Apartment R, said that he is the Inventory Assistant to Julie James. There are approximately eighteen parking spaces in question. There are additional parking spaces in the circular drive and unmarked spaces in the rear of the property. Per Code, there would be approximately 52 parking spaces on the property. The eighteen that are in question are cut in sections because there is an oval shape border making some unusable.

Mr. Longoria said that there are two important issues of concern to the City. The first is liability and the Police Department has heightened security on the property due to illegal drug dealing, prostitution, etc. There are also skate boarders who use the property and the question is who is liable. Their insurance is primary but if they abandon the property then the City's liability comes into question at that point.

The family's intent is to sell the property for a meaningful purpose and without the parking spaces

the property is not very attractive, according to Mr. Longoria. A covenant running with the title would provide the opportunity for a future purchase and a more productive business opportunity that would be an advantage from an economic standpoint. The family is not interested in leasing the property due to liability issues and they want to sell it instead.

Mr. Longoria clarified that Dr. James paid to lease the property up to a certain point until the City of Miami served notice that the lease was cancelled and they allowed use of the property until it was transferred to the City of Miami Springs. He offered to purchase the property several times before the Charter was changed to require the voters to approve any purchase or change to the Golf Course property, which is a huge issue that has dissuaded sale of the property.

Mr. Longoria stated that the easement running with the land would alleviate the liability issue that is extremely important.

Mayor Bain suggested that the City could take back the property, with the exception of 30 or 40 feet that would be needed to square off the property.

Mr. Longoria said that the property would not be usable as part of the Golf Course unless the # 2 hole is reconfigured. The easement running with the title is valuable to the heirs and they are not denying that fact. The question is what usefulness the land will be to the City and he estimates it would cost \$22,000 to \$30,000 to restore the section that is reclaimed. It would involve an environmental cleanup due to the paving of the area and the property would have to be surveyed and replotted.

Vice Mayor Espino asked if any benefit would come back to the City by providing the easement.

City Attorney Seiden clarified there would be no benefit other than to allow the property to be used and release liability insurance requirements by the City, which is minimal. He said that leasing the property is not worth violating the Charter or the deed restrictions with the City of Miami.

Vice Mayor Espino asked for the City Attorney's opinion about the Mayor's proposal to square off the property.

City Attorney Seiden explained that a survey would be required in any case. If Council agrees to an easement then the City will ask Ms. James to have the survey done with the proper legal description, or the City would need a survey to make sure that they do not encroach on the James' property.

Mayor Bain stated that the easement agreement would have to include a stipulation regarding retroactive payments for leasing the property.

City Attorney Seiden responded that the City of Miami is not interested and there would not be any money exchanged to split with them. The benefit of the easement to the James family is that it would allow the sale of the property and the benefit to the City is that the sale to a viable business would be a start to improve the entire area. The side issue is that the easement would have to be

specific to say that it can only be used for parking as it currently exists, with no exceptions. The minute it is used for any other purpose, the property would immediately revert back to City usage.

Mr. Longoria stated that a church was interested in the property and the purchase/lease was contingent upon the parking issue being resolved. There was also contact with a funeral home, but there is not enough floor space.

To answer Councilwoman Ator's question, Mr. Longoria responded that the house was built in 1955 as a single family residence. The property is located in the Airport District and can be used for almost anything. Optimizing the parking lot is a selling point and it would be better to have an agreement in place so that the heirs can move on with their lives.

Councilwoman Ator understood Ms. James' desire to secure the land. She is concerned with handing over 5,000 square feet of land that could otherwise be used as additional green space or park space for the residents of Miami Springs. She appreciates the value of the parking lot with the building, but the structure is not historical or unique in order to generate an interest in saving it.

Councilwoman Ator said that she would support returning the land to the City.

Vice Mayor Espino agreed with Councilwoman Ator. He said that the James family would receive a substantial benefit that would be to the detriment of the residents due to the City's limited park space. That is why he suggested a fourth alternative to explore the feasibility of purchasing the James' property.

Councilman Lob said that he had always supported park space, but the question is whether or not the property could be sold to a business that would bring tax revenue to the City.

Councilwoman Ator felt there was no doubt that the property is more valuable with the additional 5,000 square feet of parking. The easement running with the title requires that the area remain parking, which works against the value of the property, because the property is at its greatest value when it includes the 5,000 square feet that can be used for anything that the new owner desires.

