



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

The following were present:

- Mayor Zavier M. Garcia
- Vice Mayor Jennifer Ator
- Councilwoman Grace Bain
- Councilman Bob Best
- Councilman George Lob

Also Present:

- City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
- Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso
- City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
- Chief of Police Peter G. Baan
- Golf and Recreation Director Omar L. Luna
- Professional Services Supervisor Tammy L. Romero
- City Clerk Magali Valls
- Deputy City Clerk Suzanne S. Hitaffer

2. Invocation: Councilman Lob offered the invocation.

Salute to the Flag: Students from the Seventh Day Adventist Church led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Garcia presented baseball caps to the students who participated.

3. Awards & Presentations:

Agenda Item 3A was discussed after Agenda Item 7B.

3A) State Archery Tournament at the Community Center – Mark Bain

Mark Bain of 1007 Hunting Lodge Drive reported that he established an Archery Club along with Councilwoman Bain, Councilman Lob, Police Chief Baan and Susan Baan approximately five years ago and the membership has grown to about 200 members aging from age five to 70-years old. The Club was asked to participate in the southern region of the State championship and they have been working on this program for the past eight months. The City Manager agreed to sponsor the event at the Community Center on March 8 through March 10th with two tournaments. Participants will come from as far north as Orlando and approximately 45 people are currently registered out of 100 that are expected to participate.

Mr. Bain announced that the River Cities Gazette will publish an ad about the event that begins on Friday, March 8th between 3-5 p.m. and the Recreation Staff is working on the event. The Optimist Club decided to send the archery shooters to the various food vendors in the City and they have agreed to give a 10% discount. The Recreation Department 15-passenger bus will be available to transport the shooters to the City's commercial districts and back to the Community Center.

Mr. Bain urged everyone to attend the event at the Community Center that is the only indoor tournament in South Florida. There is no charge for spectators and it is going to be a huge event with an opening ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night, including the Miami Springs Elementary School choir who will sing the National Anthem and the Boy Scouts who will hold the colors. On Saturday, a high school student will sing the National Anthem and the Civil Air Patrol will hold the colors.

To answer Councilman Best's question, Mr. Bain responded that 30 people are registered to shoot from the Club, including men, women and children who are shooting for the first time.

Councilwoman Bain commented that it is a family oriented club and everyone participates and learns together.

Mr. Bain invited everyone to come to attend on Monday and Wednesday when the program begins in May.

City Manager Gorland said that he attended with his wife and daughter and they had a great time.

Mr. Bain added that he would have a booth at the Springs River Festival to raise funds for the Club.

To answer Vice Mayor Ator's question, the City Manager confirmed that the protective flooring would be put down in the gym on Friday morning before the event.

Councilman Lob commented that the event is going to expose Miami Springs to many people who do not live here.

City Manager Gorland explained that the use of the shuttle would expose the commercial activity Downtown and on Westward Drive.

4. Open Forum:

“No Place for Hate”

Lily Medina, Education Project Director for the Florida Region Anti-Defamation League presented information on the “No Place for Hate” program. She referred to the Bullying Prevention community event that was held in May 2012 by Kim Werner who invited her to speak about Miami Springs becoming a Community of Respect.

Ms. Medina displayed a poster board showing a “Pyramid of Hate” and behavior that could happen in schools and in the community on a daily basis, such as stereotyping, insensitive jokes or rumors. She said that this type of behavior must be stopped before it happens in the schools and it becomes increasingly more violent or serious in nature. She said that students want the adults and teachers to take action and give them the skills and support to stand up for themselves in order to have a safe environment for every student no matter what their differences are.

Ms. Medina explained that “No Place for Hate” consists of a training program through the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) with two facilitators who visit the school and train either the teachers or the students to give them the skills to prevent the behavior from escalating to the next level. There are six or seven great ideas to stop bullying and the focus is on the bystanders who are encouraged to become allies. Once a school receives a program, they must participate in three school-wide activities to promote the message and be qualified as a “No Place for Hate” school. The community would sponsor the training at the school and hold one event to prevent bullying and last year’s community-wide bullying prevention session would count as one of the three activities.

Ms. Medina referred to Pinecrest who is sponsoring many wonderful activities in all their schools in order to become a Community of Respect, including a showing of the movie “Bully” and an International Day of Peace. Key Biscayne is another community that is involved in the program with the support of their Mayor. She would like for the City of Miami Springs to become a Community of Respect and show support for “No Place for Hate” in the schools.

