



## *City of Miami Springs, Florida*

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, October 28, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

The following were present:

- Mayor Xavier M. Garcia
- Vice Mayor Billy Bain
- Councilman Michael Windrem
- Councilman George V. Lob
- Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

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
- Human Resources Director Loretta M. Boucher
- Human Resources Specialist Noemí Darías-Sanfiel
- Planning and Zoning Director James H. Holland
- Acting City Clerk Suzanne S. Hitaffer
- Assistant City Clerk Elora R. Sakal

### **2. Invocation: Vice Mayor Bain**

**Salute to the Flag:** Students from AIE Charter School will lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

The Mayor presented baseball caps to the students who participated in the salute to the flag.

### **3. Awards & Presentations:**

#### **3A) Presentation of the Pioneer Resident Award to Bonita Caputo**

Mayor Garcia presented the Pioneer Resident award to Bonita Caputo in recognition of her many valuable contributions to the community as a resident of Miami Springs for 57 years.

Ms. Caputo stated that she cannot imagine living anywhere else and after 57 years, Miami Springs is where she wants to stay.

### **3B) Proclamation – “Anchor Club Day”**

Mayor Garcia presented a proclamation to the members of the Miami Springs Senior High School Anchor Club in recognition of their community service projects and receiving the International Anchor Club of the Year award.

Rebecca Shultz, President of the Anchor Club, said that all the Anchor Club members are a few of the amazing kids in the school who help to complete so many service projects that help many people in Miami Springs, as well as other communities.

Mayor Garcia added that the Anchor Club is an incredible service oriented group and he is hoping that the students will eventually become Rotary Club members. He thanked them for their service to Miami Springs.

### **3C) Presentation by Eric Richey Regarding the Renovation of the General Geiger Memorial on Curtiss Parkway**

Board of Parks and Parkways Chair Eric Richey distributed information with a rendering of his proposal for the renovation of the memorial on Curtiss Parkway and Deer Run. He thanked the City Manager for his guidance and advice during the process, as well as the Miami Springs Historical Society.

Mr. Richey stated that the current memorial is surrounded by a mound of earth and some neglected landscaping; it is one of the most prominent memorials in the City. He formed a group of residents who are interested in renovating the memorial, including Architect Manuel Perez-Vichot who assisted with the rendering of the proposed renovations.

Mr. Richey noted that there is a brick plaza in front of the memorial that could be installed in phases depending on available funding. He said that the renovation would be paid for through fundraising and there would be no City funds involved. The deck is approximately 250 square feet and most of the work would be done in-house. Public Works Director Tom Nash said that he thought they could do the footer, walls and the support for the walls. The concrete pours would be subcontracted to the company that now does all the concrete work in the City.

Mr. Richey said that he is working with Carla Perez at Mr. Perez-Vichot’s architectural firm who is trying to locate donations for some type of tile for the top of the memorial. The committee hopes to contact Home Depot and Lowes in order to seek their support for the wood, rebar, concrete blocks and cement. He explained that doing the work in-house would make a big difference in the cost. There are plans to relocate the large coral rocks surrounding the memorial.

Mr. Richey asked Council for their endorsement of the plan and offered to answer any questions.

To answer Mayor Garcia’s question, Mr. Richey projected that the overall cost of the renovation would be \$3,000 to \$5,000, not including the plaza.

Architect Manuel Perez-Vichot stated that he did not have an exact estimate since it is only a conceptual schematic at this stage. They would be raising the area around the monument so that it would be above grade and this would reduce the amount of maintenance. The construction would be very basic with a CBS retaining wall with a footer and tile or stone. The plans are to keep it simple and dignified.

Vice Mayor Bain asked what is the best estimate to complete the entire project and Mr. Perez-Vichot said that without donations it would cost \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

Mr. Perez-Vichot added that the location is very significant since the memorial is on the Curtiss Parkway bike path at the intersection of Deer Run. The plans are only conceptual and he would have a better estimate later on.

