



City of Miami Springs, Florida
City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 24, 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 Xavier M. Garcia
Vice Mayor Jaime A. Petralanda
Councilman Bob Best
Councilman Billy Bain
Councilwoman Roslyn Buckner
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
Recreation Director Omar Luna

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Vice Mayor Petralanda

Salute to the Flag: Students from Miami Springs Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

3. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Yard of the Month for November 2016– Robert and Margarate Smith – 400 Eastward Drive

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were not in attendance to receive the yard of the month award.

B) Presentation of Certificate of Sincere Appreciation Plaque to Angel Casas in Recognition of 23 Years and 9 months of Dedicated Service to the City of Miami Springs

Mayor Garcia presented Mr. Casas with a recognition plaque for his years of service. Mr. Alonso then presented Mr. Casas with a service gift from administration. Mr.

Casas thanked the Council and administration for the recognition and introduced members of his family to the public.

4. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: ; Michael Gavila, 684 Morningside Drive; Don Riedinger, Aristides Ponjuan, 1170 Nightingale Avenue; Fernando Alfonso, 457 Deer Run; Evelio Cabrera, 540 Hunting Lodge Drive

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) October 10, 2016 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Bain moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2016. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilwoman Buckner and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions: None at this time.

7. Public Hearings: None at this time.

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

A) Recommendation by Public Works that Council approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$16,282.00, to Miguel Lopez Jr. Asphalt Maintenance, the lowest responsible quote after obtaining three written quotes (attached), for asphalt milling and resurfacing on Gibson Dr. from Linwood Dr. to Hough Dr. using CITT funds, as funds were budgeted in the FY16/17 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (C)(2) of the City Code

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

9. Old Business: None at this time.

10. New Business:

A) Discussion of replacement of City Attorney

Nery Owens, Donna Hernandez, John Souder, and Don Riedinger addressed the Council.

City Attorney Sieden stated that it was his recommendation to retain Dan Espino as the next Miami Springs City Attorney commencing January 1, 2017. He explained that Mr. Espino is a long time resident of the City who has not only served on City Boards, but was an elected official of the City. He has historical knowledge of the City that that is beneficial over any other attorney or firm. His recommendation is intended for a smooth transition and that there be no gap in service. He then said that it is the Council's ultimate decision

as to what direction the City will go in.

After much discussion, Councilman Best made a motion to approve Weiss Serota Helfman as the new City Attorney commencing January 1, 2017. Councilman Bain seconded the motion, which carried 3-2 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, and Mayor Garcia voting Yes; Vice Mayor Petralanda and Councilwoman Buckner voting No.

B) Approval of Facility Agreement for Theatrical Services – Pelican Playhouse

City Manager Alonso verbally corrected the amount on the memo to read \$18,000.

Mr. Ralph Wakefield of the Pelican Playhouse was available to answer the Council's questions.

Councilman Best made a motion to approve the facility agreement with the Pelican Playhouse. Councilman Bain seconded the motion, which carried 4-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, and Mayor Garcia voting Yes and Councilwoman Buckner voting No.

C) Recommendation by ACM that Council approve and authorize the execution of a contract to Lifespan Design Studio, LLC, in the amount of \$48,831.00, for assisting the City with Professional Services to prepare a Design-Build Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the new Senior Center/multi-purpose facility within the two locations selected by Council; 1) adjacent to the Curtiss Mansion on the golf course property and 2) at its current location

City Manager Alonso read the staff memo for the record.

John Souder, Rafael Martinez, Ronda Martinez and Don Riedinger addressed the City Council.

After much discussion, it was the general consensus of the City Council to defer the item to the next scheduled meeting on November 14th for more information to be gathered and further discussion.

D) Request from Christ Fellowship on a partial closure for a family day event on January 1, 2017

Councilman Bain made a motion to approve the request for the partial closure at the circle. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilwoman Buckner and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

The City Council requested an update at the next meeting as to whether they will request to close the 100 block of Curtiss Parkway as well.

E) Recommendation by Public Works that Council authorize the issuance and/or execution of a purchase order to Palmetto Ford, utilizing a cooperative purchase with the Florida Sheriffs Association under contract #FSA16-VEH14.0, in an amount not to exceed \$173,120.00, for two Ford 2017 F750 dump trucks

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

F) Request from Florida Resiliency and Energy District PACE Program that Council approve their program within the City of Miami Springs

Vice Mayor Petralanda made a motion to direct staff to review the documents necessary to move forward with the program. Councilman Bain seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilwoman Buckner and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

G) Discussion on the installation of Tiki Huts along Ludlum Drive in specified areas for public use

Councilman Bain made a motion to direct staff to obtain four quotes for the placement of tiki huts at the proposed locations on Ludlum. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilwoman Buckner and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

11. Other Business:

A) Consideration of Cancelling/Rescheduling the Regular Council meetings of Monday, November 28th and Monday, December 26th

Councilwoman Buckner moved to cancel the meetings scheduled for November 28th and December 26th. Vice Mayor Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilman Best, Councilman Bain, Councilwoman Buckner, and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager Alonso reminded the Council of events coming up in the next few weeks.

C) City Council

Councilwoman Buckner reminded the public on the drug take back event being held by the Miami Springs Police Department. She also stated that she attended the street designation event at Miami Springs Middle School for a portion of S. Royal Poinciana being dedicated as "Eagle Way."

Vice Mayor Petralanda had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Best advocated the public to be safe for Halloween during trick or treating. He also encouraged the public to go out and vote for the upcoming election.

Councilman Bain expressed his concerns on a misconception that the City is selling the property where the senior center is. He stated that he has had no contact with anyone on the dais to discuss any matters on the agenda or any matter that may come before Council. He expressed his pride that the current council has always discussed things in the open and in public.

Mayor Garcia advised the Council that the super majority of the residents know that the Council have the best interests of the citizens at heart. He is looking forward to the Westward Drive Bike Path being built due to funding provided by FDOT.

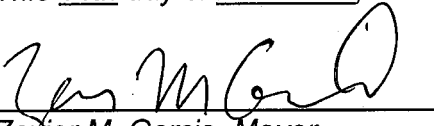
13. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on
This 14th day of November, 2016.


Xavier M. Garcia, Mayor



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