



**CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

**CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS**  
**Regular Meeting of Monday, May 14, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**

<b><u>ITEM #</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION TAKEN</u></b>
1.	<b>Call to Order/Roll Call</b>	All present. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.
2.	<b>Invocation</b>	Offered by Councilman Espino.
	<b>Salute to the Flag</b>	The audience participated.  Students from Springview Elementary School led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.  Mayor Garcia presented baseball caps to the students who participated in the "I Led the Pledge" program.
3.	<b>Awards &amp; Presentations</b>	
3A)	Proclamation: Mu Alpha Theta Math Club	Mayor Garcia proclaimed May 14, 2012 to be Miami Springs Senior High Mu Alpha Theta Math Club Day.  Mayor Garcia presented a Proclamation of Recognition to Sam Koski for his dedication to the Mu Alpha Theta Math Club.

- 3B) Proclamation of Recognition  
Mayor Garcia presented a Proclamation of Recognition to Grace Bain for her dedication to unselfishly serving the community through various volunteer activities.
- 3C) Certificates of Achievement: All Angels Academy Students  
Mayor Garcia presented Certificates of Achievement to All Angels Academy students who participated in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Florida History Fair.
- 3D) Presentation: "When We Were Men"  
Students from All Angels Academy Carolyn Bernal, Amanda Gard, Dakkea Jester and Jackie Mesa made a presentation regarding "When We Were Men".
- 3E) FY2011-2012 GFOA Distinguished Budget Award  
Mayor Garcia presented the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Government Finance Officers Association "Distinguished Budget Award" to Finance Department Controller Alicia González.

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Councilman Espino read his letter of resignation from his seat in Council Group II effective May 16, 2012 in order to run for the School Board District 5 seat.

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**4. Open Forum:**

Bullying Prevention Initiative  
Kim Werner of 1016 Meadowlark Avenue reminded everyone that on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Rebeca Sosa Theatre at the Community Center there will be a Community Bullying Prevention event for everyone to come together and find a solution for this problem.

4. Handicap Ramp Access

Carl Malek of 333 Corydon Drive, Apartment 5, noticed that in the crosswalk in front of the Stadnik Pharmacy and Starbucks there is an ADA ramp on either side for wheelchairs, but cars are parked on the crosswalk, including Miami-Dade County police cars and they block access to the ramp. He suggested placing some type of posts or a curb to impede parking there.

Education Advisory Board

Education Advisory Board Chairman Robert Gordon of 89 Corydon Drive announced that the Board will hold its last meeting for the school year. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support that has culminated in the I-Tech Academy at Miami Springs Senior High School, which is the first gaming and programming academy in the District.

Mr. Gordon invited everyone to attend the Education Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. District Representatives will be in attendance who will speak about their hopes and dreams for the Miami Springs Schools and hopefully the community will continue to support their goals and lead them in their direction.

Mayor Garcia commented that his son expressed an interest in the I-Tech program and the word about the program has spread so much that it is being talked about in the private schools and at the elementary school level. He congratulated the High School Principal for implementing the program.

5. **Approval of Council Minutes**

- 5A) 04-23-2012 Regular Meeting Minutes of the April 23, 2012 Regular Meeting were **approved as written**.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Lob  
**Vote:** 5-0

6. **Reports from Boards & Commissions**

- 6A) Historic Preservation Board Minutes of the April 19, 2012 Historic Preservation Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6B) Ecology Board Minutes of the April 24, 2012 Ecology Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6C) Code Review Board Cancellation Notice of the April 26, 2012 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6D) Code Enforcement Board Cancellation Notice of the May 1, 2012 Code Enforcement Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6E) Architectural Review Board Cancellation Notice of the May 2, 2012 Architectural Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6F) Zoning and Planning Board Cancellation Notice of the May 7, 2012 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6G) Recreation Commission Minutes of the May 8, 2012 Recreation Commission meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6H) Golf and Country Club Cancellation Notice of the May 9, 2012 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6l) Board of Adjustment  
Actions taken by the Board of Adjustment at their meeting of May 7, 2012 were approved subject to the 10-day appeal period.  
**Motion:** Councilman Espino  
**Second:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Vote:** 5-0

