



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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 14, 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 7:05 p.m.

Present were the following:

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

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland  
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso  
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden  
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria  
Recreation Director Omar Luna  
Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson  
Public Works Director Tom Nash

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

**Salute to the Flag:** Students from Girl Scouts Troop 594 lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

3. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation by Councilwoman Buckner reporting on the Junior Orange Bowl Award Gala recognizing Staff member Patti Bradley and the City for its continued support

**Councilwoman Buckner reported on the Junior Orange Bowl Gala event on February 27<sup>th</sup>. She recognized staff member Patti Bradley for all her efforts and further explained that the City of Miami Springs was recognized for their continuous support for the Junior Bowl events.**

B) Legislative session update from the City's House Representative Bryan Avila

**House Representative Avila provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council and the members of the public. He explained several bills that he sponsored and supported throughout the legislative session. He thanked everyone for their continuous support.**

C) Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Camille Wildenburg for providing voluntary recreational art classes for the seniors at the Miami Springs Senior Center

**Karen Rosson, Elderly Services Director, spoke on the different types of art activities that Ms. Wildenburg volunteered to teach the seniors at the Miami Springs Senior Center. Mayor Garcia then read the Certificate of Recognition exemplifying Ms. Wildenburg's artistic efforts with the seniors in the community.**

**4. Open Forum:**

The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Genevieve Steffen, no address provided; Aldo Legido, no address provided; Ken Wilson, 973 Hunting Lodge Drive; Elaine Martin, 120 Sunset Way; Arlene Hawks, 549 Payne Drive; Kathleen Fleischman, 810 Pinecrest Drive; Buzz Fleischman, 810 Pinecrest Drive; Hugh Carvel, 560 Ragan Drive; Robert Sami, 340 Payne Drive; Beatrix Obermann, 449 Swallow Drive; Amy Shelman, 1020 Quail Drive.

**5. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) February 22, 2016 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda 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) Approval of the City Attorney's Invoice for February 2016 in the Amount of \$12,811.50

B) Recommendation by Recreation that Council waive the competitive bid process and approve an expenditure to Firepower Displays Unlimited, LLC, as they have been providing fireworks display to the City since 1997 and they are only one of two local vendors which service several other municipalities in the area, in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display as funds were approved in the FY 15/16 Budget, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code

**The City Manager read all items by title for the record.**

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

**9. Old Business:**

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

**There were no appointments at this time.**

B) Based on the results of the two safety inspections that have been completed, the Recreation Department and City Administration recommends that the City Council select one of the three vendors that made presentations at the February 22 meeting for the construction of a new playground at Prince Field. Staff will then negotiate a final design and cost with the selected vendor and present that final design/cost to the Council at the March 28 meeting.

**Donna Hernandez, 769 Pinecrest Drive and Robert Sami, 340 Payne Drive addressed the Council on the item.**

**After extensive discussion, Vice Mayor Bain made a motion to direct staff to inquire the hard cost on the two options, first to remodel the current playground with real wood and bring up to ADA standards; second to remodel the current playground with composite wood and bring up to ADA standards, and a timeline for the repairs and to include warranty information. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

- C) 90<sup>th</sup> Miami Springs Birthday Celebration Update

**JoEllen Phillips, Executive Director of Curtiss Mansion, provided an update on the Miami Springs 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday event, she stated that there will be a video shoot commemorating the 90 years of Miami Springs, she shared samples of the banners and flyers inviting residents to the celebration, she also shared the official logo for the 90<sup>th</sup> year, the next step will be budgeting and fundraising options.**

**10. New Business:**

- A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending The Current Schedule Of Charges For City Records, Documents, Copies, And Related Services; 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 Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

- B) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council of The City Of Miami Springs Authorizing The City To Apply For, And Accept, If Awarded, \$10,000 FY2016 Urban And Community Forestry Grant With The State Of Florida On An Equal Or Greater Matching

Amount Basis; Directing The Proper Officers And Officials Of The City To Execute The Grant Memorandum Of Agreement With The State Of Florida, Department Of Agriculture And Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service; Effective Date

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

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

C) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Approving And Accepting The Local Agency Program Agreement Between The State Of Florida Department Of Transportation And The City; Authorizing The Execution Of The Agreement By The Proper Officers And Officials Of The City; Effective Date (Westward Drive Project)

**City Attorney Seiden read the Resolution by title. Martin Marquez, 401 Hunting Lodge Drive, addressed the Council on the item.**

