



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

Regular Meeting of Monday, March 28, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

AGENDA

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call	All present. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. (Councilman Espino arrived at 7:07 p.m.)
2.	Invocation	Offered by Mayor Bain.
	Salute to the Flag	The audience participated.
3.	Awards & Presentations	
3A)	Distinguished Budget Award	City Manager Borgmann presented the Distinguished Budget Award to Finance Director William Alonso.
3B)	Proclamation of Recognition	Mayor Bain presented a Proclamation of Recognition to Melanie Mann-Odin, recipient of The Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Award. Councilman Espino arrived at this time.
3C)	Presentation Regarding Junior Golf	Scott Jones made a presentation regarding Junior Golf and offering his services. To be scheduled as an agenda item for the next meeting.

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Open Forum:

Fun Fest Event

Helen Gannon of 219 Miami Springs Avenue asked if Zavier Garcia's Family Fun Fest event will require closing of the Circle and if he is going to pay for police services.

City Manager Borgmann responded that Mr. Garcia rented the Circle, he has insurance and he is hiring a minimum of three off-duty police officers.

Election Letters

Helen Gannon asked Mayor Bain not to send her any letters asking her to vote for anyone.

Zavier Garcia Campaign Fund

Ms. Gannon referred to the funds collected by Zavier Garcia explaining that 80% of the \$42,000 he has collected is from outside the City of Miami Springs, including one \$500.00 donation from a person in Scottsdale, AZ. She was of the opinion that raising this amount of funds undermines the "Small town U.S.A." that Miami Springs has always been. She alleged that his contributions could funnel federal funds into the City in some form or fashion.

Veteran's War Memorial

Ms. Gannon spoke with Howard Miner about the Veteran's War Memorial on Curtiss Parkway that seems to be unfinished and does not reflect the honor that they are entitled to. She offered to take a photograph of the memorial and subsequently Mr. Miner was ill, hospitalized and passed away.

Values

Helen Lawrence of 641 Nightingale referred to the state of the union in Miami Springs. She said that the large Community Center overshadows the entire neighborhood; the City has a short-term hotel/motel; there is a tattoo parlor Downtown; restaurants must have a liquor license to survive and she was told that there are more cases of alcoholism in this City. She wonders what has happened to everyone's values. She wants to go back to the basics and good values.

4) Aladdin Motel

Helen Lawrence went to a luncheon and speaker Susan Purcell, Director of the Hemispheric Policy at the University of Miami, made it clear that both Cuba and Venezuela are buying up firearms and bringing them into the Country. Ms. Lawrence was of the opinion that because the Aladdin motel is not paying taxes the money must be used to purchase firearms.

Praise

Joe Buonassi of 1131 Swan Avenue commented that this is Mayor Bain's last meeting, he feels that he has been a fine Mayor and he really loves him. He praised the Mayor, City Manager James R. Borgmann and City Attorney Jan K. Seiden for the jobs they have done.

Golf Operation

Mr. Buonassi feels that Council overstepped their bounds when they criticized the Golf Director at the Miami Springs Golf Course instead of offering ideas to improve the operation. Councilman Lob at least brought up the idea of funding an additional \$50,000 to promote the Golf Course.

Mr. Buonassi said that he never hears about the cost of the trees that were damaged during the hurricanes and if it was not for FEMA this City would be in a big hole. The City Manager does a fine job, but Council always seems to pick on the Golf Course. He feels that Golf Director Aldridge is a good manager and he is afraid that Council will force him to leave.

Revitalization

Mr. Buonassi asked what Council had done to promote new businesses in the City. He said that it must be determined what types of businesses would attract residents and people from outside the City. He is in favor of everything that has been done so far for N. W. 36th Street, but Westward Drive is a different situation and the building owners should have some responsibility for maintaining their properties.

4) Mayor Bain
Nery Owens of 332 Payne Drive stated that this is Mayor Bain's last official meeting and she is a little sad after eight long years. She will personally miss him and critiquing anything that she feels is not acceptable. She looks forward to a new Mayor at the Council meetings while Mayor Bain is home watching Monday night football. She joked that if Grace Bain is elected that she might come home late after the meetings because she may be speaking with her constituents and she hopes that he will be as understanding with her as she has been with him.

Springs River Clean-Up
Carl Malek of 171 Curtiss Parkway mentioned that the Springs River Festival is only two weeks away. He announced that the Springs River Clean-up will take place on Saturday, April 2nd and anyone who is able to participate is invited to help them.

5. **Approval of Council Minutes** *(Simultaneously approved)*

5A) 03/09/2011 Special Meeting
Minutes of the March 9, 2011 Special Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilman Espino
Vote: 5-0

5B) 03/14/2011 Regular Meeting
Minutes of the March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilman Espino
Vote: 5-0

6. **Reports from Boards & Commissions**

6A) General Employees Retirement System
Minutes of the February 3, 2011 General Employees Retirement System meeting were received for information.