Kim Werner of 1016 Meadowlark Avenue stated that “No Place for Hate” is a District Superintendent initiative and Miami Springs is ahead of the game with last year’s community event. She expressed her excitement with Pinecrest becoming a Community of Respect and read a letter that she received from Kathy Hirsch encouraging Miami Springs to join Pinecrest and Key Biscayne in the effort to eradicate bullying.

Ms. Werner said that she is a member of the City’s Education Advisory Board and was designated by the Board to report to Council. Her passion is to keep kids safe from bullying. She mentioned that Miami Springs Senior High participated in a program called “I Choose” that was very well received and she would like to feature this performance at the Rebeca Sosa Theatre for the elementary and middle school students. She is hoping that School Board member Susie Castillo will be supportive of showing the movie “Bully” and the “No Place for Hate” program.

Councilwoman Bain asked how much it would cost to sponsor one of the schools and Ms. Medina responded that it would cost \$1,200 for a three-hour session.

Mayor Garcia asked Ms. Medina and Ms. Werner to provide the information to Staff for sponsoring a school.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

5A) 02-11-2013 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the February 11, 2013 Regular meeting were approved as written.

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

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 02-11-2013 – Local Planning Agency – Minutes

Minutes of the February 11, 2013 Local Planning Agency meeting were received for information without comment.

6B) 02-13-2013 – Golf and Country Club Advisory Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the February 13, 2013 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6C) 02-14-2013 – Board of Parks and Parkways – Minutes

Minutes of the February 14, 2013 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting were received for information without comment.

6D) 02-18-2013 – Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the February 18, 2013 Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee meeting was received for information without comment.

6E) 02-19-2013 – Education Advisory Board – Minutes

Minutes of the February 19, 2013 Education Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6F) 02-21-2013 – Historic Preservation Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the February 21, 2013 Historic Preservation Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6G) 02-26-2013 – Ecology Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the February 26, 2013 Ecology Board meeting was received for information without comment.

7. Public Hearings:

7A) Second Reading – Ordinance No. 1050-2013 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Chapter 150, “Zoning Code” of the Code of Ordinances, by Amending Section 150-165 “Abraham Tract District” to Provide for Zoning Regulations of Adult-Related Businesses; Establishing Intent and Purpose Related Thereto; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Providing for Severability, Codification, and an Effective Date (First Reading: 01-11-2013 – Advertised: 02-13-2013)

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that this is the second reading of the ordinance and this is a public hearing. Council met as the Local Planning Agency and heard the discussion from Attorney Susan Trevarthen explaining the purpose, intent and background as to why the ordinance is necessary. There were no changes to the ordinance since the first reading.

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing to those persons wishing to speak. There were no speakers, and the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Lob moved to approve Ordinance No. 1050-2013. Vice Mayor Ator seconded the motion.

Mayor Garcia asked the City Attorney to clarify for the record the purpose and intent of the ordinance.

Attorney Seiden replied that cities the size of Miami Springs or larger are required to establish a location in one of the commercial districts where this type of use could validly exist. Excluding this type of use would be in effect unconstitutional and the purpose of the ordinance is to regulate and control them in a manner that is acceptable within the community standards.

Attorney Seiden continued explaining that Council reviewed the studies regarding the impacts of these types of establishments on crime and other related activities when these uses exist. The permitted location is within the Abraham Tract and there would be two allowed uses within the location if sites were to become available. There has been no demand for this type of use up to this point.

At the request of Mayor Garcia, Attorney Seiden said that he spoke with Attorney Trevarthen and she told him that the ordinance is based upon one that exists in Broward County that has survived litigation and testing on appeal in the 11th Circuit Court. The ordinance has proven the test of time and there are other ordinances that exist in other counties or municipalities that may be subject to appeal or review, but in her opinion, this is the most up to date ordinance.

Vice Mayor Ator said that the City had an ordinance before that has been stricken and this new ordinance is more comprehensive.

Attorney Seiden clarified that the next ordinance establishes the new Code section, while this ordinance establishes a particular zoning district in which this type of use is a permissible use.

