



## *City of Miami Springs, Florida*

The Miami Springs City Council held a **SPECIAL MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, September 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The following were present:

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

\* Arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Also Present:

- City Manager James R. Borgmann
- Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
- City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
- Chief of Police Peter G. Baan
- City Clerk Magalí Valls

**2. Invocation:** Vice Mayor Lob offered the invocation.

**Salute to the Flag:** The audience participated.

**3. Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure of \$69,210.88 to H & R Paving Inc., Utilizing SE FL Governmental Purchasing Group Co-Op Bid # B-09-99, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code to Repair City Sidewalks and Roadways**

City Manager Borgmann stated that this is a recommendation for Council approval of an expenditure of \$69,210.88 to H & R Paving, Inc., utilizing SE FL Governmental Purchasing Group Co-Op Bid # B-09-99, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code to repair sidewalks and roadways on Canal Street.

The Administration met with Miami-Dade Transit representatives and found an alternate location for the bus stop that was satisfactory to them. The new location is in the swale next to the telephone company building across from the Farm Stores. This area could be paved in the future if it becomes a permanent location.

Mayor Bain calculated that the relocation of the bus stop would allow at least seventy more parking spaces.

**Councilman Best moved the item. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.**

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden stated that there is a specific proposal, which is not normally provided when piggy-backing on bids. He is working with the Procurement Specialist to develop a separate contract for piggy-backing that relates to the City's particular project.

**4. Recommendation that Council Award a Bid for 28 Radar Signs to TrafficLogix, the Lowest Responsible Bidder, in an Amount not to Exceed \$58,436.00, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) of the City Code to Install Solar Powered Radar Signage at Various Locations Throughout the City**

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Administration is recommending that Council award a bid for twenty-eight radar signs to TrafficLogix, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$58,436.00, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) of the City Code to install solar powered radar signage.

The City Manager referred to maps and aerial photographs that were included in the agenda packet showing the proposed locations for the signs. He explained that they can be tested on a trial basis before ordering the total amount. The prime locations are Springview Elementary, Miami Springs Elementary, Miami Springs Middle, Miami Springs Senior High, the Community Center, Prince Field and Ludlam Drive by the Montessori School.

To answer the Mayor's question, City Manager Borgmann clarified that there would most likely be two around the Golf Course.

Councilman Best asked if the intention was to use all the radar signs.

City Manager Borgmann discussed the usage of portable signage with Chief of Police Baan. Brackets are left in place and the signs can be moved throughout the City from place to place. Normally the signs are added to existing posts with speed limit or school zone signs. All signs are solar powered and there is no need for electricity.

Councilwoman Ator arrived at this time (7:08 p.m.)

Mayor Bain asked when then signs could be installed. He likes the ideas of installing them around the schools.

The City Manager assumed that the delivery date would be four to six weeks and the proposal is to place the radar signs in the school zones and other areas leading into the school zones on North and South Royal Poinciana, Curtiss Parkway and Westward Drive by the Community Center.

Councilwoman Ator suggested looking at the through streets that are used from Westward Drive to the High School, such as Albatross where there had been accident issues.

Councilman Best mentioned that most of the complaints were about the long stretches of streets that do not have stop signs.

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

## **5. Comments from the Architectural Review Board**

Mayor Bain said that he understood Council's thoughts about involving the Downtown Consultant in the recommendation for Downtown signage. He suggested going over the signage locations and perhaps reaching an agreement that the Consultants could expand upon.

To answer Councilman Espino's question, Architectural Review Board member Roger Plasencia responded that the Board recommended thirteen signs, not including the three additional locations recommended by Council.

Mayor Bain would like Council to reach an agreement on the sign locations and to discuss the design.

City Manager Borgmann recalled early discussions in regard to the kiosk map signs and he wanted to point out some examples.

Councilman Espino stated that in light of the additional funding sources he asked the Architectural Review Board if they thought about adapting the preliminary design renderings to the map or destination signs and they agreed.

Roger Plasencia of 700 Morningside Drive clarified that there are thirteen recommended signs at the following locations:

- Two signs at the Intersection of Deer Run and Curtiss Parkway, pointing northbound and southbound (1 & 2)
- One directional sign by the Golf and Country Club (3)

- Two signs directing traffic around the Circle (4 & 5)
- By the Circle at South Royal Poinciana Boulevard (6)
- The first block on Curtiss Parkway by Burritoville (7)
- North Royal Poinciana (13)
- Beginning of Westward Drive (8)

Mayor Bain suggested adding an additional sign on Curtiss Parkway after the incoming bridge from Hialeah for a total of two signs in this location.

Mr. Plasencia explained that the one sign on North Royal Poinciana would bring people around the Circle and direct traffic to the schools. This sign location is based on the recommendation for the construction of some type of median, since it is an unsafe intersection.

