



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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 12, 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 7:12 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Xavier 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  
Golf Director Paul O'Dell  
Public Works Director Tom Nash  
Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Best

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

- 3. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Yard of the Month Award for September 2016 – Sharon Okubo & Michael Kilpatrick of 156 Carlisle Drive

**Ms. Okubo and Mr. Kilpatrick were not present to receive the yard of the month award.**

- 4. Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council:  
Tony Lima, 841 Wren Avenue.

**5. Approval of Council Minutes:**

- A) August 15, 2016 - Workshop Meeting
- B) August 22, 2016 - Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2016, and August 22, 2016. 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, Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

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

- A) Board of Adjustment – Approval of Actions Taken at their Meeting of September 1, 2016 Subject to the 10-day Appeal Period Actions by BOA

**Councilman Bain moved to approve the actions of the Board of Adjustment. 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, Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

**7. Public Hearings:**

- A) A Resolution of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Tentatively Approving Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget; Confirming Date, Time And Place Of Final Public Hearing

**This item was heard later in the meeting. City Manager/Finance Director Alonso read the Budget Update memo from item 11A for the record.**

**At 11:00 p.m., Councilman Bain made a motion to extend the meeting an additional fifteen minutes. Councilman Best seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

**The City Manager/Finance Director, William Alonso, stated that at the tentative millage rate of 7.5000 mills the surplus is \$178,144.00.**

**The City Council discussed the budget in detail and reviewed the wish list for the upcoming fiscal year and the various reductions in the surplus. The City Council discussed each item and made the following motions:**

**Councilman Bain requested that each of the requested wish list items be voted on for clarification and the record.**

***Stafford Park Shade Structure***

**Councilman Petralanda moved to approve the repairs and improvements at Stafford Park for the shade structure at the playground. 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.**

***Historic Museum Subsidy***

**Councilman Petralanda made a motion to approve \$30,000.00 for the Historical Society. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which failed 2-3 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best, Councilman Petralanda, voting Yes; Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Bain, and Mayor Garcia voting No.**

**Councilman Best made a motion to approve \$20,000.00 for the Historical Society. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion for further discussion, the motion was later withdrawn by Councilman Best.**

**Discussion ensued on the item, Mayor Garcia passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Buckner and then made a motion to approve \$10,000.00 for the Historical Society. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 3-2 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner Councilman Petralanda, Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Councilman Best and Councilman Bain voting No.**

***Golf Pick-Up Truck***

**Councilman Bain moved to approve the purchase of a pick-up truck for the Golf department. 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.**

**At 11:15 p.m. Councilman Best made a motion to extend the meeting an additional fifteen minutes. Vice Mayor Buckner seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

***Two Percent Pay Raise to All Employees***

**After some discussion, Councilman Best made a motion to approve a two percent increase for all employees except the City Manager. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which failed 2-3 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best and Councilman Petralanda voting Yes; Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Bain, and Mayor Garcia voting No.**

***Recreation Pick-up Truck***

**Vice Mayor Buckner made a motion to approve a pick-up truck for the recreation department. 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.**

### **Prince Field Re-Sodding**

Councilman Bain made a motion to approve a pick-up truck for the recreation department. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 4-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Buckner, Councilman Bain, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Councilman Best voting No.

### ***Sand Pro Purchase for Recreation Department***

Councilman Bain made a motion to approve a pick-up truck for the recreation department. 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.

### ***Pay Raise for Employees***

Councilman Best made a motion to approve a one percent increase for general employees. 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.

### ***Millage Rate/Remaining Surplus***

Councilman Best made a motion to maintain the millage rate at 7.5000 and place the remaining surplus balance of \$58,267 into reserves. Councilman Petralanda 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.

At 11:30 p.m. Councilman Petralanda made a motion to extend the meeting for an additional fifteen minutes. Councilman Best seconded the motion and carried by unanimous voice vote.

The City Attorney read the Resolution for the record. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no speakers at this time. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilman Best made a motion to approve the resolution as amended. Councilman Petralanda 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.

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

A) Approval of City Attorney's Invoice for August 2016 in the Amount of \$13,473.00

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 \$2,500, for Titlest and Foot Joy merchandise to be re-sold in the golf pro shop as funds were budgeted in the FY15/16 Budget pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code

**City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the Consent Items by title.**

**Councilman Best 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, 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) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Authorizing And Approving Correspondence To Miami-Dade County In Support Of The Four-Municipality Annexation Agreement Involving The City Of Doral, The Town Of Medley, The Village Of Virginia Gardens, And The City Of Miami Springs; Authorizing The City Manager And The Mayor To Execute The Subject Correspondence And Transmit The Same To Miami-Dade County; Providing For An Effective Date

