



City of Miami Springs, Florida
City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 22, 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
Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda
Councilwoman Roslyn Buckner

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
Deputy City Clerk Elora R. Sakal
Recreation Director Omar Luna

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Best

Salute to the Flag: Students from Boy Scouts Troop334 lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

3. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Michael James for reporting a house fire

Mr. James was not present to accept his award.

B) Presentation of Plaque of Recognition to Sydney Garten for 23 Years of Advisory Board Member service

Ms. Garten accepted her award and thanked the City for the recognition.

C) Recognizing longtime resident Hazel Riser on her 90th Birthday

Ms. Riser accepted her award and thanked the City for the recognition. She said that she is very happy to be living in Miami Springs and loves the City.

D) Presentation of a Plaque of Recognition to Miami Springs resident and student Santiago De La Vega for saving a heart attack victim

Mr. De La Vega accepted his award and was happy to be in the right place at the right time to save someone's life.

E) Presentation of check by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and State Representative Bryan Avila in the amount of \$800,000 respectively for the Senior Center

Mayor Garcia deviated from the presentations to acknowledge and introduce Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and State Representative Bryan Avila who presented a \$800,000 check respectively for renovations to the Senior Center.

F) Presentation of Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award presented to the Finance Department for the FY 2015/2016 budget

Mr. Alonso accepted the award on behalf of the Finance Department and commented that it is a team effort and that it could not be done without the hard work of the employees of the Finance Department.

G) Yard of the Month Award for March 2016 – 72 Pinecrest Drive – Manuel and Amber Vidal

The homeowners were not present to accept the award.

4. Open Forum:

The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Elaine Martin, 120 Sunset Way; Robert Sami, 340 Payne Drive; Donna O'Neal, 462 Wren Avenue; Kim Werner, 1016 Meadowlark Avenue; Beatrix Obermann, 449 Swallow Drive; Donna Hernandez; James Fulton III, 141 Carlisle Drive; Jennifer Reyes, 701 Morningside Drive.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) February 8, 2016 – 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: None at this time.

7. Public Hearings:

A) **Ordinance** – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Enacting New Code Of Ordinance Section 11-06, Collection Of Election Nomination Petition Signatures; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict; Effective Date

The City Attorney read the Ordinance by title.

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Ordinance on second reading. 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.

B) Ordinance – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending Code Of Ordinance Section 34-17, Employee Disciplinary Action; By Adding Thereto A Supplementary Provision Governing The Carrying Of Weapons And Firearms While On Duty With The City; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict; Effective Date

The City Attorney read the Ordinance by title.

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Ordinance on second reading. 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

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

A) Recommendation by Public Works that Council approve an expenditure to Atlantic Paving, as a sole source provider, in an amount not to exceed \$36,271.50 utilizing CITT funds, for High friction stamped asphalt for the Circle crosswalk pedestrian enhancements, as there is only one source (proof attached) for the required service(s) and as funds were budgeted in the FY15/16 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

B) Recommendation by Public Works that Council approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$11,430.00 utilizing CITT funds, to Ovas & Co. LLC, the lowest responsible quote after obtaining three written quotes (attached), for asphalt repairs at Oakwood Drive from East Drive to South Drive and at S. Esplanade and Nahkoda Drive as funds were budgeted in the FY15/16 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (C)(2) of the City Code

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

Councilwoman Buckner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Bain 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) Prince Field Tot Lot Discussion and Presentations by the following

1) Leathers & Associates, Inc.

Leathers & Associates, Inc. provided a visual presentation on their proposed designs for the Prince Field Tot Lot. All questions made by Council were answered by Leathers & Associates, Inc.

2) Playmore Recreational Products & Services

Playmore Recreational Products & Services provided a visual presentation on their proposed designs for the Prince Field Tot Lot. All questions made by Council were answered by Playmore Recreational Products & Services.

3) Dominica Recreation Products (Gametime)

Dominica Recreation Products (Gametime) provided a visual presentation on their proposed designs for the Prince Field Tot Lot. All questions made by Council were answered by Dominica Recreation Products (Gametime).

