



**City of Miami Springs, Florida**  
City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 11, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers at City Hall  
201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:03 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Xavier M. Garcia  
Vice Mayor Bob Best  
Councilman Billy Bain  
Councilwoman Roslyn Buckner  
Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland  
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso  
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden  
Recreation Director Omar Luna  
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Vice Mayor Bain

**Salute to the Flag:** Students from Miami Springs Elementary School lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

3. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation of Certificate of Sincere Appreciation Plaque to Police Captain Jonathan Kahn in Recognition of 36 Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Miami Springs

**Captain Jonathan Kahn was not available to receive the plaque, the Chief made sure to make arrangements to have it delivered.**

B) Presentation of Certificate of Sincere Appreciation Plaque to Police Lieutenant Randall J. Walker, Jr. in Recognition of 36 Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Miami Springs

**After welcoming remarks, Mayor Garcia presented Lt. Walker with a plaque recognizing his years of service and Chief Guzman then presented Lt. Walker with his retired Police badge with the rank of Captain.**

C) Swearing in Ceremony for newly hired Miami Springs Police Officer Eliezer Lopez

**After welcoming remarks, Chief of Police Armando Guzman administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Eliezer Lopez.**

D) Promotion of Miami Springs Police; Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant

**Chief Guzman was proud to announce the promotions of several officers. He announced that the new Sergeant is Officer Erik Estok, the new Lieutenant is Sergeant Claire Gurney, and the new Captain is Lieutenant John Mulla.**

E) Proclamation presentation to "Pioneer" Betty Barnette Roper on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Mrs. Roper was not available to accept the proclamation and will be rescheduled for another meeting.**

F) Yard of the Month Award for January 2016 – 69 Hunting Lodge Drive – Armando Lapido

**Mr. Armando Lapido was not present to receive the Certificate of Recognition from Mayor Garcia.**

#### **4. Open Forum:**

The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Ann Aguila, 901 Oriole Avenue, Nery Owens, 169 Corydon Drive, Jim Durdan, 308 Payne Drive, Donna Hernandez, 769 Pinecrest Drive, Robert Sami, 340 Payne Drive, Mark Moreno, 348 Payne Drive, Sarah Vargas, 33 Whitethorn Drive, Julie Trujillo, 721 Lenape Drive, Danny Gomez, 699 Ludlum Drive, Angie Morales, 65 Whitethorn Drive, Marie Garcia Estrada, 900 Apache Street.

#### **5. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) December 14, 2015 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

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

A) Board of Adjustment – Approval of Actions Taken at their Meeting of January 4, 2016 Subject to the 10-day Appeal Period

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve the actions taken by the Board of Appeals on January 4, 2016. Councilman Buckner seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

B) **Board of Appeals – Case # 18-V-15**  
**Kathie and Martin L. Marquez – 401 Hunting Lodge Drive**  
**Zoning: R-1B**  
**Lot Size: 8,159 Sq. Ft**

Applicant is seeking variances in order to enlarge an existing single family house.

**The Council sat as the Board of Appeals at 8:44 p.m. The Mayor reconvened the City Council meeting at 9:40 p.m.**

7. **Public Hearings: None at this time.**

8. **Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted)**

A) Approval of City Attorney's Invoice for December 2015 in the Amount of \$12,953.25

B) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council award a Bid to Don Reid Ford, Inc., utilizing Florida Sheriffs Association Bid Award Announcement #15-23-0904 in the amount of \$113,356.00, for four (4) 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD (K8A) vehicles, as these funds were approved in the FY15/16 Budget pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

C) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council award a Bid to Signal Technology Enterprises, Inc., utilizing (piggybacking) City of Miami Bid No. 270252 (16) in the amount of \$25,325.18, for emergency equipment and installation for the four new 2016 For Police Interceptor Utility AWD (K8A) vehicles, as these funds were approved in the FY15/16 Budget pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

**The City Manager read all items by title for the record.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Buckner seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

9. **Old Business:**

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

**There were no appointments at this time.**

B) Presentation from Alfredo and Pavlina Alea of additional designs per Council's request for entry column for New Aquatic Facility

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve selection #1 "Aquanaut" for the front entrance column. Mayor Garcia passed the gavel to Councilman Best. Mayor Garcia seconded the motion, which failed 2-3 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain and Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, and Councilman Petralanda voting No.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve selection #3 "Mermaid" for the front entrance column. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to select all four suggested designs for the front entrance fence. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 3-2 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, and Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Councilwoman Buckner and Councilman Petralanda voting No.**

**10. New Business:**

A) Request from Elaine Martin for the partial closure of the circle for the Relay for Life event in March

**Councilman Petralanda moved to approve the request for partial closure on March 12th. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

B) Recommendation by Finance that Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Waterfront Property Services, LLC d/b/a Gator Dredging, piggybacking with the City of Fort Lauderdale utilizing contract #233-11070 (attached), in the amount of \$500,000.00, for Phase I - North Esplanade Canal (beginning at North Royal Poinciana Blvd. heading south and ending at Westward Drive) of the Canal Bank Restoration Project, to stabilize the collapsing embankments and construct a more permanent solution to dilapidating canal banks as funds were made available through the State of Florida, DEP, Division of Water Restoration Assistance (on a cost reimbursement basis with no match requirement) which were approved by Council on the December 14th, 2015 meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the recommendation. Councilwoman Buckner seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

**10. Other Business:** None at this time.

**11. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

The City Attorney had nothing to report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager Gorland wished everyone a Happy New Year.

C) City Council

Councilman Bain requested verbatim minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup> discussion about the Prince Field Tot Lot. He requested a clean-up on the canal banks on Melrose and that the

County was doing a great job on the Ludlum canal bush cleaning. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Buckner wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Petralanda requested that the tot lot stop being demolished. He would like to have inspections requested by the Florida League of Cities and/or an inspector.

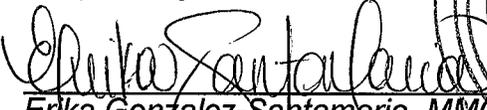
Mayor Garcia spoke addressed some of the concerns on the Prince Field Tot Lot. He encouraged the public to review the previous meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>. He requested that the misinformation on the flyer that was circulated by Donna Hernandez should be addressed.

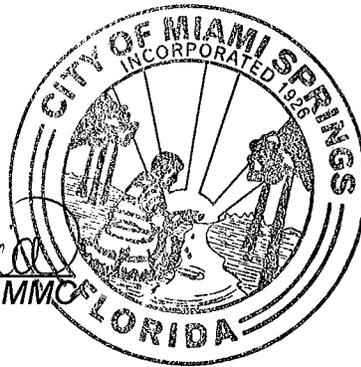
Vice Mayor Best recognized the Police Chief for all his efforts and the great strides he is making in the Police Department. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

### 13. Adjourn

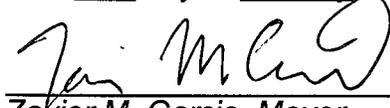
There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Erka Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on  
This 25th day of January, 2016.

  
Xavier M. Garcia, Mayor

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