Mayor Garcia asked what is included in the original \$3,000 to \$4,000 estimate.

Mr. Perez-Vichot replied that the lower estimate depends on donations of material from Home Depot or Lowes and the higher estimate is based on receiving no donations.

Councilman Petralanda asked how much had been donated so far and Mr. Richey explained that he personally donated \$100.00 to open a non-profit account.

Vice Mayor Bain asked for clarification if the high estimate is based on not receiving donations of material.

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden said that without in-kind donations it would cost approximately \$20,000. The labor would be done in-house by the City and the in-kind donations would be the materials.

Mr. Richey explained that the Miami Springs Historical Society is allowing him one year to raise the funds by holding the account for that length of time. The fund is called the Historical Society-Geiger Memorial, which is similar to the account that was opened for the "Let's Build It" playground.

Mayor Garcia stated that he would like to see the project move forward.

By consensus, Council agreed to approve the proposal in concept for the renovation of the Geiger Memorial. The Mayor asked Mr. Richey to keep Council informed during the fundraising process and he answered affirmatively.

Mr. Richey stated that he would be distributing flyers to the businesses and organizations with the fundraising information for the renovation of the memorial. Anyone who wishes to make a donation can send a check payable to the Miami Springs Historical Society Geiger Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 60175, Miami Springs, FL 33266.

#### **4. Open Forum:**

##### **Commercial Vehicles**

Beatrix Obermann of 449 Swallow Drive said that she previously addressed Council in April regarding a problem with commercial vehicles parked where she lives on Swallow Drive.

## **40-year Re-certification**

Ms. Obermann raised her concerns regarding the 40-year recertification inspection and the condition of the building at 449 Swallow Drive. She met with Building Official Reed and the City Manager to present photographs and documentation that she has on the subject. She has not heard back from the City since the first of October.

Ms. Obermann said that the Building Official had never inspected the property. The laundry room was flooded and it turned off the circuit breakers and according to Florida Power and Light, there is not enough power to the building. The swimming pool light has been out for approximately two years. She said the problem is that there are more people renting in the building and the owners do not live there.

Mayor Garcia asked Ms. Obermann to provide all the details of her complaints to the City Manager so that he can follow up with the appropriate department.

City Manager Gorland clarified that there had been extensive contact with Ms. Obermann.

### **5. Approval of Council Minutes:**

#### **5A) 10-14-2013 – Regular Meeting**

Minutes of the October 14, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting were approved as written.

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

### **6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:**

#### **6A) 08-01-2013 – General Employees Retirement System – Minutes**

Minutes of the August 1, 2013 General Employees Retirement System were received for information without comment.

#### **6B) 08-01-2013 – Police and Firefighters Retirement System – Minutes**

Minutes of the August 1, 2013 Police and Firefighters Retirement System were received for information without comment.

#### **6C) 09-17-2013 – Education Advisory Board - Minutes**

Minutes of the September 17, 2013 Education Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.

**6D) 09-25-2013 – Historic Preservation Board – Minutes**

Minutes of the September 25, 2013 Historic Preservation Board meeting were received for information without comment.

**6E) 10-02-2013 – Architectural Review Board – Minutes**

Minutes of the October 2, 2013 Architectural Review Board meeting were received for information without comment.

**6F) 10-21-2013 – Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the October 21, 2013 Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad Hoc Committee meeting was received for information without comment.

**6G) 10-22-2013 – Ecology Board – Minutes**

Minutes of the October 22, 2013 Ecology Board meeting were received for information without comment.

**6H) 10-24-2013 – Code Review Board – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the October 24, 2013 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.

**6I) 11-12-2013 – Recreation Commission – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the November 12, 2013 Recreation Commission meeting was received for information without comment.

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Vice Mayor Bain referred to the advisory boards that met in September and October and asked when they would meet again and City Attorney Jan K. Seiden stated that the advisory boards would be meeting quarterly.

