



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

**CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
Regular Meeting of Monday, November 28, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.
Rebeca Sosa Theater – Community Center**

**AGENDA
ITEM #**

SUBJECT

ACTION TAKEN

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| 1. | Call to Order/Roll Call | All present except Councilman Best. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. |
| 2. | Invocation | Offered by Vice Mayor Espino. |
| | Salute to the Flag | The audience participated.

Students from the Miami Springs Middle School led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Garcia presented baseball caps to the students who participated in the "I Led the Pledge" program. |
| 3. | Awards & Presentations | |
| 3A) | Proclamation | On behalf of Mayor Garcia, Vice Mayor Espino proclaimed December 8, 2011 as "Anchor Club Day". |
| 3B) | Ovarian Cancer Awareness | Anchor Club Members Fernanda Chow and Yuritza Hernandez gave a presentation regarding ovarian cancer awareness. |
| 3C) | Relay for Life | Christina Espino announced that the Relay for Life next year will be held on March 3 and 4, 2012. |

4. Open Forum: No speakers.
5. **Approval of Council Minutes**
- 5A) 11-14-2011 Meeting Minutes of the November 14, 2011 Regular Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Councilman Lob
Second: Vice Mayor Espino
Vote: 4-0

Recess to conduct Executive Sessions with City Council at 7:29 p.m.

Council meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions

- 6A) Board of Appeals Minutes of the November 14, 2011 Board of Adjustment meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6B) Historic Preservation Board Cancellation Notice of the November 17, 2011 Historic Preservation Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6C) Ecology Board Cancellation Notice of the November 22, 2011 Ecology Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6D) Code Review Board Cancellation Notice of the November 24, 2011 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6E) Education Advisory Board Cancellation Notice of the December 20, 2011 Education Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

7. **Public Hearings:**

7A) Second Reading:
Ordinance No. 1028-2011

On second reading, Council **adopted** an ordinance amending Code of Ordinance Section 96.05, Street Numbers; Display; to provide clarified provisions and requirements related to the display of street numbers on structures in the City.

Motion: Councilwoman Ator

Second: Councilman Lob

Vote: 4-0

7B) Second Reading:
Ordinance No. 1029-2011

On second reading, Council **adopted** an ordinance, amending Code of Ordinance Section 70-10, Parking Restricted in Certain Areas; to provide clarified provisions on permitted parkway parking, prohibited parkway use; prohibited parkway parking exceptions, enforcement and signage.

Motion: Councilman Lob

Second: Vice Mayor Espino

Vice Mayor Espino: “aye”

Councilman Best: “absent”

Councilman Lob: “aye”

Councilwoman Ator: “no”

Mayor Garcia: “aye”

Vote: 3-1

7C) Second Reading:
Ordinance No. 1030-2011

On second reading, Council **adopted** an ordinance repealing Chapter No. 134, Weapons; which includes Code Section 134-01, Firearms and Air Rifles; Discharge Prohibited; 134-02, Careless Exhibition of Weapons; 134-03, Forfeiture of Weapons and Arms; 134-04, Return of Weapons and Arms and Forfeiture on Failure to Receive Same; 134-05, Disposal of Weapons and Arms; and 134-06, Taking Possession of Weapons and Arms.

Motion: Councilman Lob

Second: Vice Mayor Espino

Vote: 4-0

8. **Consent Agenda:**

None

9. Old Business:

9A) Advisory Board Appointments Mayor Garcia **re-appointed** Francisco Fernandez to the Board of Adjustment/Zoning and Planning Board for an unexpired term ending on April 30, 2012.

9B) Extension Agreement – Phase I: Curtiss Mansion Property Council **approved** the Extension Agreement for Phase I of the Management and Operation Agreement for the Curtiss Mansion Property.
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 4-0

9C) Settlement Proposal: Meridian Management, LLC Council **directed** the City Manager to enter into a Settlement Agreement with Meridian Management, subject to review and approval by the Administration and the City Attorney that the agreements meets all the terms and conditions, requirements and restrictions discussed during the executive sessions.
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 4-0

10. New Business:

10A) Senior Center Improvements Council **received** notification and **ratified** a Purchase Order to Wrangler Construction in the amount of \$36,020 for the Senior Center improvements.
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 4-0

10B) Ficus Plantings – Code Section 150-013 Council **received** information regarding ficus plantings in the City and **directed** the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for consideration at the next meeting. Council also asked that Arborist Tom Nash be in attendance at the meeting.

- 10C) Portable Dance Floor – Pelican Playhouse
 Council **approved** an award to Harlequin, the lowest responsible quote for \$3,262.97 for a portable dance floor for the Pelican Playhouse, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code and **approved** matching funds to be provided by designated fund balance from Community Center.
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 4-0
11. **Other Business:**
- 11A) Cancellation of Meeting
By consensus, Council **cancelled** the last meeting in December due to the Christmas Holiday.
12. **Reports & Recommendations:**
- 12A) **City Attorney** None
- 12B) **City Manager**
- Santa at the Circle**
 City Manager Borgmann reminded everyone that Santa at the Circle will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 6 to 10 p.m. beginning with a parade at 5:45 p.m. at City Hall.
- Gym Floor**
 City Manager Borgmann reported that the gym floor was resurfaced and the gym was closed but the after-school activities were moved to the Senior Center.
- Tim Conlon**
 City Manager Borgmann announced that former Miami Springs Police Officer and Public Works employee Tim Conlon passed away. A funeral service will be held at Blessed Trinity Church on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
- Business Tax**
 City Manager Borgmann stated that 75% of the business tax renewals have been collected. After the end of December there will be a sweep of those businesses that have not responded.

