



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
Regular Meeting of Monday, December 12, 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. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. |
| 2. | Invocation | Offered by Councilman Lob. |
| | Salute to the Flag | The audience participated.

Students from the Miami Springs Elementary 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) | Certificate of Sincere Appreciation | Mayor Garcia presented a Certificate of Sincere Appreciation to former Education Advisory Board Chairman Mindy McNichols for her ten years of service to the community. |
| 3B) | Proclamation – "Message from Marli Foundation Day" | Mayor Garcia proclaimed December 12 th to be "Message from Marli Foundation Day" in Miami Springs for the Marc Wolff family efforts in raising awareness about the dangers of ovarian cancer. |

4. **Open Forum:** No speakers.
5. **Approval of Council Minutes** *(Simultaneously approved)*
- 5A) 11-28-2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the November 28, 2011 Regular Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vice Mayor Espino: “aye”
Councilman Best: “abstained”
Councilman Lob: “aye”
Councilwoman Ator: “aye”
Mayor Garcia: “aye”
Vote: 4-0
- 5B) 11-30-2011 Workshop Meeting Minutes of the November 30, 2011 Workshop Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vice Mayor Espino: “aye”
Councilman Best: “abstained”
Councilman Lob: “aye”
Councilwoman Ator: “aye”
Mayor Garcia: “aye”
Vote: 4-0
6. **Reports from Boards & Commissions**
- 6A) Education Advisory Board Minutes of the November 16, 2011 Education Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6B) Zoning and Planning Board Cancellation Notice of the December 5, 2011 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6C) Code Enforcement Board Cancellation Notice of the December 6, 2011 Code Enforcement Board meeting was received for information without comment.

- 6D) Golf and Country Club
Advisory Board
Cancellation Notice of the December 14,
2011 Golf and Country Club Advisory
Board meeting was received for information
without comment.
- 6E) Code Review Board
Cancellation Notice of the December 22,
2011 Code Review Board meeting was
received for information without comment.
- 6F) Board of Parks and Parkways
Cancellation Notice of the December 8,
2011 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting
was received for information without
comment.
- 6G) Board of Adjustment
Cancellation Notice of the December 5,
2011 Board of Adjustment meeting was
received for information without comment.
- 6H) General Employees
Retirement System
Minutes of the November 3, 2011 General
Employees Retirement System meeting were
received for information without comment.
- 6I) Police and Firefighters
Retirement System
Minutes of the November 3, 2011 Police and
Firefighters Retirement System meeting
were received for information without
comment.
- 6J) Architectural Review Board
Minutes of the December 7, 2011
Architectural Review Board Joint Meeting
with the Revitalization and Redevelopment
Ad-Hoc Committee were received for
information without comment.
- 7. **Public Hearings:** None

*Council to convene as the Local Planning Agency for discussion regarding
proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan (7:22 p.m.)*

Council meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

Agenda Item 8A was discussed after 10l.

8. Consent Agenda:

8A) City Attorney's Invoice

Council **approved** payment of the City Attorney's invoice for November, 2011 in the amount of \$12,339.00.

Motion: Councilwoman Ator

Second: Councilman Lob

Vote: 5-0

9. Old Business:

9A) Advisory Board Appointments

None

9B) Selection of New City Manager

Council **appointed** Ronald K. Gorland as the new Miami Springs City Manager, subject to negotiating an acceptable contract.

Motion: Councilman Best

Second: Councilwoman Ator

Vice Mayor Espino: "no"

Councilman Best: "aye"

Councilman Lob: "aye"

Councilwoman Ator: "aye"

Mayor Garcia: "aye"

Vote: 4-1

Council **scheduled** an Executive Session for Monday, December 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall to negotiate parameters for the employment contract.

9C) Presentation from Calvin, Giordano & Associates – Signage

Item **pulled** from the agenda.

Council **scheduled** a Workshop Meeting for Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

9D) Status Report: Curtiss Mansion, Inc. – Historic Tax Credit Negotiations

Council **received** a status report on the latest negotiations regarding the historic tax credit.

10. New Business:

Agenda Item 10A discussed after 10D.

10A) Update to Proposed Fund Balance Designations for FY2011-2012

Council **reduced** fund balance designations for a total of \$514,867 as follows:
Gymnasium/recreation building - \$275,000
Senior Center Building - \$100,000
Senior Center Van - \$20,000
Pool Improvements - \$19,867
Linear Park - \$100,000
Motion: Councilwoman Ator
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0

Agenda Item 10B discussed after the LPA.