City Manager Borgmann stated that if the building were to be torn down parking could be incorporated within the floor plan of a new building.

Councilman Best said that he would support the second option for the City to provide an easement.

Mr. Longoria stated that they spoke with Embassy Suites and they indicated that a hotel could not be built on the property without the additional parking area. The primary concern of Ms. James is liability and taking the parking area away would limit the purposes for which the land is developed.

City Attorney Seiden stated that Council could continue to allow the situation to go on as it is right

now, and if there is a proposal from someone to develop the property or use it in a certain manner they could come back to the City at that point.

Mayor Bain felt that this is an odd situation. He would like to know the number of parking spaces with and without the City's property. He is willing to allow the use of a portion of property in order to square off the James' property and return the remainder of the encroaching property to the City.

Mr. Longoria said that he had extensive information on the property, including drawings of what could be built by a hotel chain, the available parking, etc.

The Mayor reiterated his support for squaring off the property.

Mr. Longoria said that the issue is the bridle path because the heirs only own it up to a certain point. He agreed that they could come back with more information if the City Manager would provide complete instructions of what is needed. He will come back with a recommendation for squaring off the property in a way that will optimize the property for sale and marketability.

City Attorney Seiden informed Mr. Longoria that he would like to see the survey also.

This item will be scheduled for next meeting pending more information.

9D) Approval of Inscription for the Memorial Plaque for Dr. Charles C. James (Discussed: 9/28/2009)

City Manager Borgmann stated that Councilman Best had submitted language for consideration at the last meeting, which was: "Dr. Charles C. James, date of birth, date of death, Friend and Provider to the City of Miami Springs".

Mr. Borgmann said that his daughter, Julie James, might have some additional thoughts for consideration.

Julie James of 790 Morningside Drive thanked Council for the consideration of a plaque for her father. She said that City Manager Borgmann and City Attorney Seiden had been very helpful and supportive.

Ms. James explained that it came to her that her father was a man of great passion and suggested the language "*A man of great passion for his beloved City of Miami Springs*" following the dates.

Mayor Bain confirmed that the location will be at the second hole on the designated tee marker. He would like to hold a ceremony when the plaque is placed on the tee marker.

10. New Business:

10A) Approval of Financial Policies Manual

Finance Director William Alonso stated that financial policies were established that had been in effect for a number of years, which Council should adopt on an annual basis. They are financial goals and policies that are set forth to establish guidelines for the continued financial strength and stability of the City. This approval is also a good indicator for credit rating agencies, bankers and third party users of the City's financial statements because it confirms a commitment that Council and the City have financial excellence, full disclosure, etc.

Finance Director Alonso reiterated that the policies will be reviewed on an annual basis and when necessary they will be updated to reflect changes in law or generally accepted accounting principles. They may also be updated to enhance the understanding and implementation of sound financial practices in response to changing events that may affect the City's financial health.

Councilwoman Ator asked the City Attorney if he believed that the policies comply with the Florida Statutes.

City Attorney Seiden answered affirmatively.

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

10B) Resolution No. 2009-3462 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida Providing for the First Amendment to the FY2009-2010 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Fund Budgets, by Reappropriating Reserved Fund Balances to Fund Open Encumbrances through September 30, 2009; Providing Inclusion of the “COPS” Grant and Corresponding Police Department Positions in the General Fund Budget; Effective Date

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

Finance Director William Alonso said that this is an annual ritual every October to amend the budget that Council adopted for encumbrances that were open as of September 30, 2009. This is related to open purchase orders as of the end of the Fiscal Year that had not been filled and the amounts were carried over to the new 2009-2010 budget. The largest amount totals \$6MM for capital projects that is for the Curtiss Mansion and Community Center and those purchase orders must be re-appropriated in the current year.

Finance Director Alonso explained that the budget is being amended to include \$146,000 to cover the cost of two Police Officer positions.

Councilwoman Ator moved to adopt the resolution. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote (Resolution No. 2009-3462).

10C) Consideration of Requesting Miami-Dade County for a 4-way Stop Sign at Albatross and Plover

Mayor Bain stated that he placed an item on the agenda because he would like the County to install a 4-way stop sign at Plover and Albatross.

