



**City of Miami Springs, Florida**  
City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 13, 2016 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers at City Hall  
201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:10 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Zavier M. Garcia  
Vice Mayor Roslyn Buckner  
Councilman Bob Best  
Councilman Billy Bain  
Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso  
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden  
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria  
Chief Armando Guzman  
City Planner Chris Heid  
Recreation Director Omar Luna

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Mayor Garcia

**Salute to the Flag:** Members of the audience led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

3. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Swearing in Ceremony for newly hired Miami Springs Police Officer Johnathan Castillo

**After welcoming remarks, Chief of Police Armando Guzman administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Johnathan Castillo.**

B) Recognizing long-time Miami Springs resident Edward Winslow on his 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

**Mayor Garcia presented Mr. Winslow with a certificate of recognition and a box of chocolates in celebration of his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.**

**4. Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Desiree Sardo-Diaz, 751 Dove Avenue, Roger "Dan" Wells, 1020 Quail Avenue, Maria Postel, 280 Fern, Evelio Cabrera, 540 Hunting Lodge Drive, Lily Horton, 7355 NW 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Donna Hernandez, 769 Pinecrest Drive, Robert Sami, 340 Payne Drive, John Sonder, FS 119 exemption, Helen Ganon, 219 Miami Springs Avenue.

**5. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) May 23, 2016 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Petralanda moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Bain seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Councilman Best was abstained because he was not present at the meeting.**

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

A) Board of Adjustment – Approval of Actions Taken at their Meeting of June 6, 2016 Subject to the 10-day Appeal Period

**Councilman Petralanda moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Bain seconded the motion, which carried 4-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Vice Mayor Buckner voting No.**

**7. Public Hearings:** None at this time.

**8. Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted)**

A) Approval of the City Attorney's Invoice for May 2016 in the Amount of \$12,474.00

B) Recommendation by Golf that Council approve an increase to the City's current open Purchase Order with Acushnet, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, for Titleist and Foot Joy merchandise to be re-sold in the golf pro shop as funds were budgeted in the FY 15/16 Budget pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code

**The Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the items by title for the record.**

**Councilman Bain moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

**9. Old Business:**

A) Appointments/Re-appointments to Advisory Boards by the Mayor and Council

Members

**No appointments were made at this time.**

B) Recommendation by the City Planner regarding preparation time required for Council requested Floor Area Ratio (F.A.R.) presentation

**Roger Wells, 1020 Quail Avenue and Donna Hernandez, 769 Pinecrest Drive addressed the City Council.**

**City Planner Chris Heid requested for two months to prepare for the presentation to Council. It was the general consensus of the City Council that the presentation be placed on either the first or second meeting in October.**

**10. New Business:**

A) Ordinance – First Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending Code Of Ordinance Section 150-164, Northwest 36th Street District; By Deleting The Existing Code Subsection (17) Related To Signs And Enacting A New Code Subsection (17) Which Directs All Signage Inquiries To The City Code Signage Section 150-030; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict; Effective Date

**City Attorney Jan Seiden read the item for the record.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Ordinance on first reading. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

B) Ordinance – First Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending Code Of Ordinance Section 150-030, Sign Regulations; By Including A Definition Of Monument Sign; Deleting The Figure 3 Illustration For Sign Area For Ground Sign Sizes; Adding Pole Signs To The List Of Prohibited Signs; Updating The Zoning Districts Applicable To Section (G) Of The Ordinance; Deleting The Block Of Descriptive References To Ground Signs; Adding New Sign Regulations For The Northwest 36th Street And Abraham Tract Zoning Districts; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict; Effective Date

**City Attorney Jan Seiden read the item for the record.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Ordinance on first reading. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

C) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending The Current Schedule Of Charges For The Use Of City Recreation Facilities And Related Services; Effective Date

**City Attorney Jan Seiden read the item for the record.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Buckner seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

D) Approval of Development Order - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Enacting A Development Order For The Approval Of A Project At 665 Mokena Drive To Construct A 69,538 Square Foot Eight Story Hotel On 32,130 Square Foot (0.737 Acre) Parcel Of Land, Which Includes A Variance From Section 150-16 (E) To Waive Six Of The Required 70 Parking Spaces And Granting A Variance From Section 150-106 (A)(9) To Waive The Requirement That Parking Spaces Have A Minimum Separation Of 12 Inches From Any Structure, As Proposed On Property Legally Described In Exhibit "A" Attached Hereto; Limitation To Secure Permit; Effective Date

**Councilman Bain moved to approve the Resolution. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

E) Approval of Development Order - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Enacting A Development Order For The Approval Of A Project At 4949 NW 36 Street To Construct A 90,080 Square Foot Eleven Story Hotel On Two Parcels Of Land Totaling 49,132 Square Foot (1.13 Acres) As Proposed On Property Legally Described In Exhibit "A" Attached Hereto; Limitation To Secure Permit; Effective Date

**Councilman Bain moved to approve the Resolution. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

F) Discussion of revised request for abandonment of La Villa Drive and vacation of alley between Minola and La Villa Drive adjacent to N.W. 36th Street

i) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Vacating That Certain Alley Located Between Lavilla Drive And Minola Drive In The Middle Of Block 133 From N.W. 36th Street In A Northerly Direction To The Existing City Barricades; Providing For The Equal Division Of The Alley Area; Directions To The City Clerk; Effective Date

ii) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Abandoning That Certain Portion Of Lavilla Drive Located Between N.W. 36th Street And The City Barricades In The Approximate Middle Of Lavilla Drive From Northwest 36th Street In A Northerly Direction To The Existing City Barricades; Providing For The Equal Division Of Lavilla Drive Area; Directions To The City Clerk; Effective Date