The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

7B) Second Reading – Ordinance No. 1051-2013 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending the Code of Ordinances by Providing for Creation of Chapter 119 “Adult-Related Businesses Code”, to Provide for Licensing Requirements and Business Regulations for Adult-Related Businesses; Providing for Repeal of Article II of “Sex Related Business Activities” of Chapter 132 “Sex Offenses”; Establishing Intent and Purpose Related Thereto; Providing for Severability; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Providing for Codification; Effective Date (First Reading: 01-11-2013 – Advertised: 02-13-2013)

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that this is the second reading and there have been no changes since the first reading. Since this is not a zoning code change, the Local Planning Agency review was not required, but they did and this is the ordinance that Vice Mayor Ator mentioned. The City established the adult related business Code under Chapter 132 many years ago, which is being repealed. This ordinance regulates the type of conduct and activities should there be a business that wants to operate an adult related business activity.

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing to those persons wishing to speak. There were no speakers, and the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Best moved to approve Ordinance No. 1051-2013. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

City Attorney Seiden said that Attorney Trevarthen offered to assist the City with the Airport Golf District boundary regulations.

Agenda Item 8A was discussed after Agenda Item 10I.

8. Consent Agenda:

8A) Recommendation that Council Award a Purchase Order to Metro Express, Utilizing City of North Miami ITB# 2012-16 in the Amount of \$10,897.96, for Curb & Gutter Repair, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code.

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland read the title of the award. He explained that the repair will be at 5175 N. W. 36th Street for the curbing leading to the storm drain, which is a safety concern and the cracks block the flow of water leading to the drain. Funding is available in Stormwater Repairs.

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

9. Old Business:

9A) Appointments to Advisory Boards by the Mayor and Council Members

Vice Mayor Ator (Group IV) reconfirmed the appointment of Jo Ellen Phillips to the Historic Preservation Board for a term ending on January 31, 2016.

9B) Update by Mayor Garcia and Governmental Consultant Jose Fuentes from Becker and Poliakoff Regarding Various Items Including Annexation

Governmental Consultant Jose Fuentes from Becker and Poliakoff briefed Council on the Legislative Session in Tallahassee. The main focus of this session for the local cities is pension reform and Senate Bill 458 is moving along and the Florida League of Cities is requesting resolutions supporting the actions with regard to pension reform. This is one of many bills that have been filed this session. The cost for Police and Fire pension plans is of major concern to local municipalities.

As far as Miami Springs is concerned, there are a couple of appropriation requests and Senator Garcia has met with Mayor Garcia to discuss this matter, according to Mr. Fuentes. The Westward Drive jogging path, the swimming pool and electrical upgrades are among the requests. There is also a possibility that funding might be available for water projects in this year's budget.

Mr. Fuentes added that another local issue deals with Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC) and the construction taking place on their site. He was fortunate to speak with Jose Gonzalez with FEC and asked Mayor Garcia to provide some background on that conversation.

Mayor Garcia stated that the FEC Rail Yard is constructing warehouses that will continue to be transit related and there was some public concern about the construction of the buildings. He and the City Manager watched a video outlining what the plans are for that area, which is a part of unincorporated Miami-Dade County. Mr. Jose Gonzalez shared the plans and stressed his respect for the City of Miami Springs. The building will extend south to the Virginia Gardens area and discussion is taking place with the Village. The good news is that FEC is working on the installation of the barrier wall between their property and the City of Miami Springs. FEC will be hosting a Town Hall meeting for informational purposes.

Mr. Fuentes commented that in the past all communication with FEC had been through a third party and this time the communication came directly from the Division President and it is a positive aspect to have an open line of communication.

Mr. Fuentes explained that another ongoing issue involves some proposed work by Buckeye Partners, L.P. which is the company that provides the fuel to Miami International Airport (MIA). It was noticed that the Miami-Dade County Commission agenda included a request for a permit for right of way from Buckeye and they immediately contacted the City Manager and the Mayor in an effort to find out more details. The County Commissioners were notified the night before the meeting that Becker and Poliakoff representatives would be there to request deferral of the item. He gave credit to Rich Candia and Mayor Garcia who spoke with the Director of Rail for MIA asking to continue the item under the agenda, let it pass and he offered his commitment to continue working with the City of Miami Springs. The matter is still under negotiation and Mayor Garcia spoke with Commissioners Sosa and Bovo.