City Manager Borgmann said that he will write a letter to the County, together with the Chief of Police stating the City's desire for the placement of a 4-way stop sign at that location. He explained that it is almost impossible to get a 4-way stop sign, the County has been installing traffic calming circles, but they might approve a 4-way stop in this particular case.

Mayor Bain suggested that County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa could assist and that citizens could also express their support to the County for a 4-way stop sign.

Councilman Best asked what the timeframe normally is for the County to approve the request.

Chief of Police Baan responded that if the statistics justify the placement of the stop signs, it normally takes 30 to 60 days. He explained that a traffic circle or crosswalk that involves construction takes more time. The statistics are important to the County and looking at the records going back to the beginning of 2007, there have been five reported accidents on Albatross and three were at stop sign intersections.

Councilwoman Ator asked if anyone had done statistics on the number of cars that travel on Albatross.

Chief Baan explained that the City does not have the equipment to conduct traffic counts, although the County does and the biggest factor is excessive speed. He agreed that people speed along Albatross and tickets are issued. The patrol officers were directed to pay extra attention to that area in an effort to slow down traffic.

Vice Mayor Espino echoed the Mayor's sentiment that the residents should reach out to the County because they have the best knowledge of the area.

10D) Recommendation that Council Award a Bid for Tot-Lot Shade Canopies to Shade Systems, Inc., Utilizing Miami-Dade County Bid Award # 4907-3/13 in the Amounts of \$25,271; \$20,716 and \$19,716 for a Total of \$65,703, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code

Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that due to the success of the Prince Field Tot-lot shade system and canopies, that shading the remaining Tot-lots at Peavy Dove and Stafford Park should be considered with the same firm, Shade Systems, Inc. He read the title of the award. All three canopies are constructed of the same high quality material and have the same maintenance and quick drop capability.

The quotes are piggy-backed off a Miami-Dade County Bid Award and funding was provided in the recently approved Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget in the amount of \$66,000, according to Mr. Gorland.

Councilwoman Ator moved the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion.

Mayor Bain asked whether or not the proposed skateboard park for Peavy Dove would conflict with the shade system.

Assistant City Manager Gorland confirmed that the shade system would not interfere with the skate park.

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

Councilman Lob asked the Administration to secure a quote for a shade canopy for the Dog Park.

10E) Recommendation that Council Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Proposal Letter from TD Bank to Finance Equipment up to Approximately \$422,000

City Manager Borgmann stated that funds for lease financing several pieces of equipment were included in the 2009-2010 budget for purchases totaling \$422,000. Several banks were contacted and TD Bank gave a quote of 2.95%, SunTrust was 3.556%, Wachovia was not interested and Bank of America has a minimum loan amount of \$2MM.

To answer the Mayor's question, Finance Director Alonso stated that TD Bank's main office is in the state of Virginia and they have offices within Miami-Dade County.

City Manager Borgmann explained that once the agreement is signed, it would be sent to the main office through a local branch.

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

10F) Mayor's Request for a Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Downtown

City Manager Borgmann stated that Mayor Bain had requested to hold a Town Hall meeting to discuss plans for Downtown.

Mayor Bain explained that he wanted to set a meeting for the entire Council to discuss commercial area improvements.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the idea for a Town Hall meeting is to get as much public participation as possible and there should be enough time to advertise the date.

Mayor Bain suggested a date after the first meeting in November.

Council agreed to schedule a Workshop meeting for Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00p.m.

10G) Recommendation that Council Award Bid # 16-08/09 to United Roofing Services, Inc., for the Replacement of the Senior Center Roof in the Amount of \$39,330.00

City Manager Borgmann stated that the bids were reviewed by the City's Chief Roofing Inspector Angel Alvarez and his opinion was that the bid for *Unlimited* Roofing was the lowest most responsive bid. The Committee's review came to the same conclusion that Unlimited Roofing was the best bid. Out of the five quotes, two were extremely high and the remaining three were very similar in price considering the Florida Power and Light rebates.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the roofing system that was offered by Unlimited Roofing was determined to be superior to the one proposed by Anderson. In addition, Unlimited Roofing agreed to place all new gutters around the entire roof and the difference in price was only \$81.00. He clarified that it is a better roofing system with all new gutters.

To answer the Mayor's question, Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson confirmed that the grant would cover the cost of the new roof and there will be additional expenditures for relocating the ThorGuard lightning system.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the City applied for a certain amount of grant funds and if the work comes in under the estimated amount, the grantor gets to keep the remaining amount unless it can be shown that there are other expenses directly related to the roofing work.

