



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

**CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
Regular Meeting of Monday, February 13, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers**

**AGENDA
ITEM #**

SUBJECT

ACTION TAKEN

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| 1. | Call to Order/Roll Call | All present. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. |
| 2. | Invocation | Offered by Councilman Lob. |
| | Salute to the Flag | The audience participated.

Students from Blessed Trinity Catholic 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) | SWAT | Joseph Nabaka from the Student Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) organization was not present. |
| 3B) | Proclamation | Mayor Garcia proclaimed February 2012 to be Optimist Club Month and urged everyone to congratulate them for their support of the youth and their outstanding and dedicated service to the community. |

4. Open Forum:

Statements made by Mayor
at the Senior Center

Daniel Tapp of 931 Falcon Avenue asked Mayor Garcia if he had said that he was going to save the City \$1MM when he was at the Senior Center.

Mayor Garcia advised Mr. Tapp that under open forum Council cannot engage in conversation or answer any questions. Open Forum is solely for the residents to voice their concerns or issues with the City. However, he stated that he did not say that he was going to save the City \$1MM.

Outsourcing of Public Works

Daniel Tapp informed Council that he was very upset at the idea of the City trying to outsource the Public Works Department since they do a good job.

Mayor Garcia stated that there are departments within the City that have been outsourced by their department heads and not by Council. Council is simply looking at the numbers. He added that Mr. Tapp's opinion is duly noted and can promise that no decision is going to be made without Council having a meeting in the public about this topic.

Outsourcing of Public Works

Eleanor Peterson of 120 Flagler Drive explained that the service she gets with the garbage could not get any better. Many Metro-Dade, Virginia Gardens, State Highway Patrols and Dade County police officers live in Miami Springs because of the services and police and fire protection. She wanted to know why residents could not have a vote on the outsourcing topic because they are the ones paying the taxes.

4) Outsourcing of Public Works

Buzz and Kathleen Fleischman of 810 Pinecrest Drive voiced their support of keeping Public Works within the City. Ms. Fleischman agreed with the other speakers and said that if it is not broken then do not fix it and Public Works is more than not broken and it is the best service that Miami Springs has and that is why people come to live here.

Buzz Fleischman explained that they both feel very strongly about outsourcing any City services. He believes that Miami Springs has some of the most excellent City services in South Florida. A number of people who work in Public Works live in Miami Springs and if outsourcing is passed, it would be putting those residents out of work. He questioned what would happen to all of the equipment that the City has bought and if it would be leased or given to someone else.

Outsourcing of Public Works

Karl Bithorn of 1070 Wren Avenue was of the opinion that this is a quality of life issue. Many Public Works employees also live in Miami Springs or other parts of the City and are aware of what is going on with the City and understand if there is something that is out of place. He asked the City Manager and Council to take everything into consideration.

Outsourcing of Public Works

Eric Morgan of 941 Falcon Avenue stated that he bought his home in 1983 and is extremely happy with the services that he receives from Public Works. He said that there is an old saying “do not try to fix what is not broken”.

- 4) Farmers' Market
- Sarah Vargas of 33 Whitethorn Drive asked Council to think about a Farmers' Market in Miami Springs. She is not aware if it has been brought up in the past but believes that it might be time to look into it again.
- Councilman Lob advised Ms. Vargas to see the City Manager and get the phone number for the Chamber of Commerce because they are working on a Farmers' Market but he is unaware where they are at with the process.
- Councilwoman Ator explained that she is also on the committee and invited Ms. Vargas to go to the Chamber of Commerce meetings with her.
- C.U.T.E Program
- Carl Malek of 333 Corydon Drive, Apt. 5 stated that he was going to discuss the C.U.T.E program but saw that it is on the agenda so he is going to wait until the item is brought up for discussion.
5. **Approval of Council Minutes** *(Simultaneously approved)*
- 5A) 01-18-2012 Workshop Meeting
- Minutes of the January 18, 2012 Workshop Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Vice Mayor Espino
Vote: 5-0
- 5B) 01-23-2012 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of the January 23, 2012 Regular Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Vice Mayor Espino
Vote: 5-0
6. **Reports from Boards & Commissions**
- 6A) Board of Parks and Parkways
- Minutes of the January 12, 2012 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6B) Education Advisory Board
- Minutes of the January 17, 2012 Education Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.