- 6A) (Continued) Councilman Lob commented that the General Employees Retirement System minutes were not clear about the swearing in of one or two members since only one person's name was mentioned.
- The City Clerk offered to ask the Pension Administrators to correct the minutes as appropriate.
- 6B) Police and Firefighters Retirement System Minutes of the February 3, 2011 Police and Firefighters Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6C) Board of Parks and Parkways Minutes of the March 10, 2011 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting were received for information.
- Vice Mayor Ator referred to the issues raised by the Board members in regard to painting the exterior wall of the racquetball court before the Library grand opening and the addition of 75 trees to the ones that were already purchased. They also requested, and she would like to encourage, that a Public Works employee attend their meetings
- 6D) Recreation Commission Minutes of the March 15, 2011 Recreation Commission meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6E) Historic Preservation Board Cancellation Notice of the March 17, 2011 Historic Preservation Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6F) Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee Minutes of the March 21, 2011 Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee meeting were received for information.

- 6F) (Continued) Councilman Espino said that the Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee made a motion to support and encourage Council to approve the District Boundary Regulations for N. W. 36th Street on second reading. He noted that three of the Committee members were present in the audience and he appreciates their support.
- Councilman Espino found the Committee's discussion about code enforcement on Westward Drive very interesting. Their recommendation was to shift some of the onus onto the property owners so that they would maintain their buildings. The Committee reviewed photographs of bad code violations. He respectfully requests that the next City Council consider a frank discussion on this recommendation because it would go a long way toward making some improvements.
- Councilman Lob agreed with Councilman Espino that he would also like the matter to be placed on the Council agenda.
- 6G) Code Review Board Cancellation Notice of the March 24, 2011 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6H) Recreation Commission Cancellation Notice of the April 12, 2011 Recreation Commission meeting was received for information without comment.

7. **Public Hearings:**

- 7A) 2nd Reading: Ord. No. 1013-2011 On second reading, Council **approved, as amended**, an ordinance deleting all references to the 36th Street Sub-District of the Airport, Marine and Highway Business District contained in Article XV and in Code of Ordinance Sections 150-154, 150-155, 150-157, 150-158, 150-160 and 150-161; establishing Code of Ordinance Section 150-164, NW 36th Street District; providing purpose; permitted uses; permissible principal uses and structures – limitations as to location; accessory uses and structures; permissible accessory uses and structures - limitations as to location; prohibited uses; setbacks, lot coverage and floor area; height limitations; off-street parking and loading; specific architectural design standards; Revitalization Specialist (RS); Development Review Procedures; Pre-application Meeting; Development Review; exemptions; fees
Motion: Councilman Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 5-0

8. **Consent Agenda:**

(All items simultaneously approved)

- 8A) City-wide Electrical Repairs Council **waived** the competitive bid process and **approved** an expenditure of \$48.75 per hour regular time and \$56.00 per hour overtime to Computer Electric for electrical services, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code, and pursuant to the contract renewal option provided by the City's existing contract Bid # 04-08/09 for an additional one year period, on an "as needed" basis, for City-wide electrical repairs.
Motion: Vice Mayor Ator
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0

- 8B) Budget Transfers Council **approved** eleven budget transfers within departments as required by Section 9.04 (1) of the City Charter.
Motion: Vice Mayor Ator
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0
- 8C) Purchase of Driving Range Supplies Council **waived** the competitive bid process and **approved** an expenditure in the amount of \$8,000.00, on an “as needed” basis, to Titleist for purchase of driving range supplies items for resale, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (6) (g) of the City Code.
Motion: Vice Mayor Ator
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0
9. **Old Business:**
- 9A) Appointments to Advisory Boards Councilman Lob (Group III) **re-appointed** Clark Rinehart to the Recreation Commission for an unexpired term ending on April 30, 2012.
- 9B) Merit Increase – City Clerk No action taken.
- 9C) American Red Cross:
Letter of Agreement Council **authorized** the Administration to sign a Letter of Agreement with the American Red Cross to operate a non-hurricane shelter in the City’s Community Center.
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 5-0
- 9D) Golf Course Marketing Plan Council **reviewed** the recommendation of the Administration to hire both the National Golf Foundation at a price of \$5,000 for a 2-day review, and Golfmak at a price of \$2,500 for a 3-day review, to make independent recommendations for improvements at the Golf Course. Council **directed** the Administration to come back with marketing recommendations and the associated cost.

9E) Wall of Fame at Community Center **By consensus**, Council **approved in concept** the recommendations of the Recreation Commission for a Wall of Fame at the Community Center.