- The first intersection on Westward Drive (9)
- The second intersection on Westward Drive (10)
- The third intersection on Westward Drive (11)
- Westward Drive in front of the Library and tennis courts (12)

Mayor Bain and Vice Mayor Lob commented that Council had recommended additional signs by the Community Center.

Mr. Plasencia explained that there had been discussion as to whether the sign by the Community Center should be a destination sign or another directional sign.

Mayor Bain clarified that additional directional signs are needed on Ludlam and Westward Drive directing people to City Hall.

Mr. Plasencia said that the Board first concentrated on Westward Drive and the Circle when they began the project because the focus was on the business districts. They were not sure of the funding sources and had suggested lights for the top of the signs that could be added in the future. He felt that the light becomes essential to the functionality of the signs.

Councilman Espino suggested that any type of lighting should be cohesive with the Downtown lighting. The signs are not in pedestrian locations; they are in the medians.

Mr. Plasencia explained that the sidewalks on Westward Drive are dark, while the streets are well-lit. The existing street lighting is focused on vehicles, not the pedestrians.

Mayor Bain recalled that Council had discussed signage for East Drive and Sheridan Drive coming into the City that would lead people to the Downtown and on Ludlam directing people to the Community Center.

Mr. Plasencia felt that the Architectural Review Board had recommended signage for the residential streets with slower traffic in the business area.

Councilman Espino commented that Council had briefly discussed gateway signs at North Royal Poinciana and Ludlam Drive.

Councilwoman Ator felt that there could be directional signs on North Royal and Ludlam, not gateway signs.

Mayor Bain stated that it is important to direct people coming into the City from N. W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street on N. W. 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue and another on Hammond Drive. He explained that these are his ideas and once the Consultants are hired they can express their ideas.

City Attorney Seiden agreed with the Mayor that anything the City can do on their own will save funds because the Consultants will charge for their time.

Mayor Bain would like to have a couple of choices to consider similar to the process when Council approved the logo and tag line. He cited the directional signs in the Town of Weston as an example of what the design should look like.

Mr. Plasencia explained that the Architectural Review Board studied various cities, including Miami Beach, Coral Gables, Delray Beach, and Rosemary's Beach.

To address the Mayor's concern, Mr. Plasencia said that the durability of the signs would depend on the strength of the aluminum.

Councilwoman Ator asked if there were other types of materials and Mr. Plasencia recommended aluminum.

Councilman Espino commented that there is a recycled PVC material, but most signs are aluminum.

Mr. Plasencia added that the design was recommended so that it would not become outdated.

Vice Mayor Lob liked the recommended design because it allows the incorporation of the same design for lighting.

Mayor Bain asked for a consensus for the signs. He said that he likes the sign design as shown on page 3-8 of the handout with the dual poles.

Councilman Espino also liked the public parking “lollypop”, the kiosk, and the two leg event/attraction signs.

City Manager Borgmann added that another consideration is the distance between the bottom of the sign and the ground.

Mr. Plasencia explained that the signs are a little tall because of the distance between the bottom and the ground.

To answer Councilman Best’s question, Mr. Plasencia explained that the Architectural Review Board members agreed that lighting would be more effective than a reflective material.

Councilwoman Ator would like the additional information that is submitted to show the green with the white letters. She also suggested looking into solar lighting.

Mr. Plasencia explained that using green for the letters might blend too much with the green foliage of the trees, while the white letters and arrows would stand out. The Board came to an agreement after a lengthy discussion at their last meeting to choose green and white.

City Manager Borgmann added that green would tie in with the color scheme of the new logo.

**By consensus, Council approved the design concept recommended by the Architectural Review Board for way-finding signs in green with white lettering.**

Council **directed** the Administration to provide samples, along with the recommendation for maintenance and cleaning.

Councilman Best also asked for recommendations for solar lighting as suggested by Councilwoman Ator.

Mayor Bain asked the Administration to reimburse Mr. Plasencia for the materials and charts.

City Attorney Seiden said that the Advisory Boards have the ability to request reimbursement for materials.

City Manager Borgmann mentioned that the ADA sidewalk connecting the Country Club to Deer Run must be constructed of concrete, which will take more planning to decide the layout in order to keep it safe from algae build-up.

Councilman Espino commented that the Curtiss Parkway walking/bike path ends at the Country Club parking lot and perhaps a path down the center would help the issue.

Councilwoman Ator added that there was one instance when the lights at the Country Club parking lot were not on. The City Manager offered to look into the matter, since the lights are on timers.

Mayor Bain asked Council to consider if they wanted to extend the lighting down Canal Street, around the Circle and Westward Drive incorporating the same design as the lights that were installed by Holleman's. He pointed out that Hialeah has the same lights on the other side of the canal.

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Councilwoman Ator commented that on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> the County would hold the last "Adopt a Tree" event in Doral.  
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**6. Adjourn.**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Billy Bain  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Magalí Valls, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved as written during meeting of: 9/27/2010.

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