- 6C) Historic Preservation Board Minutes of the January 19, 2012 Historic Preservation Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6D) Ecology Board Minutes of the January 24, 2012 Ecology Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6E) Code Review Board Cancellation Notice of the January 26, 2012 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6F) Architectural Review Board Cancellation Notice of the February 1, 2012 Architectural Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6G) Zoning and Planning Board Minutes of the February 6, 2012 Zoning and Planning Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6H) Board of Adjustment Actions taken by the Board of Adjustment at their meeting of February 6, 2012 were approved subject to the 10-day appeal period.
Motion: Councilman Lob
Second: Councilman Best
Vice Mayor Espino: “aye”
Councilman Best: “aye”
Councilman Lob: “aye”
Councilwoman Ator: “no”
Mayor Garcia: “aye”
Vote: 4-1
7. **Public Hearings:** None
8. **Consent Agenda:**
- 8A) City Attorney’s Invoice Council **approved** payment of the City Attorney’s invoice for January, 2012 in the amount of \$12,372.75.
Motion: Councilwoman Ator
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 5-0

9. **Old Business:**

9A) Advisory Board Appointments None

9B) Miami Springs General Election Motion to place a question on the ballot for a future election to be determined, a change to the Miami Springs Charter Section 3.06 (4) (a) – **terms of office** for all Council members shall be four years and Mayor shall be two years.

Motion: Councilwoman Ator

Second: Vice Mayor Espino

Vote: 5-0

Motion to amend Charter Section 3.06 (4) (b) to be **staggered terms** to be determined.

Motion: Councilwoman Ator

Second: Vice Mayor Espino

Vote: 5-0

Motion to leave Charter Section 3.06 (7) the same as it is.

Motion: Councilwoman Ator

Second: Councilman Best

Vice Mayor Espino: “no”

Councilman Best: “aye”

Councilman Lob: “aye”

Councilwoman Ator: “aye”

Mayor Garcia: “aye”

Vote: 4-1

A motion to leave the **election date** in April and not to put it up for a vote to change it to November **failed**.

Motion: Mayor Garcia

Second: Vice Mayor Espino

Vice Mayor Espino: “aye”

Councilman Best: “no”

Councilman Lob: “no”

Councilwoman Ator: “no”

Mayor Garcia: “aye”

Vote: 2-3

- 9B) M.S. General Election (Continued) Motion to include in the referendum to the voters that the Miami Springs General Election be **moved from the first week in April to the first Tuesday in November** of odd years.
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilman Lob
Vice Mayor Espino: “no”
Councilman Best: “aye”
Councilman Lob: “aye”
Councilwoman Ator: “aye”
Mayor Garcia: “no”
Vote: 3-2
- 9C) Miami Springs Properties, Inc. Council **authorized** the City Attorney to provide information for the completion of the organizational documents for the City’s recently formed Florida “for profit” corporation to Attorney Chaves.
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 5-0
- 9D) Recommendation from the Board of Parks and Parkways Item was **deferred.**
- 10. New Business:**
- 10A) Recommendations from the Ecology Board Council **directed** the Administration to come back with a cost analysis and a study of the pros and cons of implementing the programs.
- 10B) Facility Agreement with Brenda Knight – “Jazzercise” Council **authorized** the Administration to enter into a Facility Agreement with Brenda Knight, a licensed franchisee of “Jazzercise”, Inc., for a one year period from April 1, 2012 until March 31, 2013.
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 5-0

- 10C) Tennis Professional Consultant Agreement – Manuel Fabian
 Council **authorized** the Administration to sign the Tennis Professional Consultant Agreement with Manuel Fabian for a 3-year period from March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2015.
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilwoman Ator
Vote: 5-0
- 10D) Personnel and Departmental Reorganization Recommendations
 Council **received** the recommendation of the Administration regarding the personnel and departmental reorganization.
- 10E) Resolution No. 2012-3537
 Council **deferred** the item until the next Regular Meeting.
Motion: Councilman Lob
Second: Councilwoman Ator
Vote: 5-0
- 10F) Longevity Pay
 Item was **deferred** to the next meeting.
- 10G) Springs River Festival Request
 Council **approved** the request from the Springs River Festival committee to sell alcoholic beverages during the upcoming festival on April 13, 14 and 15, 2012.
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 5-0
- 10H) Recreation Department User Fee Discussion
 Item was **deferred** to the next meeting.
- 10I) Stafford Park Fence Line Tree Beautification Proposal
 Item was **deferred** to the next meeting.