After some discussion, Vice Mayor Bain moved to have Leathers & Associates, Inc. inspect the Prince Field Tot Lot and provide a quote to the City based on whether or not it is feasible to fix the Tot Lot and to postpone the decision of selecting a playground company tonight. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion.

Mayor Garcia offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include an independent certified safety playground inspector (CSPI) to inspect the Prince Field Tot Lot. Vice Mayor Bain and Councilman Petralanda accepted the amendment to the motion.

The motion including the amendment made by Mayor Garcia was withdrawn by Vice Mayor Bain and Councilman Petralanda withdrew his second.

Vice Mayor Bain moved to have Leathers & Associates, Inc. inspect the Prince Field Tot Lot and provide a quote to the City based on whether or not it is feasible to fix the Tot Lot and to postpone the decision of selecting a playground company tonight. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which carried 3-2 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Councilman Best and Councilwoman Buckner voting No.

Councilman Petralanda moved to hire an independent certified safety playground inspector (CSPI) to inspect the Prince Field Tot Lot. 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.

10. New Business:

A) Recommendation by staff that Council authorize the execution of the 2016 Community Video Program Agreement (attached) with CGI Communications, Inc. for producing script and video content of the City of Miami Springs to promote community development which will be displayed on our City's webpage

This item was rescheduled for the next Council meeting.

B) Request from the MS-VG Optimist Club for BBQ event in September for Partial Closure of the Circle, Miami Springs Police Department and Public Works services, and Alcohol Sales

This item was heard after agenda item 9B1.

Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve the request from the MS-VG Optimist Club for BBQ event in September. 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.

C) Recommendation by Recreation Commission to Approve "Wall of Fame" Nomination for Tony Bray

Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve the recommendation by Recreation Commission to Approve "Wall of Fame" Nomination for Tony Bray. 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.

11. Other Business: None.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Seiden had nothing to report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager Gorland congratulated Patti Bradley for a job well done with the Daddy Daughter Dance. He was unable to attend the event this year but he received a lot of positive feedback about the event being a great hit. He suggested that since it is such a popular event that it be held twice a year.

C) City Council

Councilman Best commented that it was nice to have a spirited Council meeting and thanked everyone who attended tonight.

Councilwoman Buckner thanked everyone who attended the meeting tonight. She reported that while she was up in Tallahassee with Councilman Petralanda she had a very nice time and it is great to already see opportunities arising such as the one tonight from Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Representative Bryan Avila. She also wanted to commend Patti Bradley and her staff for all the hard work on all of the events.

Councilman Petralanda wanted to echo everything that Councilwoman Buckner mentioned. He attended the event in Dade Days and it is already working out for the City. They are coming back with some funding for the Historical Society and the Senior Center. He spoke with Senator Rene Garcia and he ensured that the City would be receiving those funds that were lost last year for the Historical Society.

Vice Mayor Bain clarified for those watching at home that the City will not be building eight story buildings on Westward Drive. He does not know how these topics get published in the paper but he repeated that the City is not building eight story buildings on Westward Drive. He would never vote for something like that.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that the only topic that was going to be brought up was a question as to whether the City Council wanted to consider the FAR in the Downtown Business District and the Neighborhood Business District. Nothing was ever mentioned about the height of the buildings and nothing was ever considered. The whole item was brought up just as a matter of whether the Council wanted to begin a discussion as to maybe allow some redevelopment in the downtown area without anything mentioned about heights. This was brought up because the City Planner felt that it might be something that the City Council might want to entertain. In light of the way it has developed, the City Manager has asked the City Planner to prepare a presentation for you so when it is prepared it will be brought back to Council.

Mayor Garcia commented that he attended the Daddy Daughter Dance with his daughters which is why he is so passionate about Recreation and why he ran for Council in the first place. He would whole heartedly support having two dances held a year. He reminded everyone of the Relay for Life event that is coming up. He asked that everyone participate and give their support.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 14th day of March, 2016.


Zavier M. Garcia, Mayor

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