



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
Regular Meeting of Monday, September 24, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers

AGENDA
ITEM #

SUBJECT

ACTION TAKEN

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| 1. | Call to Order/Roll Call | All present. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. |
| 2. | Invocation | Offered by Mayor Garcia. |
| | Salute to the Flag | The audience participated. |
| 3. | Awards & Presentations | None |
| 4. | Open Forum: | |
| | Complaint | Former Councilwoman Helen Gannon of 219 Miami Springs Avenue distributed a photograph that she had presented at the last meeting and complained that no one had called her about the problem. In speaking with the homeowner, she feels that she might need help. |
| | | Mayor Garcia noted that someone from the City visited the home and they are trying to help with the problem. |
| | Property Taxes | Ms. Gannon said that senior citizens had not received an increase in their Social Security benefits for the last two years, while their homeowners insurance had increased. She urged Council not to increase taxes. |

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Historical Society

Tom Snook of 1031 Falcon Avenue, President of the Historical Society thanked Council for their support. He said that the organization is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. The Society would appreciate Council's continued support.

"Haunted" Mansion

Jo Ellen Phillips of 372 De Leon Drive informed Council that the Curtiss Mansion will be "haunted" from October 25th through October 31st with tours of the Mansion from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Pre-paid tickets for the tours will go on sale on Wednesday, September 26th for \$15.00 and they will be sold at the door for \$20.00. Mystery cocktail party tickets are \$50.00 for the events on October 25th, 26th and 27th. All tickets are available on the internet.

Pelican Playhouse

Nancy Jones of 255 Springs Avenue reported on what The Pelican Playhouse had done this past fiscal year and their plans for the next fiscal year. She noted that they set up a Facebook page and are now on Twitter. The next production is "The Trials of Robin Hood" that will be held the first two weekends in November with a cast of thirty-five people. A murder mystery dinner theatre fundraiser will be held on February 23, 2013 that is called "Murder Most Fowl" and they will be partnering with the Miami Springs Senior High Math Club.

Property Taxes

Bill Spader of 1161 Red Bird Avenue thanked Council for doing a great job. He urged Council to reduce property taxes because there are many people in the City who are having a difficult time.

5. **Approval of Council Minutes** *(Simultaneously approved)*
- 5A) 08-28-2012 Workshop Meeting Minutes of the August 28, 2012 Workshop Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilwoman Bain
Vote: 5-0
- 5B) 09-10-2012 Regular Meeting Minutes of the September 10, 2012 Regular Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilwoman Bain
Vote: 5-0
6. **Reports from Boards & Commissions**
- 6A) Golf and Country Club
Advisory Board Cancellation Notice of the September 12, 2012 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6B) Board of Parks and Parkways Minutes of the September 13, 2012 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting were received for information.

Councilwoman Ator referred to the Yard of the Month awards and asked that the October and November nominations be scheduled for the October 8th City Council Regular Meeting.
- 6C) Revitalization and Redevelopment
Ad-Hoc Committee Cancellation Notice of the September 17, 2012 Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee meeting was received for information without comment.

7. **Public Hearings:**

7A) Resolution No. 2012-3561

Council **adopted** a resolution adopting the final levying of ad valorem taxes for general operations for the City of Miami Springs for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Motion: Councilman Best

Second: Councilwoman Bain

Vice Mayor Lob: "aye"

Councilman Best: "aye"

Councilwoman Bain: "aye"

Councilwoman Ator: "no"

Mayor Garcia: "aye"

Vote: 4-1

7B) Resolution No. 2012-3562

Council **adopted** a resolution adopting the final General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, and Enterprise Fund budgets for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013; authorizing the City Manager to proceed with implementation of service programs and projects.

Motion: Councilman Best

Second: Councilwoman Bain

Vote: 5-0

7C) Resolution No. 2012-3563

Council **adopted** a resolution approving and adopting the revised City employee "Pay Plan" for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, reserving the right and authority to amend or supplement the Plan.

Motion: Vice Mayor Lob

Second: Councilwoman Bain

Vote: 5-0

8. **Consent Agenda:**

(approved with one motion)

8A) Purchases of Fuel and Oil

Council **waived** the competitive bid process and **approved** an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$3,400.00, on an "As Needed" basis to Land & Sea, for fuel and oil, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code.