- 10J) Pilot House Renovation Project
- 10J1) Waiver of Requirement to Appear Before the Architectural Review Board
 Council **waived** the requirements for review contained in Code Section 150-164 (1) (2) (c) for the Pilot House renovation project to appear before the Architectural Review Board due to lack of a quorum.
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Best
Vice Mayor Espino: “aye”
Councilman Best: “aye”
Councilman Lob: “aye”
Councilwoman Ator: “no”
Mayor Garcia: “aye”
Vote: 4-1
- 10J2) Site Plan Approval (01-ZP-12)
 Council **approved** the Site Plan for the Pilot House renovation project, subject to the conditions imposed by the Board of Adjustment.
Motion: Vice Mayor Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 5-0
- 10K) Marketing of the Golf Course
 Item was **deferred** to the next meeting.
11. **Other Business:** None
12. **Reports & Recommendations:**
- 12A) **City Attorney** None
- 12B) **City Manager**
- Daddy-Daughter Dance
 City Manager Gorland stated that he had a great time at the Daddy-Daughter Dance. It was a fantastic event that he has enjoyed for the last eight years.
- Taste of the Springs
 City Manager Gorland heard that the Taste of the Springs went very well.

12B)	Ribbon Cutting for Stafford Park Tot Lot	City Manager Gorland encouraged everyone to come out on Saturday, February 18 th for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Stafford Park Tot Lot.
	Upcoming Events	City Manager Gorland advised everyone to log onto www.miamisprings-fl.gov for upcoming event dates in Miami Springs.
	Valentine's Day	City Manager Gorland wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
12C)	City Council	
	Councilman Best's mother	Councilwoman Ator extended her condolences to Councilman Best for the passing of his mother.
	Taste of the Springs	Councilwoman Ator took her sons to the event and had a great time. The event was very well attended.
	All Angels Silver Ball	Councilwoman Ator reported that the All Angels Casino Night was a very successful event and wished that everyone could have attended.
	Movie Night on the Circle	Councilwoman Ator reminded everyone about Movie Night this week on February 17 th .
	Bill Tallman	Councilwoman Ator reminded everyone that her husband Bill's birthday is on Saturday and to call and wish him a Happy 40 th Birthday.
	Wade Smith	Councilman Best wanted to convey his condolences to the Smith family over the loss of Wade. He also wanted to offer his condolences to the Earley Family.
	Condolences	Vice Mayor Espino extended his condolences to Councilman Best and the Smith family for their losses.

12C)	Relay for Life	Vice Mayor Espino reported that the date for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life has been rescheduled from March 3 rd to May 5 th .
	Rotary Club	Vice Mayor Espino mentioned that the Rotary Club is having a wine testing event on Friday, February 17 th at the 94 th Aero Squadron at 7:30 p.m. across from the Airport.
	Lion's Club	Vice Mayor Espino reported that the Lion's Club will be hosting two events on Saturday; Golfing under the Stars and the Pasta Fundraiser.
	Miami Springs Middle School	Vice Mayor Espino mentioned that the Miami Springs Middle School Environmental Club is having a family night fundraiser at Chevy's this Thursday from 6:00-10:00 p.m.
	Dade Days	Vice Mayor Espino noted that Dade Days was an extremely productive event and it looks like the legislature is looking to fund education to the tune of over \$1 billion as well as increase Capital Improvement Funds.
	State of the Ports	Vice Mayor Espino announced that he will be attending this event which will be the congregation of both the directorships of the Ports as well as a lot of other people that are players there.
	Condolences	Councilman Lob gave his condolences to all the families who have suffered a loss recently. He knows it has been a rough time for many people.
	Councilwoman Ator	Mayor Garcia was happy that Councilwoman Ator was finally feeling better.

- 12C) Condolences Mayor Garcia gave his condolences to Councilwoman Ator for the passing of her grandfather. It has been a rough time and pillars of the community have been passing or unfortunately have been discovering that they are ill.
- Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Mayor Garcia reported that Prudential Spirit of Community Awards has honored Melanie Wolff who is Marlene Wolff's daughter. She was named as one of the top youth volunteers in Florida for 2012 in the 17th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. More than 26,000 young people across the country participated in the program.
- James R. Borgmann Mayor Garcia stated that Commissioner Rebeca Sosa wanted to honor former City Manager James R. Borgmann for his many years of service.
13. **Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m.