Mayor Garcia said that the Miami-Dade County Commission listened to him and accepted his calls and they were very understanding of the City's position. They deferred the agenda item until they confirmed that it was not the pipeline; it was a budget for things to occur in the County and at MIA.

Mr. Fuentes stated that he would continue to follow the project and continue to work with the Airport Director.

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden informed Council that he, the City Manager and Planning and Zoning Director have a meeting scheduled with the head of the DERM to discuss the issue and they want to make it clear that the City of Miami Springs does not want a jet fuel pipeline in the City.

City Manager Gorland commented that FEC has clarified that they are not part of the project to move the fuel line out of their property. This is a move that is strictly by Buckeye.

Mr. Fuentes said that the annexation issue has a lot of support from Commission Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa who is helping to move the item forward, together with other County Commissioners. He said that the item is on fast track and they are looking at a date in April that will require some work to make sure that annexation continues on a positive track. They will continue their discussions with the City Manager who will then communicate with the Mayor, Council and City Attorney.

Mr. Fuentes stressed that it is important for the neighboring cities to work together as a team to make sure the four-city agreement continues to move forward and Mr. Gorland added that he spoke with Virginia Gardens Mayor Deno who expressed his support for annexation.

City Attorney Seiden said that the pipeline, FEC and annexation are issues that intertwine and the City must clarify the actual legal description that shows that FEC is being exorcised out of the annexation request. The legal cannot be located and if necessary, the City will pay to have it redone.

City Manager Gorland clarified that it would cost \$6,500 to receive a quick response and there is no record of the legal document that the City was supposed to have received a number of years ago.

City Attorney Seiden said that the most critical part is to have a good supporting neighbor in FEC for the project and they have agreed to appear on the City's behalf to support annexation if their property is excluded. There is no need for Miami Springs to entertain FEC property.

Councilman Best congratulated Mr. Fuentes on the merger with Becker and Poliakoff.

Mr. Fuentes commented that their firm was acquired by Becker and Poliakoff on February 14, 2013, which is a positive aspect for all their clients; they have added more cities to their representation, more team members and additional locations throughout the United States.

Councilman Best asked about the legislative tactics in regard to the pension reform and Mr. Fuentes responded that the State is looking at the amount of contributions in pension plans and how much is required to be in those plans, based on various formulas. The review is across the board because the pension programs are currently crippling most local governments.

Mr. Fuentes mentioned that another issue is related to red light cameras, which the Legislature will be addressing. A bill was filed that has passed the first subcommittee and they feel that the bill will die because it basically takes away the right from local municipalities to use red light cameras as an enforcement method. The cameras are also a safety factor as there has been a reduction in accidents.

To answer Vice Mayor Ator's question, Mr. Fuentes replied that there are many bills that are related to pension reform, including SB458, SB534 and HB599; the Florida League of Cities is closely monitoring the bills.

Mayor Garcia expressed his confidence in Mr. Fuentes and thanked him for supporting Miami Springs.

Mr. Fuentes said that it has been a busy time for their firm in regard to Miami Springs and the annexation issue is finally moving forward.

Councilwoman Bain said that Council appreciates the work of Mr. Fuentes and urged him to keep working hard on the annexation issue.

City Manager Gorland agreed that the efforts of Mr. Fuentes are greatly appreciated and the results can be seen.

Mayor Garcia thanked the Administration for their diligent work and for being available after hours during the weekend. He said that they were able to provide the numbers and gain the support of the County Commissioners.

9C) Update Regarding Repairs of the Miami Springs Swimming Pool

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland explained that he wanted Council to have the latest information regarding the pool repairs and he asked Golf and Recreation Director Omar Luna and Professional Services Supervisor Tammy Romero to be available at the meeting. He read Mr. Luna's memorandum into the record.

City Manager Gorland stated that the pool renovation project has become more complicated than initially anticipated. Originally, the intention was to hire a contractor via an RFP process to re-marcite the pool that was built in 1955 with Diamond Brite. McGrath Property Services conducted an underwater inspection and provided a report of the existing conditions of the pool surface and they identified 42 areas where there are steel rust extrusions and 194 surface coating voids.

City Manager Gorland reported that a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on November 6, 2012 and six potential contractors attended. The contractors were presented the revision to the scope of work to include the repairs to the voids and erosion issues within the pool floor and walls. The majority of the contractors strongly advised that it would be in the best interest of the City to hire a professional concrete structural engineer to develop plans and a detailed scope of work for the repairs. Since that time, he and Professional Services Supervisor Tammy Romero met with ten different firms/individuals to discuss the project at length.

