



***CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA***

**CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS**  
**Regular Meeting of Monday, February 27, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**

<b><u>ITEM #</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION TAKEN</u></b>
1.	<b>Call to Order/Roll Call</b>	All present. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. (Councilman Ator arrived at 7:31 p.m.)
2.	<b>Invocation</b>	Offered by Mayor Garcia.
	<b>Salute to the Flag</b>	The audience participated.  Students from 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.	<b>Awards &amp; Presentations</b>	
3A)	<b>SWAT</b>	Rochelle Theodore of 6950 N.W. 186 <sup>th</sup> Street, coordinator with Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) introduced students who presented information regarding candy flavored tobacco products that targets new users, the majority of which are kids. They asked for support to prevent youth from using the cancer causing products by urging that they be removed from the shelves.

3A) SWAT (continued) Mayor Garcia asked Ms. Theodore to provide a copy of a resolution that was adopted by the City of Hialeah so that Council can consider adopting a similar resolution.

3B) Community Service Rebecca Shultz of 100 Sunset Way requested and received permission to go forward with her Miami Springs Tot-Lot restoration project to repaint the names on the wood pickets and other painted objects to make it more visually appealing for the children who use the park.

**4. Open Forum:**

Funding Request

Miami Springs Senior High School Teacher Liset Icaza requested support in funding \$3,354.00 for hotel accommodations for members of the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) that are going to a state competition in Jacksonville on March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Garcia asked Ms. Icaza to contact the City Clerk's office with the information that could be distributed to community partners and businesses and to prepare a letter requesting sponsorship.

Little League Request

Little League President Otto Camejo discussed a recent e-mail in regard to the elimination of funding for this year's Little League Opening Day activities. He distributed a "wish list" of improvements and requested the use of Stafford Park for games from mid-February to July 31<sup>st</sup>, Monday through Thursday, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and all day on Saturday.

Mayor Garcia advised Mr. Camejo that Council could not discuss his funding requests because they were not on the agenda and he should contact the Recreation Director so that his requests could be considered on a future agenda.

4. Alcoholic Beverages Helen Lawrence of 641 Nightingale referred to Agenda Item 10D recommending that Council approve a request from CMI to serve alcoholic beverages. She believes that the alcohol limit should be restricted to three drinks per person and asked that Council take her suggestion into consideration.
5. **Approval of Council Minutes**
- 5A) 02-13-2012 Regular Meeting Minutes of the February 13, 2012 Regular Meeting were **approved as written**.  
**Motion:** Councilman Lob  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0
6. **Reports from Boards & Commissions**
- 6A) Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Minutes of the February 8, 2012 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6B) Board of Parks and Parkways Minutes of the February 9, 2012 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6C) Recreation Commission Cancellation Notice of the February 14, 2012 Recreation Commission meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6D) Historic Preservation Board Minutes of the February 16, 2012 Historic Preservation Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6E) Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee Minutes of the February 20, 2012 Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6F) Code Review Board Cancellation Notice of the February 23, 2012 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.

7. **Public Hearings:** None
8. **Consent Agenda:** None
9. **Old Business:**
- 9A) Marketing of the Golf Course Luis Sardina from the Greater Miami Visitors Bureau **gave** a presentation and showed a video promoting the Miami Springs Golf Course in hotels around the Miami area.
- 9B) Recreation Department User Fee Discussion Council **received** information from the Recreation Director regarding user fees. Item is to be revisited during budget process.
- 9C) Stafford Park Fence Line Tree Beautification Proposal Council **approved** the Administration’s recommendation to plant eight trees at a cost of \$2,610.00, to be funded from the Public Works Tree Planting budget.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Councilman Lob  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 9D) Additional Funding for the MS/Virginia Gardens Soccer Club Council **tabled** approval for additional funding of \$3,000.00 for referees for the Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Soccer Club. Council **requested** additional information and the presence of the Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Soccer Club at the next meeting.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Second:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Vote:** 5-0

- 9E) Longevity Pay -- 3% Salary Increase Council **approved** longevity payments for all eligible employees for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, retroactive to 10-01-2011. It was the **consensus not to reinstate** the 3% payment for Assistant Directors and above.  
**Motion:** Councilman Lob  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vice Mayor Espino:** “no”  
**Councilman Best:** “aye”  
**Councilman Lob:** “aye”  
**Councilwoman Ator:** “no”  
**Mayor Garcia:** “aye”  
**Vote:** 3-2
- 9F) Resolution No. 2012-3537 Council **adopted** a resolution approving and adopting an updated amended and supplemented City Employee “Pay Plan” for Fiscal Year 2011-2012; and reserving the right and authority to amend or supplement the plan.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Councilman Lob  
**Vice Mayor Espino:** “aye”  
**Councilman Best:** “aye”  
**Councilman Lob:** “no”  
**Councilwoman Ator:** “no”  
**Mayor Garcia:** “aye”  
**Vote:** 3-2
- 9G) Ficus Plantings: Council **approved** the recommendation of the Board of Parks and Parkways and also of the Administration that Code Section 150-013 (A) (4) be enforced as it is, with no revisions.  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 9H) Advisory Board Appointments Vice Mayor Espino (Group II) **appointed** Joe Valencia to the Architectural Review Board for an unexpired term ending on October 31, 2012.  
  
Vice Mayor Espino (Group II) **appointed** Juan Saborido to the Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee.

**10. New Business:**

10A) Proposed Charter Amendments

Council reviewed proposed Charter amendments and ballot question language regarding changes to the City election procedures.