Motion: Councilwoman Ator

Second: Councilman Best

Vote: 5-0

- 8B) CMI Parking Lot Council **approved** an expenditure to SP Group, the lowest responsible quote, in an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00 for Landscaping Site Master Planning, for the CMI parking lot, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code.
Motion: Councilwoman Ator
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0
- 8C) Storm Drain Installation Council **awarded** a bid to Metro Express, utilizing City of Doral RFP # 2009-010, in the amount of \$25,325.00, for storm drain installation, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code.
Motion: Councilwoman Ator
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0
- 8D) Storm Drain Installation Council **awarded** a bid to Metro Express, utilizing City of Doral RFP # 2009-010, in the amount of \$27,310.00, for storm drain installation, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code.
Motion: Councilwoman Ator
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0
9. **Old Business:**
- 9A) Advisory Board Appointments Councilman Best (Group I) **reappointed** Marlene Jimenez to the Code Enforcement Board for a full 3-year term ending on September 30, 2015.
- 9B) Appointment to the Police and Firefighters Retirement System The resumé of Thomas W. Cannon was circulated for consideration. Item was **tabled**.
- 9C) Appointment to the Police and Firefighters Retirement System Item was **tabled**.

10. New Business:

- 10A) City Hall Exterior Painting Council **approved** an expenditure to London Painting, the lowest responsible quote, in the amount of \$13,450.00, for exterior painting of City Hall, pursuant to Section 31.11 (F) (11) (c) of the City Code.
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Vice Mayor Lob
Vote: 5-0
- 10B) Miami Springs General Election Council **approved** the Country Club as the venue to hold the Miami Springs General Election of Tuesday, April 2, 2013.
Motion: Councilwoman Ator
Second: Vice Mayor Lob
Vote: 5-0
- 10C) Agreement for Theatrical Services – Pelican Playhouse Council **approved** an agreement with the Pelican Playhouse for theatrical services for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.
Motion: Vice Mayor Lob
Second: Councilwoman Bain
Vote: 5-0
- 10D) Agreement with The Fuentes & Rodriguez Consulting Group Council **approved** an agreement with The Fuentes & Rodriguez Consulting Group to provide consulting services for successful implementation of the City's legislative agenda, exercising the first year option for renewal of the 3-years specified in the contract.
Motion: Vice Mayor Lob
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0

- 10E) Recommendation from the Education Advisory Board
 Council **approved** the recommendation of the Education Advisory Board to support the public awareness campaign for the 21st Century Schools Bond Program.
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Vice Mayor Lob
Vote: 5-0
- 10F) Placement of Equipment on Side Yards - §150-034
 Council **discussed** this section of the Code. The City Attorney recommended that no change be made. Council **requested** additional information from previous Board of Adjustment meetings to find out what was their reasoning to require that all equipment be placed in the rear yard for new installations.
- 10G) Memorandum of Understanding With the PBA
 Council **received** notification that the Administration had not received word from the PBA regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. Therefore, no action was taken.
11. **Other Business:**
- 11A) November 12, 2013 Regular Meeting
 By consensus, Council **re-scheduled** the November 12, 2012 Regular Meeting to November 19, 2012 and **canceled** the November 26, 2012 meeting.
- 11B) Board of Appeals Meeting
 By consensus, Council **scheduled** the Board of Appeals Meeting for October 8, 2012.
12. **Reports & Recommendations:**
- 12A) **City Attorney** None

12B) City Manager

Budget

City Manager Gorland thanked Council for their support during the budget process. It is going to be a tough year and he will keep Council informed of the impact on reserves when requesting funds.

12B) Yoga in a Chair

City Manager Gorland reported that the Miami Springs Senior Center is now registering for "Yoga-in-a-Chair", a free class designed for people with age-related conditions that will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

Art Classes

City Manager Gorland said that Art classes for kids ages 3 to 12 are currently being offered at the Community Center. Classes are held every Tuesday afternoon beginning at 4:30 p.m. Kids can learn about artists, drawing, painting, sculpture and more. The cost for the total of eight lessons is \$140, including materials.