It was determined that there are three possible options in regard to the pool issues as outlined in the memorandum, according to Mr. Gorland. Option 1 is to re-marcite with Diamond Brite as originally planned; this option is only recommended as a "buying time" approach to work towards building up revenue for a new pool facility; there is no warranty and the cost is approximately \$250,000 and the pool would be closed for approximately two months. This option would not repair any of the leaks, surface coating leaks, rust extrusions, voids, etc.

Option 2 involves repairing the structure and surface of the pool and hiring an engineer to negotiate costs for services, based on qualifications to provide a solution for repairing the pool leaks, surface coating leaks, rest extrusions, voids, etc. This would be followed by an RFP process for pool restoration and repairs and a second RFP for re-marciting the pool. The warranty for marcite materials is five years and there is no guarantee that the pool will not have additional settling and cracking.

With Option 2, The pool would be closed for nine months to one year and the cost would be approximately \$600,000 to \$800,000. This may be a less expensive way to get five to ten additional years from the existing facility or the pool may never reopen due to conditions the Health Department may find or issues such as bringing the pool to current standards that would require more funds. The exact costs are unknown until the pool is drained and the contractor identifies all areas in need of repair. Option 2 could easily range from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000, and there are also other Health Department Codes that the pool is currently grandfathered into.

Option 3 is for a replacement water park/aquatic facility and the benefits of a new state of the art design facility include the warranties; the pool closure time is unknown and the overall project timeline is projected to be 18-24 months. The cost is approximately \$2MM to \$4MM and financing is 2.4% for fifteen years with annual payments of \$278,000. The facility would be good for another 50+ years and the financing costs could be spread over twenty years.

City Manager Gorland advised Council that he is trying to locate an engineering firm that has a non-invasive method of determining the structural integrity of the pool and there might be no choice other than building a new facility as quickly as possible.

Vice Mayor Ator said that she reviewed documents that she had from past discussion regarding the Diamond Brite estimates and the cost was projected to be \$350,000, not \$250,000. She asked the City Manager what would be the actual cost.

City Manager Gorland responded that the actual cost is unknown until the structural problems with the pool are identified. The marcite would not change any of the structural issues; it is only a surface protection.

Vice Mayor Ator expressed the need for more space at the Community Center for the exercise programs. She has mentioned that if and when a new pool is built that she would like an open space room that could be used for various activities or meetings. The Theatre is not appropriate because of the flooring material.

City Manager Gorland explained that the Administration is only keeping Council informed; they are far away from recommending a new pool.

Golf and Recreation Director Omar Luna commented that \$350,000 was the estimate for Diamond Brite, including \$100,000 for miscellaneous repairs. However, the repairs have turned into a major problem with the rust conditions. The extent of the repairs is unknown until the walls are exposed and there are issues with the rebar inside the steel gutters. He explained that it is difficult to provide the actual cost until the pool is drained and the structure is explored.

Councilman Best asked how much water is being lost and Mr. Luna said that the water loss is not a concern since there are not many leaks. The problem is that the rust spots are expanding.

City Attorney Seiden commented that after past hurricanes the County has become more stringent about unpermitted construction and some of the work was inspected and legalized by rehabilitation companies that x-ray the walls. He said that this might be a non-invasive way to check the pool structure assuming it is not too expensive.

City Manager Gorland said that the Building Official is working to provide the names of companies that could inspect the pool through the non-invasive method.

Councilman Lob mentioned that he knows someone who has a condominium and the balconies were inspected with this method, but he heard that it was very expensive. He added that a recent example of "exploratory surgery" is the Country Club that ended up costing more than was anticipated. He feels that the pool is at the same point as the old Recreation Center when the decision was made to build a new facility.

Mayor Garcia would like the Administration to continue looking for non-invasive procedures to inspect the pool before Council makes a decision. He wants to explore all options and for the Administration to come back with their findings.

10. New Business:

10A) Recommendation that Council Approve an Extension of the Facility Agreement – Jazzercise

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that this is a recommendation for renewal of the Facility Agreement for Jazzercise for use of the multi-purpose room at the Community Center for exercise sessions. This is a very popular program that provides an opportunity for the residents to stay fit and healthy.