Councilman Best asked if there would be any disruption to the activities at the center while the work is going on.

Ms. Rosson stated that the proposal was very specific about staging the work, including fencing around the entire building with specific gates that would open for seniors to access the building.

To answer Councilwoman Ator's question, Ms. Rosson clarified that the proposal states that the work would be done within forty-five days of commencement, but the question is when the work will begin.

Councilwoman Ator was concerned with the Recreation Center closing and the lag time between the opening of the new Community Center, as the after-school program has been using the Senior Center.

Ms. Rosson said that the contractor is willing to work on Saturdays within a certain timeframe in order to complete the work as quickly as possible. The forty-five day timeframe is more than adequate as the work should be completed in approximately three weeks and the grant requires the work to be finished before December 31st.

Councilwoman Ator asked if there was a contingency plan for placement of the programs if the center is closed.

Ms. Rosson said that there is no intention of closing the center and it was part of the specifications that the work would be scheduled around the programs. She said that the after school program could possibly be in the building until 6:00 p.m. and staging the work on a certain portion of the roof would allow access to the building.

Councilwoman Ator wanted to make sure that there is an alternative plan if something were to happen to impact the programs.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Administration would be contacting the City of Hialeah so that the swimming and water polo teams will have a venue to swim when the pool is closed. As far as the other programs are concerned, the City does not have any additional space to utilize. He suggested that if the need arises, that maybe the Optimist or Lions Club facility could be utilized.

Councilman Lob felt that the Optimist Club would agree to the use of their facility.

Assistant City Manager Gorland explained that use of a tent with fans or the Optimist Club had been discussed as alternatives.

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

Assistant City Manager Gorland clarified that there was an error in the back up documentation. The bid is being awarded to Unlimited Roofing, not United.

11. Other Business:

11A) Activities of the City Manager for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

City Manager Borgmann said that Agenda Items 11A and 11B go together in regard to consideration of a vote of confidence for the City Manager as required by Section 4.02 (2) of the City Charter, which occurs at the first meeting of October every year.

City Manager Borgmann provided a list of the major projects that he was involved in during the past year. Some are multi-year projects like the Community Center and annexation, while others were large projects or internal operations and improvements that were made in order to be able to provide the best service to the residents.

City Manager Borgmann said that although many of the achievements listed had their beginning in prior budget years, it is critical to remember that everyone persevered for years because they were the right things to do for the future of the City. None would have been possible without the support of his Staff of dedicated Department Heads, Assistant City Manager and the City Council. He also gave credit to the City Attorney for all his assistance over the past six years.

City Manager Borgmann stated that together, as a team, achievements were made that other cities could only wish for, including a balanced budget that continues to deliver outstanding service with lower taxes and no layoff of employees during the most severe economic downturn in seventy-five years. He would be honored to continue in the position as City Manager.

City Manager Borgmann said that Councilwoman Ator had suggested that an evaluation form would be a good idea. The Administration researched as many cities as possible that had an evaluation form for the City Manager. He explained that the evaluation form includes basic criteria on judging the overall category, ranging from acceptable to outstanding. He would recommend using the form this evening as well as in the future.

11B) Consideration of a Vote of Confidence for the City Manager as Required by Section 4.02 (2) of the City Charter

Councilman Best stated that it had been his pleasure having worked with the City Manager for more than five years. He explained that there had been more difficult times in the past, but the City Manager and his Administrative team had done an absolute unbelievable job for the City and City Manager Borgmann has his 120% support to continue in the position.

Vice Mayor Espino said that he was asked if he would work with Jim Borgmann during the Candidate's Forum and he said "yes" and he continues to say yes to this day. Council and the residents have kept the City Manager on his toes and he had responded accordingly. The work that has been done, together with the Administration, to keep the City fiscally sound is really amazing. He appreciates the level of service that is maintained for the residents because cities are service providing entities and Miami Springs does it well.

Vice Mayor Espino added that some Council members, or perhaps the entire Council, is more aggressive than most and they would like to keep the Administration working with Council at the speed in which they want to work.

Councilman Lob felt that the budget says it all because Miami Springs is one of the few municipalities that gave a tax break to the citizens. He said that this was possible through the work of the Administration and prior Councils. The City Manager's job is hard, having to deal with five different personalities and the demand from the citizens. He added that City Manager Borgmann is doing a great job and he is happy to be working with him.