10B) First Reading – Ordinance No. 1032-2012

On first reading, Council **approved, as amended**, an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan, based on updated data and analysis, including deleting the Public School Facilities Element and Concurrency Provisions Relating to Public Schools, Transportation, and Recreation and Open Space; other amendments to the text of the Future Land Use, Transportation, Housing, Infrastructure, Conservation, Recreation and Open Space, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements Elements of the 1998 Comprehensive Plan as Amended; to revise and update the existing goals, objectives, and policies in accordance with the mandates set forth in Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, authorizing transmittal of these amendments to the South Florida Regional Planning Council, State Land Planning Agency, and other applicable agencies for review and comment as required by Florida Statutes; providing a conflicts clause and severability clause, and providing an effective date.
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilwoman Ator
Vote: 5-0

Agenda Item 10C discussed after 10H.

10C) First Reading –
Ordinance No. 1031-2012

Council **did not approve** on first reading an ordinance amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-013, Residential Plantings, Fences and Walls; by adding thereto a limited replacement provision for ficus hedges; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict. Council **referred** the item to the Board of Parks and Parkways for discussion and recommendations.

Motion: Councilwoman Ator

Second: Councilman Lob

Vote: 5-0

10D) Purchase of Garbage Containers

Council **approved** an expenditure to Southern Waste Systems, the lowest responsible quote, in the amount of \$11,120.64, for replacing WM garbage containers and their pick up at all City buildings various times a week, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code.

Motion: Vice Mayor Espino

Second: Councilman Best

Vice Mayor Espino: “aye”

Councilman Best: “aye”

Councilman Lob: “aye”

Councilwoman Ator: “abstained”

Mayor Garcia: “aye”

Vote: 4-0

Agenda Item 10E discussed after 9D.

10E) Resolution No. 2011-3531

Council **tabled** a resolution for the next meeting (approving background investigation and fingerprinting rules and regulations for all youth sports organizations)

10F) Installation of ADA Compliant
Doors at City Park Restrooms

Council **approved** an expenditure to Computer Electric, Inc., the lowest responsible quote, in the amount of \$11,980.00, for ADA compliant door operators, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code.

Motion: Vice Mayor Espino

Second: Councilman Lob

Vote: 5-0

Agenda Item 10G discussed after 10A.

10G) DROP Plan Investment Change
for General Employees

Council **authorized** the Administration to have Pension Attorney Cypen draft an ordinance for first reading in January which would authorize the general employees pension board to establish a guaranteed option for employees for their DROP savings.

Motion: Vice Mayor Espino

Second: Councilman Lob

Vote: 5-0

Agenda Item 10H discussed after 10F.

10H) Resolution No. 2011-3532

Council **adopted** a resolution amending the Schedule of Charges and Fees for the operation of the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club; reserving the right and authority to amend or supplement the Schedule of Charges.

Motion: Councilman Lob

Second: Councilman Best

Vote: 5-0

Agenda Item 10I discussed after 10B.

10I) Alexander Markov Rock Concerto:
Friday, January 13, 2012

Council **authorized** the Administration to continue preparations for the Alexander Markov Rock Concerto to be held at the Circle on Friday evening, January 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Motion: Councilman Lob
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0

11. Other Business:

11A) Florida League of Cities:
Legislative Action Day

Council **received** information regarding the Florida League of Cities' Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee during January 24-25, 2012.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

Happy Holidays

City Attorney Seiden wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

12B) City Manager

Painting Renovation

City Manager Borgmann reported that the first block of Westward Drive from the Circle to Cozy Corner is owned by Joe Lowe and he is painting and fixing up his building using the City's newly adopted color palette.

Channel 77

City Manager Borgmann reported that there had been difficulties with Channel 77 for several months. A permanent repair should be completed by Tuesday, December 13th or Wednesday, December 14th with the current information posted.

Senior Center

City Manager Borgmann announced that the Senior Center renovations are progressing. The City received an extension from the State on the paperwork that was due on December 31st since they know that work is being done and the contract was awarded.