**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 Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

D) Recommendation by staff that Council authorize the execution of the 2016 Community Video Program Agreement (attached) with CGI Communications, Inc. for producing script and video content of the City of Miami Springs to promote community development which will be displayed on our City's webpage

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

E) Recommendation by Recreation that Council approve an emergency expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$28,718.59, to AquaDry Plus Corp, the lowest responsible quote after obtaining four written quotes (attached), for Mold Remediation at the Community Center. Funding will come from the designated fund balance as this is not budgeted in the FY 15/16 Budget

**City Manager Gorland read the recommendation by title.**

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

F) Recommendation that the City renew its facility agreement with Brenda Knight for Jazzercise, commencing April 1, 2016 for one year, for the use of the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center for exercise sessions

**City Manager Gorland read the recommendation by title.**

**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 Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

G) Recommendations by Public Works for Senior Center ADA Project

1) 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 \$10,480.00, for new sidewalks around the senior center, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

2) Recommendation by Public Works that Council approve an expenditure to Florida Power & Light, as a sole source provider, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, for a pole relocation as there is only one source and the pole belongs to FPL for the required service(s) and as funds were budgeted pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

3) Recommendation by Public Works that Council approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$3,665.00, to Island Fence of Dade, the lowest responsible quote after obtaining three written quotes (attached), for relocation of the fencing around the senior center pursuant to Section §31.11 (C)(2) of the City Code

4) Recommendation by Public Works that Council authorize the issuance and/or execution of a contract to Highway Striping Inc., utilizing Miami Dade County contract # RPQ # 20150100 (attached), in an amount not to exceed \$3,967.00, for striping of the new parking spaces around the senior center, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

**City Manager Gorland read the recommendations by title.**

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve Recommendations #1, #2, #3, and #4. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

H) Request for approval by Martin and Kathie Marquez for placing a mobile trailer on their property 401 Hunting Lodge Drive to live in while demolishing and constructing their new home

**Martin Marquez, 401 Hunting Lodge Drive, addressed the Council on the item.**

**After some discussion by the City Council, the item was later withdrawn from consideration by Mr. Marquez, the requestor.**

**11. Other Business:**

A) Vote of Confidence for the City Attorney as Required by Section 8.01 (1) of the City Charter

**Vice Mayor Bain moved to give a vote of confidence to the City Attorney. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

B) Vote of Confidence for the City Clerk as Required by Section 8.01 (1) of the City Charter; Consideration of authorization of Salary Increase

**Councilman Best moved to give a vote of confidence to the City Clerk and to approve the requested COLA increase in salary. Councilwoman Buckner seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

C) Request for direction from City Council regarding proposed Strategic Plan

**Martin Marquez, 401 Hunting Lodge Drive, Evelio Cabrera, 540 Hunting Lodge Drive, Kathleen Fleischman, 810 Pinecrest Drive, and Donna Hernandez, 769 Pinecrest Drive addressed the Council.**

**Councilwoman Buckner moved to direct staff to meet with new members of Council to go over the strategic plan and then to later place it on the agenda as a discussion item or as a special meeting. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

**12. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Seiden had nothing to report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager Gorland reminded Council and the public to go out and vote tomorrow.

C) City Council

Councilman Best wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

Councilwoman Buckner attended the Relay for Life event on Saturday and thanked the Public Works team for all their help with the event.

Councilman Petralanda also reminded the public to go out and vote tomorrow.

Vice Mayor Bain encouraged the public to go out and vote tomorrow as well. He reminded the public that they are encouraged to bring forward items to Council for items to be placed on the agenda. He also encouraged the City Council to allow members of the public to discuss their concerns and comment on what they choose to without rebuttal.

Mayor Garcia addressed Vice Mayor Bain's comments. He stated that he will not stand back and have false statements be made during public comments. He wants to make sure that the correct information is provided to the public and will continue to correct those that continue to state false information. He stated that the Council and staff need to continue to encourage our webcasts so that the public is informed of the facts. He thanked Elaine Martin for all her efforts on the Relay for Life event and making him the honorary chair for the event. The Mayor recognized Councilman Bob Best since he was unable to attend the Little League opening ceremony after seventeen years of attendance. The Mayor encouraged the public to go out and vote tomorrow.

### 13. Adjourn

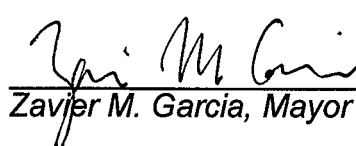
There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on  
This 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
Javier M. Garcia, Mayor

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