9F) Communications Network Item **pulled** by the City Manager.

10. New Business:

10A) Resolution No. 2011-3508 –
GOB Interlocal Agreement –
Curtiss Mansion Restoration

Council **adopted** a resolution authorizing the proper officers and officials of the City to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Miami Springs and Miami-Dade County for the City to receive funding for GOB Project Number 293-76634/Historic Preservation Fund-Curtiss Mansion Restoration.
Motion: Councilman Espino
Second: Vice Mayor Ator
Vote: 5-0

10B) Resolution No. 2011-3507

Council **adopted** a resolution approving the exemption of the Eurobuilding Hotel and Suites (formerly the Wachovia Bank Building) from the provisions and procedures contained in the District Boundary Regulations for the “Northwest 36th Street District”.
Motion: Councilman Lob
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0

10C) 1st Reading – Ordinance 1014-2011

On first reading, Council **approved** an ordinance amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-002, Definitions; by adding thereto a definition for “Revitalization Specialist”.
Motion: Councilman Espino
Second: Vice Mayor Ator
Vote: 5-0

11. Other Business: None

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

Mayor Bain

City Attorney Seiden stated that he has had the pleasure of serving during the terms of many Mayors over the years and he can say without equivocation that during his tenure with the City, no person who was an elected official, especially the Mayor, has ever grown into the job as fine as Mayor Bain has, without limitation.

12B) City Manager

Basin 35

City Manager Borgmann stated that Council would receive a full report on Basin 35 at the next meeting. The project is at a crossroad while it is being determined whether or not the benefit is worth the cost.

Candidate's Forum

City Manager Borgmann announced that the Candidate's Forum is now on the home page of the City's website. He asked the City Clerk if she had contacted Comcast to find out why the tape is not being shown on Channel 77.

City Clerk Magali Valls reported that she called the Comcast representative who told her that there were some difficulties that they were trying to resolve.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the forum was taped in VHS format. He copied it to a DVD and it was sent to Comcast on Monday, March 21st.

Civics Week

City Manager Borgmann announced that Civics Week is coming up on April 25-29, 2011. The schedule is:
All Angels on the 25th; Miami Springs Elementary on the 26th; Miami Springs Middle the 27th; Miami Springs Senior High on the 28th and Springview Elementary on the 29th.

12B)	Civics Week (Continued)	The City Manager said that an e-mail was received from Education Advisory Board member John Salomon outlining the planned activities and use of the City's bus. He asked Council to contact him with any additional questions or comments.
	Dedication Ceremony	City Manager Borgmann reported that a ceremony would take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29 th in front of Miami Springs Pharmacy to dedicate the plaque in memory of Tony Bray.
	Library Grand Opening	City Manager Borgmann said that a great crowd turned out for the grand opening of the Library.
	Summer Camp Sign-ups	City Manager Borgmann announced that the first day for Summer Camp sign-ups is on Saturday, April 2 nd beginning at 8:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to sign up their kids should be there.
	Adult Flag Football	City Manager Borgmann reported that adult flag football is also taking sign-ups.
	Springs River Festival 5-K Run	City Manager Borgmann said that the Springs River Festival 5-K Run will be held on Saturday, April 9 th at 8:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to participate should contact the Community Center.
	North Royal Poinciana Guardrail	City Manager Borgmann reported that there are two new cut-outs in the guardrails along North Royal Poinciana Boulevard in order to allow more access to the bike path.
	General Election	City Manager Borgmann reminded everyone that early voting will take place at City Hall on Friday, April 1 st and Saturday, April 2 nd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 5 th at the Miami Springs Country Club from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

12B) Amanda Haworth City Manager Borgmann stated that Council should have received a copy of a letter from the family of fallen Police Officer Amanda Haworth.

Council City Manager Borgmann said that he had enjoyed working with this Council and hopes that those running are re-elected. He acknowledged that there had been “ups and downs” and great things had been accomplished as a team. It has been his pleasure to work with Council and he looks forward to continuing to work with Council in the future.

12C) **City Council**

Mayor Bain Vice Mayor Ator stated that this is Mayor Bain’s last meeting and she would reserve most of her comments until the Special Meeting on April 11th. She commented that he was a great Mayor. When entering into discussions she was always confident about his position and she did not have to worry about outside influences.

Mayor Bain Councilman Lob never thought that he would have the pleasure of serving with Mayor Bain. He has enjoyed it and hopes that the Mayor is able to return to office at some point in the future.

Relay for Life Councilman Espino stated that the American Cancer Relay for Life was an excellent eighteen hour event that lasted all night. There was a wonderful community turnout with no incidents; the event raised almost \$90,000 and they will continue to fundraise until August.