**7. Public Hearings:**

7A) Second Reading:  
Ordinance No. 1034-2012

On second reading, Council **adopted** an ordinance amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-011, Utility Shed, by defining and providing regulations governing the location, size and maintenance of portable storage modules; providing an exception to regulation for storage containers.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Lob  
**Second:** Councilman Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0

7B) Second Reading:  
Ordinance No. 1035-2012

On second reading, Council **adopted** an ordinance amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-164, Northwest 36<sup>TH</sup> Street, by clarifying and expanding the principal permitted uses and corresponding qualifying conditions; correcting the minimum floor area ratio; clarifying the height limitations of structures; revising the required materials for construction of pedestrian walkways and bike paths; establishing applicability of Code Section 93-10 for dumpster enclosures; clarifying landscaping requirements; expanding the defined height of parking lot lighting fixtures; expanding prohibited amenity advertising; providing a substitute exemption provision from the applicability of the district boundary regulations.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Lob  
**Vote:** 5-0

- 8. Consent Agenda: (approved with one motion)**
- 8A) City Attorney's Invoice Council **approved** payment of the City Attorney's invoice for April, 2012 in the amount of \$12,467.25.  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Councilman Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 8B) Purchase of Holsters, Flashlights, etc. – Police Council **approved** an expenditure to Variety Army Surplus, LLC, the lowest responsible quoter, in the amount of \$9,556.90 for holsters, flashlights and tactical slings, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code, to be paid with Law Enforcement Trust Funds.  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Councilman Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 8C) Computer and Operating System Upgrades – Police Department Council **approved** an expenditure to CDW-G Computer Centers, Inc., the lowest responsible quoter, in the amount of \$1,300.32, for Attachmate V9.2 licenses for computer and operating system upgrades, and \$810.00 to Server Supply for 3 LAN server hard drives, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code, to be paid with Law Enforcement Trust Funds.  
  
Council **approved** an expenditure of \$4,720.00 to MTS Software Solutions to increase Fortis SE licensing and upgrades, and \$156.55 to AllProSoftware.com for StatTrack Software upgrades, as sole source providers, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (c) of the City Code, to be paid with Law Enforcement Trust Funds.  
  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Councilman Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0

- 8D) Radar Trailer Donation Council **approved** the donation of a radar trailer to the Hialeah Gardens Police Department.  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Councilman Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0
9. **Old Business:**
- 9A) Advisory Board Appointments Councilman Best (Group I) **appointed** Michael G. Hunter to the Education Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending on May 31, 2013.
- Vice Mayor Lob (Group III) **appointed** Alternate Bill Tallman to the Board of Adjustment/Zoning and Planning Board for an unexpired term ending on April 30, 2013.
- City Attorney Seiden explained that it would be Councilwoman Ator's turn now to appoint an Alternate member to the board.
- Mayor Garcia **confirmed** the appointment of Fred Suco to the Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee.
- 9B) PBA Contract Negotiations Council **received** information on the Magistrate's decision and the City's response regarding PBA negotiations.
10. **New Business:**
- 10A) Resolution No. 2012-3544 Council **adopted** a resolution calling for the holding of a Special Election for the City on Tuesday, August 14, 2012; specifying the purpose of the Special Election; providing authorizations and directions to the City Clerk.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Lob  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0

- 10B) Presentation from Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. **gave a presentation** regarding the following projects:
1. Airport Golf District
  2. Wayfinding/Lighting Pilot Project
  3. Business Façade Program
- Council **directed** them to bring back an approach on how to implement a Master Plan concept explaining what it would entail, how much it would cost and the resources to implement it.
- 10C) Facility Agreement: Little Smart Arts, LLC Council **authorized** the Administration to sign the Facility Agreement with Little Smart Arts, LLC, for an additional one year period.  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Councilman Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10D) Release and Indemnification Agreement Council **authorized** the execution of a Release and Indemnification Agreement in order to qualify for a potential grant award for the City.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Lob  
**Second:** Councilman Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10E) Purchase of Fourth of July Fireworks Council **waived** the competitive bid process and **approved** an expenditure of \$15,000.00 to Firepower Displays Unlimited, LLC for the purchase of the Fourth of July fireworks display, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Lob  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10F) Purchase of Bleachers Item **pulled** by the City Manager.

