



City of Miami Springs, Florida
City Council Meeting

Workshop Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2016, 2015 6:00 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 6:05 p.m.

Present were the following:

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

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso
City Planner Chris Heid
Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson
Public Works Director Tom Nash
Golf Director Paul O'Dell
Golf Superintendent Laurie Bland
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Bain

Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

3. **Workshop on Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget**

Opening Remarks by City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

City Manager Alonso read the updated staff memo for the record.

He stated that after completing the first workshop the budget shows \$150,775 in surplus at the millage rate of 7.5000. The Finance Department demonstrates that there is a \$10,000 reduction in the attorney's fees for the FOP contract negotiation in the upcoming year. He also stated that in the Public Works Public Properties Division there was an additional reduction of \$40,000.

I. Human Resources

Mr. Alonso introduced Bill Collins, the new HR Director. The budget includes \$8,000 for new equipment and software for fingerprinting, as well as an increase in pension costs related to the hiring of a new HR Director. The budget is 5.5% higher, or \$12,270 than the FY15/16.

Mr. Collins and Lt. Deal were available to answer any of the Council's questions.

II. IT Department

The budget is \$4,425 lower than the current year, according to Mr. Alonso. The IT budget includes \$6,000 for a new server.

I.T. Director Jorge Fonseca answered Council's questions and there were no changes to the proposed budget.

III. City Attorney

There were no changes to the City Attorney's budget.

IV. Building Department

Mr. Alonso stated that the Building Department is \$38,457 higher than the current year. The increase is due to additional funding for inspector pay and increased building activities. The Building Department budget is a separate Special Revenue fund.

Building and Code Compliance Director Ulises Fernandez answered questions from Council regarding scanning. He also provided a graph to Council on a recent customer service survey that was done recently. The Council thanked Mr. Fernandez for the department's improvements.

V. Code Compliance

Mr. Alonso commented that the Code Compliance Department is a separate department from Building. He stated that the budget is \$19,509 higher than last year due to the reclassification of a part-time officer to full-time for FY2017.

VI. Parks and Recreation

i. Administration

This item was moved up in the meeting as the first section to be discussed. The budget includes a reduction of \$358,927 due to the tot-lot being built in and is 21% lower this upcoming fiscal year. This portion of the budget the Pelican Playhouse requesting a

subsidy of \$23,000. Ralph Wakefield was available to answer any of the Council's questions.

Parks and Recreation Director Luna and Finance Director Alonso answered Council's questions.

ii. Pool

Mr. Alonso stated that the proposed budget for the Pool is approximately \$606,033 for the new fiscal year. The budget includes a full time Aquatics Supervisor and a full time head lifeguard. Council requested that the line item for the electric/power service be looked into for their further consideration.

Parks and Recreation Director Luna and Finance Director Alonso answered Council's questions.

iii. Tennis

Finance Director Alonso stated that the Tennis operation is basically the same with a decrease from last year in the amount of \$22,810; there were no questions regarding this budget. Council requested further details on the accomplishment section of the budget.

iv. Park Maintenance

The Park Maintenance budget is approximately \$111,392 lower than the current year.

Recreation Director Luna provided an update on the Stafford Park.

VII. Police

Mr. Alonso commented that the Police Department budget is \$5,835 or 0.1% lower than last year. Increase of 2% pay raise in accordance with FOP contract, a \$10,000 decrease in officer pension contribution to 15% since rate was set to increase to 15.5% next year. Increase in capital expenditures for four unmarked cars and upgraded technology, \$68,870 in payouts due to retirements, \$20,000 in legal fees to cover costs associated with FOP contract negotiations, addition of part-time clerical assistant, and the creation of new position "Police Recruit" for police candidates that are put through the academy.

Police Chief Guzman answered Council's questions to their satisfaction.

VIII. LETF Fund

The Community Policing Office, except for personnel, is funded by the Law Enforcement Trust Fund based on federal forfeitures and guidelines, according to Chief Guzman. There were no changes in this portion of the agenda.

IX. Debt Service

Mr. Alonso explained that the budget shows an increase of \$69,993 or 6% higher. The Golf Course debt has been paid off in the current fiscal year. The Debt Service includes the Aquatic Facility payments and Energy Savings Project.

4. Adjourn

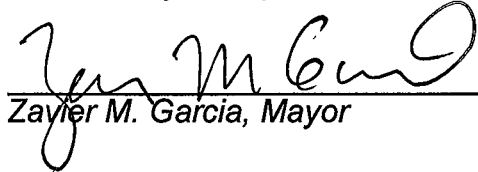
There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika González-Santamaría, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
this 12th day of September, 2016.


Xavier M. Garcia, Mayor

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