12C)	Movie Night	Councilwoman Ator reminded everyone that the All Angels Movie Night will be held on Friday, December 16 th featuring “Santa Clause is Coming to Town” and “A Christmas Carol.”
	Greening of the Church	Councilwoman Ator reported that the All Angels Greening of the Church will be held on Sunday, December 18 th .
	New Year’s Eve Party	Councilwoman Ator announced that All Angels will be holding a New Year’s Eve party on December 31 st and the community is invited to come.
	Happy Holidays	Councilwoman Ator wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
	City Manager’s Contract	Councilwoman Ator urged Council members to come prepared to discuss the City Manager’s contract at the Executive Session on Monday, December 19 th .
	Optimist Club Trees	Councilwoman Ator asked those who have not yet purchased a Christmas tree to please buy it from the Optimist Club that has 35 trees left.
	Officer Jeff Collins	Councilman Lob was thankful to hear that Officer Jeff Collins was not seriously hurt and he is glad that he is recovering.
	Happy Holidays	Councilman Lob wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza and Happy Holidays.
	Thank You	Councilman Best greatly appreciated the good wishes for his mother while she was in critical condition in New York. He thanked the Lord that she is recovering and he is able to speak with her on the telephone at this point.

12C)	Appreciation	Councilman Best extended his appreciation to City Manager Jim Borgmann for everything that he has done for the City and for him in terms of providing information through the years. He wishes him well in his plans for the future.
	Congratulatory	Councilman Best congratulated Mr. Gorland for being selected for the City Manager's position; it is well deserved and he is looking forward to working with him.
	Officer Jeff Collins	Councilman Best extended his wishes to Officer Jeff Collins for a quick recovery.
	Agenda Item	Councilman Best requested an agenda item for the January 9 th Regular Meeting to discuss term limits and staggering term limits. He feels that two year terms and the quick change over of the elected officials does not allow progress to happen.
	Happy Holidays	Councilman Best wished everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.
	Channel 77	Vice Mayor Espino spoke with one of the regional governmental relations personnel from AT&T regarding complaints from residents who have U-verse and cannot see the Council meetings on the government channel. He was informed that there is a piece of equipment that costs less than \$5,000 that will allow U-verse to pick up the signal from Channel 77. He will provide the information to the Administration.
	Santa's Train	Vice Mayor Espino mentioned that Santa's Train came by on Saturday, December 3 rd , although he did not realize it was coming until December 5 th . When he was advised he did his best to reach out to the folks at F.E.C. Railway and there was not enough time. He will try to have the train stop in Miami Springs and have all the River Cities participate next year.

12C)	Best Practices Conference	Vice Mayor Espino reported that he and Assistant City Manager Gorland attended the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Best Practices Conference and there were good discussions on various topics from social media to pensions, budgets, etc. and what other communities are doing. The conference was completely sold out and it is a sign of the times that people want to come together and find solutions.
	Golf Course	Vice Mayor Espino complimented the Golf Course Staff for doing an excellent job in facilitating a golf tournament that he referred to them.
	Relay for Life Holiday Party	Vice Mayor Espino said that the Relay for Life Holiday Party was a great success and he has never seen a greater collection of hideous sweaters in his entire life. He thanked his parents for their old sweaters from the 1980's.
	Toy Drive	Vice Mayor Espino attended County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa's Toy Drive and it was an amazing event with attendees from Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens. The Commissioner certainly made the holidays happy for a number of kids.
	Happy Holidays	Vice Mayor Espino wished everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a safe New Year.
	Car Show	City Manager Borgmann announced that the Car Show that was cancelled in October is scheduled for Saturday, December 17 th from 6-10 p.m. The entry fee for each car is an unwrapped toy that will be given to the local churches and charities.

12C) City Manager Candidates

Mayor Garcia thanked all the candidates who applied for the City Manager position. He appreciates Mr. Rosado's efforts for the energy and vigor that went into the process. He wishes that the City could hire more than one person because they were well-qualified and he is looking forward to working with them in other aspects of government in the future. He feels that the City of Miami Springs will do well with Mr. Gorland as their City Manager.

Thank You

Assistant City Manager Gorland thanked Council for their support.

Events

Mayor Garcia hopes that everyone will be safe during the upcoming events.

Crime Watch

Mayor Garcia urged the residents not to take the safety for granted that is provided by the City of Miami Springs Police Department. It is still the residents' job to be vigilant of what is going on in the neighborhood and become familiar with their neighbors' routine. His neighbor's bike was stolen from inside the garage and these types of crime are happening while people are leaving their doors unlocked. The Police Department is doing everything in their power to remedy the situation.

Happy Holidays

Mayor Garcia wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza and Happy New Year.

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.