- 10G) Recommendation from the Board of Parks and Parkways Council **approved** the recommendation from the Board of Parks and Parkways to designate 286 Minola Drive as the Yard of the Month for June 2012.  
**Motion:** Councilman Espino  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10H) Request to Serve Alcoholic Beverages Council **approved** a request from the Administration to sell alcoholic beverages at the Police Dinner which will take place at the Community Center on Friday, May 18, 2012.  
**Motion:** Councilman Espino  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Lob  
**Vote:** 5-0
11. **Other Business:**
- 11A) Status Report – CITT Funds Item **deferred** to the next meeting.
- 11B) FY12-13 Budget Process Council **received** information regarding the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget process and timeline.
- 11C) Scheduling of Board of Appeals Meeting By consensus, Council **scheduled** a Board of Appeals meeting for Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
12. **Reports & Recommendations:**
- 12A) **City Attorney**  
Councilman Espino City Attorney Jan K. Seiden wished Councilman Espino God speed. He knows that that the election will bring him nothing but success and he has no doubt about his abilities going forward.

12B)

**City Manager**

Councilman Espino

City Manager Gorland stated that he has the same comments as the City Attorney except that he is sure that he will see a lot more of Councilman Espino and that is good.

Police Officers Memorial Day

City Manager Gorland reported that President Obama issued a proclamation designating Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> as Police Officers Memorial Day in honor of all federal, state and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. The President called upon all units of government to direct that the United States flag be flown at half staff on May 15<sup>th</sup>, which the City will do.

Education Advisory Board Meeting

City Manager Gorland emphasized that the Education Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, as reported by Chairman Rob Gordon, is terrific and everyone should attend if possible.

Bullying Prevention Initiative

City Manager Gorland announced that the Bullying Prevention Initiative presentation would be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in the Rebeca Sosa Theatre at the Community Center with a cast of professionals. Kim Werner has done a terrific job organizing the event and they would like to see a great turnout.

Installation Dinner

City Manager Gorland reported that the Miami Springs Airport Area Chamber of Commerce would hold their installation dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in the Tapas Room at Holleman's Restaurant.

All Angels Academy

City Manager Gorland announced that All Angels Academy would host a prospective student Open House on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

12B) Officer of the Year Dinner City Manager Gorland reported that the Miami Springs Optimist Club supports law enforcement and will be honoring the Police Department and the award winners at their annual Officer of the Year Dinner on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Those interested in attending should call Patricia Bradley at the Recreation Department.

Campus Life Dinner & Auction City Manager Gorland announced that the Miami Springs Campus Life Dinner & Auction would be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church of Miami Springs.

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Vice Mayor Lob moved to extend the meeting for five minutes. Councilman Espino seconded the motion and it carried on voice vote with Councilwoman Ator casting the dissenting vote.

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Historic Tax Credit City Attorney Seiden informed Council that he and the Administration have been working with the historic tax credit situation involving many documents and discussions. In his opinion, the closing date could be extended from May 21<sup>st</sup> until the first week in June pending additional work. He speaks with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager/Finance Director on a daily basis about the matter, not counting the discussions that are held with the other parties.

**12C) City Council**

Councilman Espino Vice Mayor Lob wished Councilman Espino good luck on all accounts, including his future and his new baby.

12C) Councilman Espino

Councilman Best thanked Councilman Espino for having the opportunity to serve with him on Council and even though they have not always agreed, they have helped each other. He wished him well with the School Board election.

Thank You

Councilman Espino thanked everyone and said that it had been an incredible experience serving on Council. It is unfortunate that he must resign, but he feels called to run for the School Board and he has a good feeling about it. He thanked Council for their camaraderie and professionalism, including former Mayor Bain and the previous Council for wanting nothing more than to move the City forward. It has been an educating experience that has made him a better neighbor and citizen. He announced that he and his wife are having a baby boy at the end of October.

Variance Case

Mayor Garcia stated that he would like each Council member to ask their Board of Adjustment appointees to visit the properties to have a better idea of what is going to be discussed at the meeting.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that the Board members can visit the properties on an individual basis and as long as they do not make judgment until they receive their agenda packet with all the documentation and pictures which constitute the evidence of the case.

Vacant Council Seat

Mayor Garcia recommended that each Council member should bring at least one name of a person that they would like to recommend to fill the vacant Group II seat to the next meeting. Council will determine the process at that time.

**13. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.