The City Attorney asked which board Vice Mayor Bain was asking about specifically.

Vice Mayor Bain said that the Education Advisory Board met on September 17<sup>th</sup> and he would like to know when they will meet again.

Acting City Clerk Hitaffer explained that the Education Advisory Board does not meet in the summer months when school is in recess or in December. The Board will meet only four times a year and their next meeting is scheduled in November.

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Council sat as the Board of Appeals at 7:37 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:10 p.m.

(Agenda Item 10H was considered after the Board of Appeals meeting)

7. **Public Hearings: None**

8. **Consent Agenda:**

8A) **Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure of \$15,000.00, on an "As Needed Basis", to Hector Turf for Parts and Supplies Needed for Maintaining the Toro Equipment for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, as a Sole Source Provider, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code**

City Manager Gorland read the title of the consent agenda items.

There was no discussion regarding this item.

**Councilman Windrem moved the item. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

8B) **Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to South Florida Grassing, the Lowest Responsible Quote, in an Amount not to Exceed \$18,396.00, on an "As Needed Basis", for Regressing Some Areas of the Golf Course with Bermuda Grass for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C)(2) of the City Code**

There was no discussion regarding this item.

**Councilman Windrem moved the item. Councilman Petralanda 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**

Councilman Windrem (Group I) appointed Trina Aguila to the Ecology Board for an unexpired term ending on April 30, 2015.

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden stated that there are vacancies on the Disability Advisory Board and those Council members that have not appointed someone should consider making an appointment. The City receives funds from parking fines and in order to use those funds, the City needs a recommendation from the board. He asked Council to check with the Clerk's Office to see who needs to make an appointment.

Mayor Garcia said that Council should consider appointing someone before the next meeting since the funds cannot be used until the board makes a recommendation.

**9B) Recommendation that Council Approve the Execution of an Agreement for Professional Services to Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. (formerly the Fuentes Rodriguez Consulting Group), in the Amount of \$45,000.00, Paid in Accordance with the Contract, for Consulting and Lobbying Services for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, as a Sole Source Provider, Pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code**

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland read the title of the recommendation. He said that Jose Fuentes from Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. is present to answer any questions and the funds are included in the budget.

Councilman Petralanda asked for an explanation of the services that are provided for \$45,000.

Jose Fuentes with Becker & Poliakoff, P.A., 121 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, stated that the firm represents the City of Miami Springs on numerous issues. When Miami Springs originally entered into the contract they began with legislative services and they were successful in securing funds for the Recreation facility. In addition, they also assisted with some federal issues in regard to the Curtiss Mansion. The contract has changed and over the past three years they have been working on annexation issues in addition to state legislative issues.

Mr. Fuentes explained that the annexation issue had taken a lot of time and they are following direction from the Mayor and City Council as to how they will proceed in the next steps.

Mayor Garcia commented that a few years ago there was proposed legislation to eliminate the collection of business license fees from the municipalities. He gave credit to Mr. Fuentes and his firm for helping to overturn this legislation.

Mr. Fuentes said that many changes at the state level affect local governments, such as unfunded mandates. Part of their job is to make sure that the City is not hit with an unfunded mandate or to make sure that funding is not cut. A legislative agenda is formed based on the input of the City Manager and the Mayor and they will provide a report of everything that is going on in Tallahassee.

Mr. Fuentes stated that there had been twelve months of non-stop working as far as Miami Springs is concerned in dealing with annexation and legislative issues.

To answer Councilman Petralanda's question, Mr. Fuentes explained that the name of the firm changed since they were acquired by Becker & Poliakoff and this is an advantage because they their team has grown by employing more professionals and this allows more representation on different issues throughout the legislation session.

Mayor Garcia said that Mr. Fuentes and his firm keeps the City informed about pending legislation that could impact municipalities in regard to numerous issues.