**The applicant respectfully withdrew their requests. Jose Fuentes, representing the applicant, stated that they will come back to the City Council with a proposed project in the near future.**

G) Authorization to execute a five-year agreement between the City and Springs on the Green for the utilization of the small parking lot area located adjacent to 627 Eldron Drive

**This item was pulled prior to the meeting.**

H) Recommendation by Public Works that Council authorize the issuance and/or execution of a contract to Wrangler Construction, Inc., utilizing Miami Dade County contract # RPQ # 20140183 (attached), in an amount not to exceed \$15,400.00, for sidewalks repairs at various locations throughout the city, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

**The Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the items by title for the record.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the recommendation. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

I) Recommendation by Finance that Council award City RFP # 02-15/16 to Knight Property Management Service, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the execution of a contract, in the amount of \$48,750.00, for annual Professional tree trimming, removal and disposal service- citywide as funds are to be budgeted in the FY16/17 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(1) of the City Code

**The Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the items by title for the record.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the recommendation. Councilman Bain seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

J) Recommendation by Golf that Council award a contract to George Fulmer Construction Co., Inc., the lowest quote obtained, in the amount of \$17,220.00, for renovations and repairs to both of the existing East (Front nine) and West (Back nine) Golf Course restrooms as these funds were approved in the General Fund Balance

Designations #4 for projected FY15/16 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

**The Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the items by title for the record.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the recommendation. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

K) Recommendation by Golf that Council award a contract to Kimmons Construction, the lowest quote obtained, in the amount of \$8,470.00, for roof repairs to both of the existing East (Front nine) and West (Back nine) Golf Course restrooms as these funds were approved in the General Fund Balance Designations #4 for projected FY15/16 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

**The Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the items by title for the record.**

**Councilman Bain moved to approve the recommendation. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

**The mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. and reconvened the Council meeting at 9:30 p.m.**

L) Request by Councilman Petralanda to allow audio/video pre-recording of public comments/open forum

**Donna Hernandez, 769 Pinecrest Drive, John Sauders, address is exempt, and Buzz Fleischman, 810 Pinecrest Drive addressed the City Council.**

**After much discussion, Councilman Petralanda moved to allow pre-recorded videos during council meetings. The motion failed due to lack of a second.**

**Discussion ensued, Councilman Best made a motion to allow pre-recorded videos through the City's website. Mayor Garcia passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Buckner and proceeded to second the motion and offered an amendment to the motion on the floor. He amended the motion by adding a request to staff to determine the costs of both options, having the videos played at the Council meeting versus the cost of having the City's website maintain the pre-recorded videos. The motion carried 4-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Councilman Bain voting No.**

M) Discussion on request from Miami Springs Middle School regarding the designation of East Drive to Eagle Way

**Tony Ortiz, addressed the City Council.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the request for the designation of Eagle Way at Miami Springs Middle School and directed staff to draft a resolution with the cross streets as allowed. Councilman Bain seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

N) Request by Vice Mayor Buckner to discuss changing the Council Meetings to second and fourth Tuesday of the month

**Discussion commenced on the item, Vice Mayor Buckner moved to change the Council meetings to the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Councilman Bain seconded the motion.**

**Discussion ensued and the following members of the public addressed the Council: Tom Curtis, 53 Curtiss Parkway, Donna Hernandez, 769 Pinecrest Drive, Nery Owens, 169 Corydon Drive, John Sauders, Florida Statute exempt.**

**Vice Mayor Buckner later withdrew her motion.**

**Vice Mayor Buckner made a motion to have staff distribute future Council agendas on the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting. Councilman Best seconded the motion which carried 4-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Councilman Bain voting No.**

O) Discussion for Special Event Filming on the Circle from Telemundo

**This item was heard earlier in the meeting.**

**Lily Hurtado, location manager for Telemundo addressed the City Council.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the request for temporarily painting Johnny's Diner outside of the color palette as defined in the code for a period of six months. Vice Mayor Buckner seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

P) Consideration of the Board of Parks and Parkways Recommendations for nominating the Yard of the Month Awards for August and September 2016

**Councilman Best moved to approve the recommendation. Councilman Bain seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, and Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Councilman Petralanda was absent at the time of the vote.**

**11. Other Business:** None at this time.

**12. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Seiden had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso reminded the Council that there will be a Flag Day ceremony at the War Memorial at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Buckner had no report at this time.

Councilman Petralanda had no report at this time.

Councilman Best thanked his fellow Council members for their courtesy at the last meeting for putting off certain agenda items until the next council meeting.

Councilman Bain inquired as to who would be the grand marshal for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. He also requested that the water spraying be designated and clarified for the upcoming parade.

Mayor Garcia explained that the grand marshal this year will be all of the businesses in the Miami Springs downtown area. He also gave credit to Councilman Best when he made the recommendation to make a part of Golf Course into recreation space. The mayor requested that staff do research and determine how much it would be to develop some type of public park at the sliver at the Golf Course.

**13. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.




Respectfully submitted:

  
Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on  
This 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

  
Zavier M. Garcia, Mayor

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