12C)	Relay for Life (Continued)	<p>Councilman Espino is proud that his wife Christina is the Relay Committee Chairwoman and she was asked to accept a position with the Relay Operations Committee that is comprised of a few select individuals that train event Chairs throughout the state. This achievement is a result of her work ethics and the work ethics of everyone who works on the Relay Committee.</p>
	Scholarship Luncheon	<p>Councilman Espino thanked the Miami Springs Woman's Club for inviting him to their scholarship luncheon. A young lady was awarded a \$1,500 to pursue her Master's Degree in nursing.</p>
	Senator Rubio's Office	<p>Councilman Espino reported that he went to Senator Marco Rubio's office opening that is located at 8669 N. W. 36th Street. They have an open door policy and are willing to assist the City.</p>
	Trip to Tallahassee	<p>Councilman Espino reported traveling to Tallahassee on Wednesday, March 23rd to the Governor's Office and met with his Chief of Staff and other legislators. He specifically mentioned the DCA comprehensive plan approval process and requested that they make the expedited process available to all cities that want to participate or that the new requirements should become permanent for all cities with a turnaround date of 65 days.</p> <p>Councilman Espino asked for the support of two pieces of enterprise zone legislation and there is support from Representative Fresen in the House and Senator Flores in the Senate. He also learned that State Senator García and Representative Núñez are pushing legislation that would create a financing mechanism for redevelopment within enterprise zones utilizing sales tax monies.</p>

12C)

Mayor Bain

Councilman Espino said that he has known Mayor Bain since he was eleven years old when he coached his brother's minor league team. He was a public servant then, he has been a public servant as Mayor and he will continue to be a public servant. One of the Mayor's best qualities is that his heart has been 100% in everything he has done and he always has the best interest of Miami Springs in mind.

Howard Miner

Councilman Best appreciated Helen Gannon's comments about Major Howard Miner who will certainly be missed. He always spent extra time speaking with him at the Senior Center.

Charles B. Stafford
Golf Tournament

Councilman Best announced that the Charles B. Stafford Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, April 1st at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club.

Pelican Playhouse

Councilman Best reported that the Pelican Playhouse production opened on Friday, March 18th with a soft opening on Thursday, March 17th. Tickets were sold out on Friday night and the production will continue at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd, with a final show at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3rd. The play is about Miami Springs and Ralph Wakefield has done a phenomenal job of tailoring the production to the City.

Mayor Bain

Councilman Best said that 52 years ago a little boy came to this town with his family and he probably had no idea that he would end up serving as Mayor for eight consecutive years. He has seen a remarkable development take place at the dais under his leadership and it is a pleasure to see a meeting take place where everybody's decision matters.

12C)	Mayor Bain (Continued)	<p>Mayor Bain’s representation of people is second to none. There have been differences, although not that many, but the Mayor has always been malleable in his discussions.</p> <p>Councilman Best thanked Mayor Bain for his service to the City that will be missed at the dais and he wishes him Godspeed.</p>
	April 11, 2011 Special Meeting	<p>Mayor Bain said that he appreciated all the nice comments from the dais and he is glad to bring back a tradition to hold a Special meeting on April 11th to welcome the new Council and say goodbye to the outgoing Council.</p>
	City Clerk	<p>Mayor Bain thanked City Clerk Magali Valls who does her job without any judgment to anyone who asks her for information. She loves her job and the City of Miami Springs and he will miss her reminder telephone calls.</p>
	Thank You	<p>Mayor Bain thanked County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa for attending the grand opening of the Library.</p>
	City Attorney	<p>Mayor Bain said that he did not know what to expect when he was first elected as Mayor. City Attorney Seiden is a true professional who is always there for support and advice. He has been truthful with him and always responded to his requests. The Mayor thanked the City Attorney for his help during the past eight years.</p>
	Assistant City Manager	<p>Mayor Bain called Assistant City Manager Gorland the “shadow” because he is a person that does a lot of work behind the closed doors and nobody really sees what he does. Mr. Gorland does a job that supports the City without any accolades and this is sometimes difficult.</p>

12C) City Manager

Mayor Bain said that most people in the City do not understand the City Manager's job and that he has to balance at least three Council members and take care of five. He recalled that when Mr. Borgmann was selected as City Manager he received a standing ovation from at least 75 people in the Council Chambers.

The Mayor feels that no matter who is in the City Manager's position, he has the toughest job in town because he has to oversee everything, receive direction from Council, manage staff and listen to the residents. People might think that everything runs smoothly, but sometimes that is not the case.

The Manager has always done what he considered was the best for the City of Miami Springs and has been a great asset in helping him to accomplish his goals, which he appreciates very much.

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.