City Attorney Seiden stated that Becker & Poliakoff carries a lot of weight since Mr. Becker was a former legislator. The firm has legal expertise and a lot of legislative history working in their favor.

Mr. Fuentes said that he had the opportunity and pleasure of working with former Mayor Bain and current Mayor Garcia in the halls of Tallahassee. He said that it is critically important to have the presence of the elected officials with them in Tallahassee and they learn a lot from the process that involves a lot of time and effort.

**Councilman Windrem moved the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion.**

Vice Mayor Bain commented that now Mr. Fuentes can begin working on obtaining funding for the new pool facility.

Regarding the previous agenda item on the memorial renovation, Mr. Fuentes said that the Home Depot Foundation actively works on community projects and they provide dollars for projects in local communities. He will provide the information to the City Manager so that they can be contacted.

Mayor Garcia added that Miami Springs was hit with a storm in the year 2000 that caused a lot of flooding for at least 24 hours and this no longer happens due to the credit of Mr. Fuentes who then worked with the South Florida Water Management. The City was able to acquire funding for storm drainage and there is no longer any flooding.

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

Mr. Fuentes said that a report from PBS&J is in the Manager's office that can be reviewed for reference in order to see the storm drainage projects that were completed in the City.

#### **9C) Pool Considerations**

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland gave a recap of the process to shore the pool and for the pool replacement.

City Manager Gorland said that the Administration is working to put a contract in place for shoring the pool that will begin shortly. The existing pool will be replaced in the same general location and they will initiate a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a design consultant. The process will be on a fast track wherever possible based on the same process that was used for the construction of the Community Center.

City Manager Gorland said that the Administration is going through the files to determine what actually happened in the process of rebuilding the Recreation Facility and the components that are necessary in the process of building a new pool. A team was formed that includes Recreation Director Luna, Aquatics Supervisor Villaverde, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso, Procurement Specialist Romero, Building Official Reed and himself.

A list of potential design consultants is being developed and they are looking for experts in pool construction, according to Mr. Gorland. A search for grants is already in process and there is communication with the local press for positive articles regarding the subject.

Mayor Garcia said that hopefully by the next meeting the Administration would provide a list of design consultants for consideration and the City Manager said that they would have a list of companies that would be receiving the RFQ.

**10. New Business:**

**10A) Resolution No. 2013-3602 - A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Miami Springs Providing for the Fourth Budget Amendment to the FY2012-2013 Budget By Recording The Lighting Grants and Transferring Funds From The Designated Reserves for the Pool And From The Stormwater Account To The General Fund; Appropriating And Designating C.I.T.T. Funding To The Special Revenue And Capital Projects Fund For Road And Transportation Projects; Providing Intent; Specifying Compliance With Budgetary Processes And Procedures; Effective Date**

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the resolution by title. He referred to Exhibit "A" that is attached showing the total amount of \$407,000.

Councilman Lob moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-3602. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

**10B) Resolution No. 2013-3603 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending the Schedule of Golf Charges and Fees for the Operation of the Miami Springs Golf And Country Club; Reserving the Right and Authority to Amend or Supplement the Schedule Of Charges; Effective Date**

City Attorney Seiden read the resolution by title.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Bain asked about the 18-hole member cart fee of \$25.00 and if this is the standard rate.

City Manager Gorland responded that the rate is probably standard, but he does not know that for a fact.

Vice Mayor Bain said that the rate went from \$18.69 to \$25.00 and he is not sure if this is an appropriate rate for a member.

City Manager Gorland offered to provide the information.

City Attorney Seiden noted that the current Schedule of Fees is only in effect until November 14, 2013.

City Manager Gorland clarified for Councilman Lob that the rates are currently in effect and there had been no complaints.

Vice Mayor Bain asked when the Village of Virginia Gardens' residents began receiving the same benefits as Miami Springs' residents.

City Manager Gorland replied that there are a few golfers from Virginia Gardens and they are considered to be partners in other areas like the recreation fees; they can take advantage of the same pricing as Miami Springs' residents.