The City Manager explained that the proposed agreement is for one year, from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, for the right to use the multi-purpose room on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:45-7:05 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:45-8:05 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9:50-11:05 a.m. Jazzercise agrees to pay the monthly user fee of \$400.00 that is due in advance on the first of each month.

City Manager Gorland stated that the Administration recommends the approval of the extended agreement with Brenda Knight who is a licensed franchisee for Jazzercise, Inc.

Vice Mayor Ator commented that Jazzercise is one program that could utilize a larger room. She asked when the fee increased to \$400.00 and Mr. Luna clarified that the fee increased from \$300.00 to \$400.00 the first year at the new community center.

Councilwoman Bain moved the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10B) Recommendation from the Board of Parks and Parkways for the Yard of the Month for March and April 2013

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that the Board of Parks and Parkway members would like Council to approve 108 Truxton Drive for the March Yard of the Month and 1291 Redbird Avenue for the April Yard of the Month.

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

10C) Recommendation from the Board of Parks and Parkways to Consider Renovating the Marine Corps Memorial on Deer Run and Curtiss Parkway

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that the Board of Parks and Parkways would like Council to consider renovating the Marine Corps Memorial on Deer Run and Curtiss Parkway to bring it up to aesthetic standards. He spoke with Chair Eric Richey to ask what his ideas were and the approximate cost and Eric responded that they could raise the funds from veterans and veterans' groups. The plan is to build a garden wall around the memorial for about \$2,000-\$3,000.

Vice Mayor Ator said that it was brought to her attention that the Veterans' Memorial is not up to date with the list of all the veterans from Miami Springs who have served in the military.

City Manager Gorland said that he spoke with Bill Tallman about developing a list of veterans and they could not come up with criteria. He agreed that the Veterans' Memorial needed to be redone with more names and he offered to follow up on the suggestion.

10D) Recommendation from the Board of Parks and Parkways to Issue a Proclamation in Recognition of the Landscaping at Harvest Moon

By consensus, Council agreed to issue a proclamation or certificate to Harvest Moon in recognition of their landscaping.

10E) Resolution No. 2013-3572 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Endorsing the 2012 South Florida Mayor's Climate Action Pledge; Affirming Support for the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact; Agreeing to Consider Implementing the Regional Climate Action Plan in Whole or in Part as Appropriate for each Municipality, and Urging all Mayors of Miami-Dade County to Support the Mayor's Climate Action Pledge; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the resolution by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that the resolution is a result of a letter that the Mayor received from the City Clerk of Miami Beach.

Vice Mayor Ator commented that the climate issue was a topic of discussion when she attended the Good Government Initiative. The resolution states the need to protect and address the water supply and preserve fragile natural systems and agricultural resources and salt water intrusion into the fresh water supply is a big issue.

Councilwoman Bain moved to adopt the resolution. Councilman Best seconded the motion.

Councilman Best stated that the salt water intrusion has a lot to do with the boundaries of the Everglades.

The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10F) Recommendation that Council Extend Police Chief Peter G. Baan's Employment Contract from its Current Termination of September 4, 2013 to December 31, 2014, his Final Day of Employment (DROP)

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland explained that the recommendation to extend Police Chief Peter G. Baan's employment contract to December 31, 2014, is being made due to his outstanding service to the community and also because he voluntarily entered the DROP effective January 1, 2013, for a maximum of two years. The extension also represents the City's commitment to the Chief during his final 22 months of service and thanks him for facilitating the initiation of the Police Chief succession planning and internal development of possible internal candidates to fill the position.

Councilwoman Bain moved the item. Councilman Best seconded the motion.

Councilman Best stated that obviously this is based on the Chief's wishes at this point and he will be greatly missed.

Councilwoman Bain would like to train someone in-house to replace Chief Baan.

Mayor Garcia commented that Chief Baan's shoes could never be filled and it will be difficult to find a replacement.

The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10G) Consideration of Re-naming 59th Avenue from Where it Enters Miami Springs to Hunting Lodge Drive Father Carney Way

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that Father Carney had a significant impact on the City's residents during his long-term service at Blessed Trinity and if Council agrees, the matter should be forwarded to the Memorial Committee.

Councilman Best moved the item. Vice Mayor Ator seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Bain asked if the Village of Virginia Gardens could be contacted since Father Carney also served that community and the City Manager agreed.