Councilwoman Ator was impressed with the Administration's ability to do more with less during the budget process. She appreciates everything that the City Manager does and his patience with Council. She knows that it is difficult and a challenge working with Council, but the City Manager is always willing to go the extra mile. She also appreciates the evaluation sheet.

Mayor Bain said that after he was first elected, the City had three different City Managers. He wanted to give Jim Borgmann a chance at filling the position. Jim had helped him to be a better Mayor by working with him to go forward and even though there might be differences, the ideas are presented in the best possible way. He added that communication has improved over time and the City Manager has come a long way. He thanked City Manager Borgmann for everything.

City Manager Borgmann thanked Council for their kind comments. He agreed that the job is a challenge every day because there are 13,700 bosses, plus five. He said that it was an interesting transition for the new Council members to understand how the roles of the City Manager and Council work together.

City Manager Borgmann explained that in the first six months of working with this Council, that the discussion during the Board of Appeals meeting this same evening was outstanding. He saw differences of opinions, arguments on both sides of the issue with no anger or disparaging comments toward each other. He congratulated the entire Council for showing how well they work together.

Attorney Seiden stated that he would also give the City Manager his vote. He was working with the City Manager for more than three hours one day and during that time he had received 57 e-mails.

Councilman Best moved to give the City Manager a vote of confidence. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

12A) City Attorney

None.

12B) City Manager

Community Center

City Manager Borgmann reported that the Community Center construction is progressing rapidly. Pelican Playhouse Artistic Director Ralph Wakefield was ecstatic about the second floor and some changes were made that were immediately addressed by the contractor.

Community Informational Meeting

City Manager Borgmann reported that Commissioner Rebeca Sosa's office is sponsoring a meeting on Thursday, October 15th at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The County Public Works Department will receive input on the reforestation plan and the size and types of trees to be planted along Ludlam Drive.

Commercial Recycling

City Manager Borgmann distributed a memorandum in response to Councilwoman Ator's request to implement a commercial recycling program in the business community. He said that the Ecology Board had prepared a brochure that was geared to the commercial sector and Public Information Specialist Carol Foster is working to prepare the information in a format that will be circulated to the business community as an official document of the City.

City Manager Borgmann recommended giving the Ecology Board the assignment of creating additional programs to encourage commercial recycling. According to the County ordinance, all private haulers are supposed to provide a recycling program to any commercial account they are collecting garbage from. The City could send a letter to the private haulers encouraging their customers to sign on with them for commercial recycling and distribute the brochure as a public relations campaign. He would not recommend that the City get involved in a collection campaign.

Basin 35 Drainage Project

City Manager Borgmann referred to his memorandum regarding the status of the Basin 35 Drainage Project and the issue with the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM). There is nothing further to report at this time other than the fact that Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc. is working on an alternative in conjunction with DERM. He felt that DERM would support the City if it comes back with the right plan and refund the \$1,150 variance fee to the City.

Goodbye Party

City Manager Borgmann announced that a sock hop party would be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. to say goodbye to the old gym. He displayed a piece of the gymnasium floor that might be sold as a souvenir.

Councilman Lob suggested that the City Manager should contact Dave Ryan at the High School who might have an idea for the gym floor.

Tree City USA

City Manager Borgmann stated that the City was named Tree City USA for 2008.

Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

City Manager Borgmann reported that the City Finance Department has qualified for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting through the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Pool Closure

City Manager Borgmann stated that the swimming pool will be closed from November 2 -11, 2009 and arrangements are being made with the City of Hialeah for the swim team to utilize their facilities.

Basin 35 Drainage Project

City Manager Borgmann reported that work has stopped on the Golf Course but the work to restore Hunting Lodge Dive will continue.

Library Renovation

City Manager Borgmann reported that the Library renovation is not expected to be finished before March 2010. The County stopped the contractor that was awarded the job and went against the bond to complete the job. The same contractor was hired again because no other contractor will agree to clean up after another. He said that the Code was being followed in an effort to protect the investment because the building belongs to the City.

Flu Vaccinations

City Manager Borgmann thanked County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa for providing the flu vaccines.