To answer Vice Mayor Bain's question, the City Manager clarified that this new Schedule of Golf Fees started the inclusion of Virginia Gardens' residents.

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

**10C) Resolution No. 2013-3604 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Resolution No. 2012-3542, by Deleting the Residency Requirement for Membership on the Youth Advisory Council; Remaining Resolution Provisions Unchanged; Effective Date**

City Attorney Seiden read the resolution by title.

City Attorney Seiden explained that this is the change that was requested by the Education Advisory Board to eliminate the residency requirement in Section 2.

Councilman Lob moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-3604. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

**10D) First Reading - Ordinance No. 1058-2013 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Authorizing the Submission of a Corrected Legal Description of the City's Proposed Annexation Area to Miami-Dade County; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Providing an Effective Date**

City Attorney Seiden read the title of the ordinance.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the Planning and Zoning Director recently discovered that a small sliver of property was omitted from the former legal description that was submitted to the County when the Abraham Tract was eliminated. The City informed the County and asked them what could be done to solve the problem and this ordinance is the solution.

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

**10E) First Reading - Ordinance No. 1059-2013 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Miami Springs Amending the Title To Article XV; Repealing and Deleting Code Sections 150-154 through 150-163 of the Airport, Marine, and Highway Business District (AMHBD); Reserving Code Section 150-154 Through 150-163 for Future Designation and Use By The City; Establishing and Enacting Code of Ordinance Section 150-166, Airport Golf District; Providing Purpose, Designating Permitted Uses and Prohibited Uses; Establishing Setbacks, Density, And Bonus Regulations; Creating Height Limitations; Providing For Off-Street Parking and Loading; Specifying Signage; Designating Development Review; Establishing Exemptions; Providing Fees; Repealing All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances In Conflict; Directions To Codifiers; Effective Date**

City Attorney Seiden read the title of the ordinance.

Attorney Seiden stated that this is the first reading of the ordinance that is the last of the three ordinances that were prepared for the three sub-districts of the Airport, Marine and Highway Business District and that section is being removed from the Code of Ordinances.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the next time the Code is amended Chapter XV will have a new name and sections reserved within it. He noted that anything stricken through will be removed and anything underlined is the new language.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the process had been a long-term effort that took some time due to the FAR restrictions and other amendments that were reviewed by the State and there is still a 31-day grace period imposed by the State, which will be concluded before the second reading of the ordinance.

City Attorney Seiden encouraged Council to spend time reviewing the proposed ordinance for the Airport Golf District that is an area of lower scale development that encourages multi-use, as opposed to the larger scale development in the 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Abraham Tract districts. He added that the Airport Golf district is the only section that would have an issue in regard to the existing Charter provision that limits the height and number of units.

City Attorney Seiden gave credit to Planning and Zoning Director Holland who worked with the Florida Department of Transportation to finalize the issues in regard to the Airport Golf District.

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

#### **10F) Approval of Budget Transfers Within Departments**

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso stated that budget transfers within departments are normally done twice a year and these are the final transfers for the Fiscal Year ending on September 30, 2013, in accordance with Section 9.04 of the City Charter. He provided copies of thirteen budget transfers that require Council approval dated from May 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

**Councilman Lob moved the item. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion.**

City Attorney Seiden asked if the change in classification for the Administrative Assistant II to an Assistant City Clerk within the pay plan would require a line item change and Mr. Alonso responded that it is not required because there is no impact on the dollar amount.

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

#### **10G) Abolition of the Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee**

City Manager Gorland read a memorandum from Planning and Zoning Director Jim Holland recommending the abolition of the Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee that was created by Council action in November 2010. The committee was formed to be a sounding board for the redevelopment consultant and provide input to Council regarding the recommendations of Calvin, Giordano and Associates, Inc. (CGA).