Oktoberfest Party

City Manager Gorland announced that the Miami Springs Lions Club will hold its annual Oktoberfest Party on Saturday, September 29th at 301 Swallow Drive. The cost of the meal will be \$10 per person, and desserts and German beer will be extra.

Art Exhibit

City Manager Gorland reported that Springview Elementary School art students in grades 2-5 and their Art Instructor will hold an art exhibit during the month of October. Everyone is invited to attend the Art Show reception to be held on Monday, October 1st from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- 12B) Brain Power Walk
- City Manager Gorland announced that on Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. a “Brain Power Walk” will be hosted by the Pilot Club of Miami on Curtiss Parkway. The community is invited to attend the event and “Walk the Parkway” to raise awareness of brain related disorders. Children will be fitted for free bike helmets and enjoy “Brainminder Buddies” puppet shows.
- Farmers Market
- City Manager Gorland reported that the new Miami Springs Farmers’ Market was a success in spite of the rain. It will be at the All Angels Episcopal Church, 1801 Ludlum Drive, every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until March 30, 2013.
- 12C) **City Council**
- Farmers Market
- Councilwoman Ator mentioned that the All Angels Farmers Market was a success, with Councilwoman Bain contributing to its success by making many purchases. The event will be held every Saturday and she thanked Sara Vargas for organizing the event.
- Historical Society Party
- Councilwoman Ator attended the Miami Springs Historical Society Kick-off Party with her husband Bill Tallman, President Tom Snook expressed his gratitude to the City Council for their support and people also thanked her husband for his work with the Optimist Club. She appreciates the support of her husband and what he does in the community.
- Basketball Court
- Councilwoman Ator noted that the All Angels’ basketball court was funded with the support of the City Council and the funds were repaid to the City. It is regularly used by people who are not associated with All Angels and it has worked out to be a positive thing for the community.

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| 12C) | Optimist Club Installation | Councilwoman Ator inquired about the Optimist Club Installation of officers and was told that it was not scheduled for the upcoming weekend as she had planned on her calendar. It is a good time to recognize the volunteers who work as officers, including Councilman Best and Vice Mayor Lob. She knows that they work very hard and she appreciates what they do. |
| | Vote of Confidence | Councilwoman Ator reminded Council that the Vote of Confidence for the City Manager is scheduled for the October 8 th Regular Council Meeting. She encouraged Council to be prepared for the process since a decision was made not to have an evaluation form in order to objectively judge the City Manager's performance. This is an important requirement of the City Charter that is done once a year. |
| | Good Night | Vice Mayor Lob wished everyone a good night. |
| | Thank You | Councilman Best thanked Council for passing the budget and for doing the right thing for the people. He appreciates the input from everyone in terms of coming to a decision. |
| | Anthony Mascaro | Councilman Best said that he passing of Anthony Mascaro was a very unfortunate circumstance. He was with some of the family members when they received the telephone call about the occurrence and he sends out condolences on behalf of the City, his family and those who have known the family for many years. The funeral will be held at Blessed Trinity on Friday, September 28 th at 11:00 a.m. The viewing will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Thursday evening, September 27 th . |

- 12C) Pelican Playhouse Councilman Best announced that the Pelican Playhouse just finished its latest recital production and that he is looking forward to the production of "Robin Hood". He appreciated the report from Ralph and Nancy Wakefield of their achievements for the last year and what they intend to do for the next twelve months since it is important for Council to be informed.
- Thank You City Manager Gorland thanked Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso for his work during the budget process; he worked beyond the call of duty and he ran the process masterfully.
- Anthony Mascaro Mayor Garcia extended his sympathy and prayers to the Mascaro family.
- Murder Mystery Dinner Mayor Garcia had a great time at the Optimist Club Murder Mystery Dinner that was a success.
- Budget Mayor Garcia said that even though the budget is tight a foundation exists and the City has a solid team. The Administration and the team that the City Manager put together with Mr. Alonso as the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director have done a great job to move the City out of the deficit that it faced ten or twelve years ago. He appreciates their hard work and the foundation they have laid in maintaining fiscal responsibility.
- Mayor Garcia commented that Council debates items that might be minute, but they all have the same goal to maintain or improve the quality of services to the residents and keep taxes low. He again thanked Council and Staff for a job well done.
13. **Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.