Basketball Sign-ups

City Manager Borgmann announced that Basketball sign-ups began on Monday, October 12th and the City is awaiting approval from the Miami-Dade County School Board for use of the courts at the public schools.

Radio Talk Show

City Manager Borgmann said that Councilman Best will be talking on the radio again.

Annexation Meeting

City Manager Borgmann reported that the County would hold a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13th to consider the City's annexation request.

Neighborhood Crime Watch

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Police Department had been working to get support for the Neighborhood Crime Watch program and residents are encouraged to get involved.

Halloween Event

City Manager Borgmann announced that Halloween will be celebrated on Friday, October 30th at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club.

12C) City Council

County Informational Meeting

Councilwoman Ator asked if the notice of the County Informational Meeting could be placed on the community bulletin board.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the information is posted on the City's website and he would check to see if the community bulletin board at the Circle is available.

Commercial Recycling

Councilwoman Ator agreed with the City Manager that the City could follow up with the commercial haulers to enforce the County ordinance. The businesses need to understand that they need to ask the private haulers for this service. She hoped that a future agenda item would be scheduled to make a recommendation to the Ecology Board.

Architectural Review Board

Councilwoman Ator attended the Architectural Review Board meeting that was held on Tuesday, October 6th to discuss their assignment for signage. There are other matters that they have been considering for a long time and would like direction from Council. She encouraged them to stay the course and move forward with the signage. They accepted the challenge and will hold an additional meeting this month to work on the assignment in order to be able to bring something back to Council in November.

Out of Town

Councilwoman Ator reported that she would be going out of town tomorrow and would return on Sunday, October 18th.

River Cities Charter School

Councilman Lob thanked the River Cities Charter School for presenting plaques to Council. He wished them the best of luck and continued success.

Go Dolphins

Councilman Lob cheered for the Miami Dolphins football team.

Flu Vaccinations

Vice Mayor Espino thanked Commissioner Sosa for the flu shot vaccination program. She had painful neck surgery less than 48-hours before the event and she was still able to attend, which shows her commitment to the City.

Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO)

Vice Mayor Espino attended the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials October 2-4, 2009 and received a lot of good information from the classes and other elected officials throughout the state, especially with regard to commercial area improvements.

“Pumpkin Patch”

Vice Mayor Espino announced that the Poinciana United Methodist Church “Pumpkin Patch” begins October 15th on Curtiss Parkway.

Blessed Trinity Carnival

Vice Mayor Espino reported that the Blessed Trinity carnival will be held November 5-8, 2009. For more information or to volunteer contact the Church Rectory.

Relay For Life

Vice Mayor Espino stated that the American Cancer Society Relay For Life is actively recruiting teams and volunteers for the event that will be held on February 27, 2010 on the Circle. For more information visit relayforlife.org/msvgfl, contact Chair Grace Bain, or Activities, Logistic and Entertainment Chair Christina Espino.

Lost Dogs

Vice Mayor Espino announced that he and his wife found two seven-month old puppies between the 300 and 400 block of Hunting Lodge Drive on Saturday, October 10th. The puppies did not have any identification tags and they could not find the owners. He asked anyone who has information about the dogs to contact him as they would like to find a home for them.

Lions Club Candy Drive

Councilman Best stated that the Lions Club requested authorization from the City to hold their annual candy drive on November 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a “rain day” scheduled for November 14th. Donations will be collected at the outgoing bridge, North Royal Poinciana, and East Drive at 36th Street.

Radio Talk Show

Councilman Best announced that he was asked to be a guest on 880 AM, the Biz Talk Radio show, on Tuesday, October 13th between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. He invited the City Manager and Finance Director to join him to speak about taxation, but unfortunately they both have other commitments so he might try to change the date to Tuesday, October 20th.

Commercial Recycling

Councilman Best stated that commercial recycling had been discussed several times in the past and he is happy that Councilwoman Ator is pursuing the issue. He is hopeful that a plan is put in place before annexation happens because there will be an additional 476 commercial businesses coming into the City. He offered to support the effort in any way he can.

Optimist Golf Tournament

Mayor Bain reminded everyone about the Miami Springs Optimist Club Golf Tournament that will be held at the Miami Springs Country Club on Saturday, October 17th. There is still room for more players and the funds help support the Optimist Club.

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Billy Bain
Mayor

ATTEST:

Magalí Valls, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as written during meeting of: 10/26/2009

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