City Manager Gorland stated that it is recommended that the Committee be abolished because the relationship between the City and CGA was terminated in May 2012, and that the Architectural Review Board is presently addressing redevelopment efforts.

**Councilman Windrem moved to abolish the Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee. Vice Mayor Bain seconded the motion.**

Councilman Lob asked if the Committee members were advised of this agenda item and the City Manager said that he did not advise the members.

City Manager Gorland stated that the last meeting of the Committee was held on October 15, 2012.

Councilman Petralanda commented that the Ecology Board was on a hiatus for one year and they started meeting again.

Mayor Garcia clarified that the Ecology Board has plenty of agenda items to discuss, but they did not have enough members to meet for the last year. The same does not apply to the Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee.

**The motion was carried 3-2 on roll call vote with Councilman Lob and Councilman Petralanda casting the dissenting votes.**

Councilman Lob was of the opinion that the Ad-Hoc Committee could still be useful and Mayor Garcia explained that the members could serve on other advisory boards.

Vice Mayor Bain agreed with the Mayor that the Ad-Hoc Committee members are very capable people who could be useful on other boards like the Disability Advisory Board.

#### **10H) Status of Selection Process for City Clerk**

Mayor Garcia said that Council received the entire list of resumes that were submitted for the position of City Clerk and he asked Council for direction on how to proceed.

Vice Mayor Bain stated that he spoke with Human Resources Director Loretta Boucher who recommended that the City stop accepting resumes. He said that the resumes were ranked by the top five and ten applicants. He would like Council to conduct interviews with the top ten applicants and any others that Council feels might be appealing even though their qualifications might be different.

Councilman Lob noted that according to the list provided by the Human Resources Department there are only ten qualified.

City Attorney Seiden said that the City Clerk is one of the three employees hired by the City Clerk and the Administration has taken the process as far as it can go. Council should review the list and determine if they want to interview anyone else besides those in the top five based on the resumes submitted.

Councilman Lob noted that some of the resumes were submitted awhile ago and he suggested contacting the applicants to see if they are still available. He would check with the top ten.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the Human Resources Department would send out an email to the top ten to see how many are still available.

Mayor Garcia said that after contacting the top ten, based on how many applicants are still available, perhaps Human Resources could check with the others who were not qualified based on requirements. Some may be qualified based on education but are working in other fields of government, not the position of City Clerk. If one or two of the top ten are not available any longer, he would like to check with a couple more in order to make it an even number of ten.

Mayor Garcia said that after the selection of the ten applicants, Council would get involved in the process; each Council member could come up with five from the list that would be brought back to the next Council meeting for consideration. He is going by the same process that was done for the selection of the City Manager. There might be two or three people from each Council member's list that are the same and they would automatically be moved up to the top five list before beginning the interview process.

By consensus, Council agreed with the Mayor's recommendation for Council to bring back a list of the top ten in order to select five candidates who will be interviewed.

Mayor Garcia asked Human Resources Director Boucher to reach out to the candidates to see if they are still available. If everyone out of the top ten is still available, that will be the list to select the top five from. He added that Council may see someone on the "not qualified based on requirements" list that they may like and that is up to them, but Council will determine the final five.

City Attorney Seiden said that the list that the Human Resources Department provided is not meant to disqualify anyone; they are trying to assist Council in the process. The list is public record and they are not trying to eliminate anyone. If there are eight people who are still available, Council could review the remaining candidates and select the best two that they feel would meet the qualifications. At the next meeting, Council will determine the top five and set interviews.

City Attorney Seiden explained that this is the time of the year when it may be difficult to find people to come in for interviews because of the holidays; by the time Council meets again in November, the following meeting will be the week of Thanksgiving.

Human Resources Director Boucher asked Council if they agreed to stop accepting resumes.

By consensus, Council agreed to close the resume process.

11. Other Business: None

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

None.