- 12B) Strategic Plan** City Manager Borgmann announced that all the public strategic planning meetings were held and Staff will meet with Mr. Busutil on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Hopefully Mr. Busutil will have significant findings to report at the December 12th Council meeting.
- Police Activity** City Manager Borgmann forwarded a spreadsheet to Council that was prepared by the Chief of Police as it relates to burglaries and police activities. He said that Staff is moving forward in an effort to reinstate crime watch. He urged anyone who sees suspicious activity to call the Police.
- Red Light Cameras** City Manager Borgmann reported that the red light traffic cameras will go live on January 9, 2012, and an educational program has begun with a notice in the last issue of the River Cities Gazette.
- Joint Meeting** City Manager Borgmann reminded Council that a joint meeting of the Architectural Review Board and the Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 7th to receive a presentation from Calvin Giordano & Associates regarding signage.
- Abraham Tract** City Manager Borgmann stated that Calvin Giordano & Associates will be coming back to the Council meeting on December 12th to present a final review of the Abraham Tract.
- 12C) City Council**
- Optimist Tree Sale** Councilwoman Ator reminded everyone to purchase their Christmas tree from the Optimist Club.

12C)	Breakfast With Santa	Councilwoman Ator announced that the All Angels Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday morning, December 3 rd . She will be attending since she is on the Board of Trustees and she urged everyone to bring their kids to enjoy the breakfast and entertainment.
	Holiday Hometown Shopping	Councilwoman Ator reported that the Chamber of Commerce is holding their Holiday Hometown Shopping event this week and businesses are encouraged to stay open until 9:00 p.m. They are holding a drawing and entry cards are available at participating businesses.
	Strategic Planning Meetings	Councilwoman Ator reported that she attended the last two strategic planning meetings and was surprised to see many business owners at the last session, including those on N. W. 36 th Street, the hotels and large businesses who found out about the meetings from the mailing. She felt that the advertising for the last two sessions was much better than the first time.
	Tim Conlon	Councilman Lob extended condolences to Suzanne Conlon Wolar and her family in the passing of her brother Tim Conlon.
	Optimist Tree Sale	Councilman Lob reported that the Optimist Club Christmas tree sales are going strong. He said that trees are available in all sizes from table top up to 10-feet.
	Thanksgiving	Councilman Lob hopes that everyone had a great Thanksgiving.
	Thanksgiving	Vice Mayor Espino also hopes that everyone had a great Thanksgiving.
	Shop for a Cause	Vice Mayor Espino commented that the Relay for Life Shop for a Cause did exceptionally well raising almost \$300.00.

12C)

JR's Gourmet Burgers

Vice Mayor Espino congratulated JR's Gourmet Burgers for competing in the third annual "Burgy" awards. They did not win, but considering that the business did not exist one year ago it is an honor to be in competition with other established burger restaurants.

Legislative Agenda

Vice Mayor Espino mentioned that the Miami-Dade County League of Cities has completed its legislative agenda and he will provide copies as soon as they are available.

Best Practices Conference

Vice Mayor Espino reported that the Miami-Dade County League of Cities will be hosting its Best Practices Conference on Friday, December 2nd in the City of Doral. It will be an all day event to bring forward the best practices that municipalities are using in order to address various issues that they are experiencing.

Tim Conlon

Vice Mayor Espino extended his deepest sympathy to the Conlon family for their sudden tragic loss. Tim was the brother of Suzanne Wolar and also Kathleen Howard who spoke this evening about the Relay for Life, despite of everything she is going through.

Tim Conlon

Mayor Garcia extended his sympathy to the Conlon family, a wonderful family and great pillars of the community. The family will be in his thoughts and prayers.

Christmas at the Gazebo

Mayor Garcia reported that 500 snow bracelets were distributed to children in Virginia Gardens and Miami Springs who will be enjoying the snow at Christmas at the Gazebo.

- 12C) Christmas Ad** Mayor Garcia announced that every year the City places a Christmas ad in the River Cities Gazette. He is hoping that the entire Council will attend Christmas at the Gazebo so that a group photograph can be taken for the ad.
- Breakfast with Santa** Mayor Garcia said that there are still tickets left for the All Angels Breakfast with Santa and that it is very important to support the community.
- Pet Kingdom** Mayor Garcia reported that people can take their pets to Pet Kingdom to have a picture taken with Santa.
- Special Events** Mayor Garcia urged residents to pick up a flyer in the Gazette, at the Community Center or one of the local restaurants that lists events taking place in Miami Springs. The information is also available at www.miamisprings-fl.gov on the City's website.
- Thanksgiving** Mayor Garcia hopes everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving.
- Workshop Meeting** Mayor Garcia looks forward to the Workshop meeting on Wednesday, November 30th when Council will be making important decisions.
- 13. Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.