Mayor Garcia mentioned that a portion of 59th Avenue is in Miami Springs.

To answer Vice Mayor Ator's question in regard to Curtiss Parkway, City Manager Gorland explained that a portion of Curtiss Parkway was named "John Stadnik Way".

The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10H) Recommendation to Honor Pastor Schmidt's Long-Time Service to Miami Springs

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that in honor of Pastor Schmidt's long-time service to Miami Springs it is recommended that consideration be given to naming a section of Curtiss Parkway in front of Grace Lutheran Church, or alternatively a section of Azure Way or Glen Way. If Council agrees, the matter should be forwarded to the Memorial Committee for their recommendation.

Councilman Best moved the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Vice Mayor Ator commented that the Chair persons for the various committees had not been selected. She suggested sending memorandums to the committee members asking them to meet and select a Chair; she appointed Jo Ellen Phillips to the Historic Preservation Board so they could meet and make a selection and the meeting was cancelled.

City Attorney explained that a memorandum could be sent to the Board asking them to meet to select a Chair person so that the Memorial Committee membership will be complete.

Agenda Item 10I was considered after 3A.

10I) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to Ideal Architectural, the Lowest Responsible Quote, in the Amount of \$49,550.00, for Professional Design Services in Connection with the Curtiss Mansion Site Improvements, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland read the title of the award. He explained that Curtiss Mansion, Inc. (CMI) and the City are diligently working on closing all pending construction items for the Mansion. CMI solicited responses via email for a Request for Quote and Qualifications (RFQ) for professional design services in connection with the Curtiss Mansion site improvements.

City Manager Gorland explained that three quotes were received from VC Architects, Southeast Designs and Ideal Architectural Design. All the responses were reviewed and evaluated by CMI. Ideal Architectural Design was determined to be the lowest most responsive and responsible quote. CMI will manage the design process and all the scope of work involved with the hired Architect. Funding is available from the Historic Tax Credit proceeds.

Vice Mayor Ator moved the item. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

11. Other Business:

None.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

None.

12B) City Manager

Events

City Manager Gorland urged residents to check the recently updated City website for a list of events.

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Movie Night

Vice Mayor Ator reported that All Angels would be holding Movie Night again featuring the "The Lorax".

Resolution No. 2013-3572

Councilwoman Bain commented that her husband would be upset with her approving the Climate Resolution since he does not believe in global warming.

Lions Club Golf Tournament

Councilman Best announced that the Lions Club is sponsoring the 9-hole "Glow Ball" golf tournament beginning at dusk on Saturday, March 2nd at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club, followed by a spaghetti dinner at the Lions Club.

Archery Tournament

Councilman Lob encouraged everyone to attend the Archery Tournament at the Community Center. The Florida champion has shot at the Optimist Club and he is amazing. The event will be a lot of fun with good shooting.

BBQ Cook-off

Councilman Lob reported that the Optimist Club would be holding their Barbeque Cook-off on Saturday, March 9th. Teams may enter the contest and this year there is going to be a restaurant division.

Little League Opening Day

Councilman Best announced that the Little League Opening Day will be at Prince Field on Saturday, March 2nd beginning at 10:00 a.m. that is preceded by the parade of players. Many children participate and the President of the Little League is expanding the program.

Farmers Market

Mayor Garcia urged everyone to attend the Miami Springs Farmers Market at All Angels on Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event might be extended another month if there is enough support.

Puppeteer Program

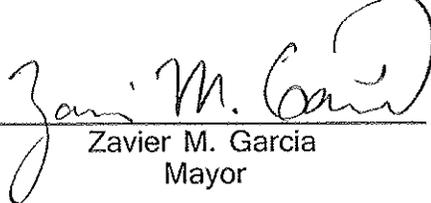
Mayor Garcia complimented Pelican Playhouse Director Ralph Wakefield for his wonderful Puppeteer Program for kids who are interested in becoming Pelican Players.

Happy Birthday

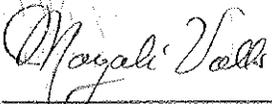
Mayor Garcia wished his son Zavier Jr. a very Happy Birthday.

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.


Zavier M. Garcia
Mayor

ATTEST:



Magali Valls, CMC
City Clerk



Approved as written during meeting of: 3-11-2013.

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