## **12B) City Manager**

### **Stafford Park Lighting Ceremony**

City Manager Gorland reminded everyone of the Stafford Park Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

### **Appreciation**

City Manager Gorland extended his appreciation to Councilman Petralanda for working with him on several projects, including the joint city business/hotel marketing project, the November and December student concerts at the Senior Center and the relocation of the Museum to 501 East Drive.

## **12C) City Council**

### **Thank You**

Councilman Petralanda thanked City Manager Gorland for the acknowledgement and for all his help because it takes the cooperation of everyone in order to make accomplishments, including the City Council members and the Administration.

### **Thank You**

Councilman Petralanda thanked Councilman Windrem for inviting him to his baby shower on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. He had a great time.

### **Thank You**

Councilman Windrem thanked everyone who attended the baby shower and gave him good advice to follow.

### **Golf Tournament**

Councilman Windrem announced that the Hialeah/Miami Springs Rotary Club is holding a golf tournament on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Farmers Market**

Councilman Windrem reported that he went to the Farmers Market and indulged on good food.

### **Swimming Pool**

Councilman Windrem is excited that the pool project now has some traction.

### **Wall of Fame**

Vice Mayor Bain met with Recreation Director Luna and gave him his ideas for the Wall of Fame that he will be presenting at an upcoming meeting.

## **Jonathan Dweck**

Vice Mayor Bain submitted information to Mayor Garcia so that Jonathan Dweck can be recognized for his heroic rescue efforts. He said that his wife Grace has more information if needed.

## **Flood Insurance Rates**

Vice Mayor Bain emphasized his concern about the rising flood insurance rates. He believes that a resolution should be drafted and the State legislative representatives could be contacted to see if they can help.

City Attorney Seiden noted that some property owners had appealed their flood designations and some had positive results. Recently, a couple of properties were denied reclassification.

Vice Mayor Bain explained that the City no longer floods since the stormwater improvements were made.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that the flood insurance is a federal program and Vice Mayor Bain asked for a list of representatives that he can contact to express his concern. Farmers Market

## **Farmers Market**

Mayor Garcia reported that the Farmers Market is held every Saturday until March 2014.

## **Pumpkin Patch**

Mayor Garcia reminded everyone that there are a few days left to visit the Pumpkin Patch and support the Poinciana United Methodist Church in this wonderful community event.

## **Golf Tournament**

Mayor Garcia urged everyone to attend the upcoming Hialeah/Miami Springs Rotary Club golf tournament and said that he is putting together his foursome.

## **Basketball Youth League**

Mayor Garcia reported that the basketball league is at full capacity and some teams are still accepting applications. He urged kids to sign up so that there are enough members to fill another team. Volunteers are also needed to coach the teams.

## **Birthday Fundraiser**

Mayor Garcia announced that it is his birthday and he is holding a party on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the EuroBuilding Hotel as a fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation. He is the Honorary Chair for the Arthritis Walk this year and he asked those attending the party to make a donation instead of bringing a gift.

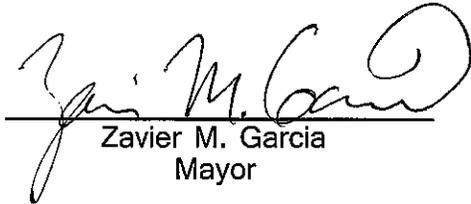
**Sermon**

Councilman Petralanda thanked Poinciana United Methodist Church Pastor Pike for inviting him to listen to a sermon that was given by Mike Gavila. Also in attendance were Councilman Windrem and Mayor Garcia.  
**Halloween Event**

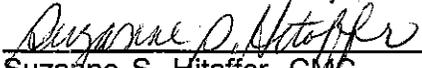
City Manager Gorland thanked the Recreation Department Staff and Programs Supervisor Patti Bradley for a great Halloween event.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

  
Zavier M. Garcia  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Suzanne S. Hittaffer, CMC  
Acting City Clerk



Approved as written during meeting of: 11-12-2013

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