



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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 25, 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  
City Planner Chris Heid  
Building Official/Code Compliance Director Ulises Fernandez  
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

**2. Invocation:** Offered by Mayor Garcia

**Salute to the Flag:** Students from All Angels' Academy lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

**3. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Eric Richey for 27 Years of Advisory Board Member service

**Mayor Garcia presented Mr. Richey with a Certificate of Recognition for twenty-seven years of service to the Parks and Parkways Advisory Board. He also stated that Senator Rene Garcia and Representative Bryan Avila will be presenting him with a proclamation in the near future for his service as a teacher at Hialeah High School.**

B) 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.**

C) Yard of the Month Award for February 2016 – 581 La Baron Drive – Lionel and Alma Espinoza

**Mr. and Mrs. Espinosa were not present to receive the Certificate of Recognition for the yard of the month from Mayor Garcia.**

**4. Open Forum:**

The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Vicente Beltran, 247 N. Royal Poinciana, Pedro Lacet, 312 Payne Drive, Donna Hernandez, 769 Pinecrest Drive, Amanda Sheene, 620 Miller Drive, Charlie Hernandez, 769 Pinecrest Drive, Kahnee Rodriguez, no address provided.

**5. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) January 11, 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:** None at this time.

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

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

A) Recommendation by Golf that Council approve an increase to the City's current open purchase order with The Anderson's, Inc., in an amount of \$ 5,000, for micro granulated fertilizers for the greens at the Miami Springs Country Club as funds were budgeted in the FY15/16 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code

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

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.**

**9. Old Business:**

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

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

B) Major Project Updates

1) Pool Progress; Report by Jorge Ferrer

**Jorge Ferrer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the aquatic facility construction. He indicated that the pool is on schedule and on budget.**

- 2) Quiet Zone
- 3) Westward Drive Bike Path
- 4) Prince Field Tot Lot

**The City Manager requested that the item be pushed to the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting in order for staff to prepare the proper information to present to Council.**

**Donna Hernandez, 769 Payne Drive, Benjamin Jarrell, 720 Swan Avenue, and Robert Sami 340 Payne Drive; addressed the Council.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.**

- 5) City-wide ADA Sidewalk Ramps
- 6) Curtiss Mansion Parking Lot
- 7) FEMA Floodplain

**Ulises Fernandez, Building Official/Code Compliance Director, addressed the Council and advised them on the status of the City's progress on lowering the flood insurance rate through the Community Rating System done by FEMA.**

- 8) Canal Bank Restoration

#### **10. New Business:**

**A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending The Current Schedule Of Charges For Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical And Other Related Permit Charges Or Fees; Effective Date**

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve the Resolution. 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) Request that Council approve a Site Plan for the construction of a 73,484 sq. ft., 127-room hotel, located in the Abraham Tract at 3449 NW 42 Avenue**

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve staff's recommendation as proposed with conditions. 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.**

**C) Request that Council gives direction to staff to clarify the future of certain election processes**

**City Attorney Jan Seiden gave an oral presentation on the item.**

**Vice Mayor Bain made a motion to direct staff to draft an Ordinance reflecting option #2 from the Agenda Memo. 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.**

D) Request that Council consider a proposed amendment to Code Section 34-17: Employee Disciplinary Action

**City Attorney Jan Seiden gave an oral presentation on the item.**

**Vice Mayor Bain made a motion to direct staff to draft an Ordinance. 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.**

E) Request that Council consider restrictions on impervious coverings/surfaces in rear yard areas of residential homesites

**City Attorney Jan Seiden gave an oral presentation on the item.**

**It was the general consensus of the Council to defer this item until the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting, so that the Planning Director and Building Official were present to further discuss the item.**

F) Recommendation by Public Works that Council approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$172,900.00, to Mendoza Boulders, the lowest responsible quote after obtaining three written quotes (attached), for rock for Phase I - North Esplanade Canal Bank Restoration between North Royal Poinciana Blvd. and Westward Drive, as funds are being provided by the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Restoration Assistance Grant on a cost reimbursement basis, pursuant to Section §31.11 (C)(2) of the City Code

**Councilman Best moved to approve the recommendation. 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.**

G) Request for funding by Sarah Vargas for the Great Tomato Festival in the amount of \$1,230.00

**Councilman Best moved to approve the request. 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.**

H) Consideration of the Board of Parks and Parkways Recommendations for the Yard of the Month Awards for February, March, and April 2016

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve the recommendation. 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.**

I) Request by Blessed Trinity for full closure of the circle on May 7, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Christian Worship and Concert

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve the request. 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. Other Business:**

A) Consideration of Canceling/Rescheduling the February 8, 2016 Council Meeting

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to keep February 8<sup>th</sup> Council as scheduled. 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.**

**11. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

The City Attorney had nothing to report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager Gorland had nothing to report at this time.

C) City Council

Councilwoman Buckner had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Petralanda had nothing to report at this time

Vice Mayor Best had nothing to report at this time.

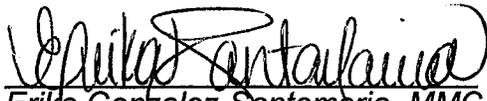
Councilman Bain stated that the tax money that the taxpayers pay into to the State is paid out through different programs and it depends on what the municipalities request for it to go.

Mayor Garcia had nothing to report at this time.

**13. Adjourn**

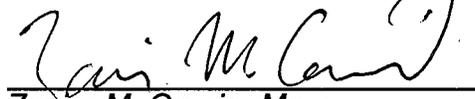
There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*

  
Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



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

  
Zavier M. Garcia, Mayor

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