**City Attorney Seiden read the Resolution by title.**

**Councilman Best 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.**

**10. New Business:**

A) Consideration of approval of a five year renewal agreement with American Traffic Solutions to maintain the City's Red Light Camera Enforcement Program

**Sandy Mickey of ATS addressed the City Council's questions. Lt. Deal was also available to answer the City Council's questions.**

**It was the general consensus of the City Council that this item be deferred to the next Council meeting in order for Ms. Mickey to attain prices for the new features being offered in the new contract.**

B) Consideration of selection of an applicant to operate the Farmer's Market from October 2016 to March 2017

**City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the staff memo on the item and notified the City Council that Marta Fleitas was selected as the new Farmer's Market operator. There was no Council action needed.**

**C) Recommendation by the Administration that Council approves the designation of \$150,000 to cover the initial costs of the design/build process of constructing a new Senior Center building**

**City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the staff memo on the item.**

**Don Redinger, 991 Hunting Lodge Drive, John Souder, address exempt, and Tony Lima, 841 Wren Avenue addressed the City Council.**

**After much discussion, Councilman Bain moved to approve the staff's recommendation on the designation of funds. 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.**

**D) Consideration of request from RenewPACE that Council approve their program within the City of Miami Springs**

**City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the staff memo on the item.**

**Devesh Nirmul of Renew Financial addressed the City Council's questions.**

**Councilman Bain made a motion to direct the City Attorney to review the necessary documents for the RENEW program and report back to the City Council. Councilman Best 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.**

**The Mayor directed the City Clerk gather the recent documents from the City of Doral and forward the information to the City Attorney.**

**E) Consideration of Atlantic Golf Management Letter of Interest in Managing the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club Operation**

**This item was heard at the beginning of the meeting. City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the staff memo on the item.**

**Nery Owens, 169 Corydon Drive, Don Riedinger, 991 Hunting Lodge Drive, George Heider, 1067 Hunting Lodge Drive, John Soder, exempt from record, and Raul Cruz-Alvarez, 429 Deer Run Drive addressed the City Council.**

**Chip Smith from Atlantic Golf Management provided a PowerPoint presentation and a handout. He also addressed the City Council's questions. City Attorney Seiden**

**clarified that this item came up because staff is in the process of putting together an RFP for the food and beverage services at the Country Club and needed clear direction from Council as to what they would like to see in the RFP.**

**After much discussion, Mayor Garcia passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Buckner. Mayor Garcia made a motion to only place the food and beverage services in the RFP. 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) Consideration by Council to determine whether to place a six month moratorium on the opening of Cannabis Dispensaries within City limits or consideration to creating an Ordinance for an upcoming meeting specifying where within the City these facilities can be allowed**

**City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the staff memo on the item. Tony Lima, 841 Wren Avenue, addressed the City Council.**

**Councilman Best made a motion to direct staff to draft a similar ordinance for a local moratorium. 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.**

**G) Recommendation that Council authorize the acceptance of the attached agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) extending the ½% reduction in Police pension contributions for an additional one year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017, as funds were budgeted in the FY16/17 budget**

**City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the staff memo on the item.**

**Councilman Bain made a motion to approve the half percent reduction for Police. 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.**

**H) Recommendation by Finance that Council award the City RFP #05-15-16 to BB&T Bank, the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the execution of an award contract for banking services as funds are to be approved in the FY16/17 Budget, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(1) of the City Code**

**City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the staff memo on the item. Don Riedinger, 991 Hunting Lodge Drive addressed the City Council.**

**Councilman Bain made a motion to approve the recommendation to award the contract to BB&T. 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) Discussion on the proposed plan by Code Compliance to do a sweep for City-wide alley trimming

**City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso read the staff memo on the item.**

**Public Works Director Tom Nash addressed the City Council's questions.**

**Councilman Best made a motion to approve staff's recommendation for alley compliance. 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.**

J) Recommendation by the Historic Preservation Board to award Fran Whiteman the Pioneer Resident Award

**Councilman Bain moved to approve the board's recommendation. 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.**

**11. Other Business:**

A) FY 2016-2017 Budget Workshop Update

**This item was discussed as part of Item 7A.**

**12. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Seiden had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

The City Manager reminded the Council on upcoming events in the City.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Buckner had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Bain had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Petralanda reminded that the video recording.

Councilman Best had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Garcia thanked JoEllen and the MS Birthday committee for all their efforts on a



successful kick-off event for Miami Springs 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. He reminded that soccer season has officially begun and encouraged the public to support local sports.

### 13. Adjourn

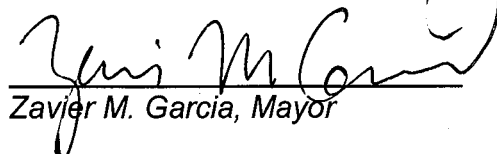
There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on  
This 26th day of September, 2016.

  
Xavier M. Garcia, Mayor

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