Council **directed** the City Attorney to bring back the following questions for further consideration:

Amendment No. 2: to change the terms of office for all Council Members, excluding the Mayor, beginning with the General Municipal Election of 2013, from two year terms to four year terms.

Amendment No. 3: to change the proposed four (4) terms of Council members to staggered terms, beginning with the General Municipal Election of 2013, by requiring the Council Members elected in Groups I and Group II to serve only two (2) year initial terms and four (4) year terms in each subsequent election, while the Council Members elected in Groups III and IV to begin four (4) year terms with the 2013 election and thereafter.

Amendment No. 4: to change the installation of newly elected officials, beginning in the General Municipal Election of 2013, from the day following the election, to the day following the certification of the results of the election, or as soon as practicable within seven (7) days of the certification of the election results.

Amendment No. 5: to change that holding an elective office for a portion of any term shall be deemed as serving the full number of years of the term to only being applicable if the time in office is for in excess of one-half (2) of the normal term of office.

- 10A) Proposed Charter Amendments  
(continued)
- Amendment No. 6: to change the month in each year that the City Council considers a “Vote of Confidence” for the City Manager from the first regular meeting in October to the first regular meeting in December.
- Amendment No. 7: to change the month in each year that the City Council considers a “Vote of Confidence” for the City Attorney and City Clerk from the first regular meeting in March to the first regular meeting in December.
- 10B) Code Section 150-025
- Council **approved** the recommendation of the Building & Code Supervisor regarding Code Section 150-025 on permanent and portable free standing canopies.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10C) Yard of the Month Program
- Council **approved** the recommendation of the Board of Parks and Parkways, as amended, to start the “Miami Springs Yard of the Month” program.  
**Motion:** Councilman Lob  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10D) Request from CMI to Sell Alcohol at their Grand Opening
- Council **approved** the request from Curtiss Mansion, Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages during their upcoming grand opening activities.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Second:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10E) Temporary Service Access Road for the Curtiss Mansion
- (Items a. through e. approved with one motion)
- Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0

- 10E) a. Layout/Surveying Council **approved** an expenditure to JSP Surveyor, the Lowest Responsible Quote, for Layout/Surveying, in the Amount of \$2,400.00 for the Curtiss Mansion Service Access Road, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code.
- 10E) b. Earthwork Council **approved** an expenditure to Wrangler Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible quote, in the amount of \$24,775.00 for earthwork to the Curtiss Mansion Service Access Road, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code.
- 10E) c. Striping &Bumper Signage Council **approved** an expenditure to Roberts Traffic Marking, the lowest responsible quote, in the amount of \$950.00 for striping and bumper signage to the Curtiss Mansion Service Access Road, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C)(2) of the Code
- 10E) d. Density Testing Council **approved** an expenditure to Dynatech Engineering Corp., the lowest responsible quote, in the amount of \$600.00, for density testing to the Curtiss Mansion Service Access Road, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code.
- 10E) e. Electric and Lighting Council **approved** an expenditure to V&F Electric, the lowest responsible quote, in the amount of \$6,580.00, for electric and lighting, to the Curtiss Mansion Service Access Road, pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code.
11. **Other Business:** None
12. **Reports & Recommendations:**
- 12A) **City Attorney** None



**12B)**

**City Manager**

Water and Sewer Gas Line

City Manager Gorland reported that the Miami-Dade County water and sewer gas line was put on hold.

Little League Parade

City Manager Gorland announced that the Little League Parade is on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Archery Tournament

City Manager Gorland advised residents and Council that the Optimist Club will be holding their Annual Archery Tournament on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> with the first shootings to begin at 10:00 a.m. and the second shooting beginning at 12:30 p.m. with a \$15 fee and Councilman Lob is one of the contacts for this event.

Art Exhibit

City Manager Gorland stated that on March 5<sup>th</sup> an Art Exhibit will be held for Joan Cavalier in the City Hall lobby.

Wine and Cheese

City Manager Gorland said that on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> the Miami Springs Historical Museum will be hosting a wine and cheese night at the museum.

Scholarship Luncheon

City Manager Gorland commented that on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at noon the Woman's Club invites members and guests to their annual scholarship luncheon at the Woman's Club.

**12C)**

**City Council**

Movie Night

Councilwoman Ator stated that Movie Night is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> and the movie has not been picked yet.

Thank You

Councilman Best thanked Council for the conversations discussed tonight and he feels that Council covered a lot of ground on some issues.

12C)	Condolences	Vice Mayor Espino said that his thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Wolff and Bruener families for the loss of Marlene. She was a beloved daughter, mother, wife, teacher and inspiration to so many. He cannot give enough credit to Melanie Wolff for the way that she has taken something that is probably one of the most difficult things imaginable and turned it into a source of strength.
	Congratulations	Vice Mayor Espino congratulated Sergeant Lynn Brooks for her Retirement from the Miami-Dade County Police Force and her 30 years of service.
	Charter School Walk	Vice Mayor Espino said that he enjoyed being a part of the walk for the new Academy for International Education Charter School.
	State of the County	Vice Mayor Espino commented that the State of the County is tomorrow and Mayor Jimenez will be unveiling what his agenda is and where he will be going.
	Relay for Life	Vice Mayor Espino stated that the Relay for Life will be Wednesday, February 29 <sup>th</sup> at JR's Gourmet Burgers.
	Walk for Autism	Vice Mayor Espino said that on Sunday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> there will be a walk for Autism in Doral with registration at 8:00 a.m. and the walk starting at 10:00 a.m.
	School Board Announcement	Vice Mayor Espino announced that he has filed to run for Miami-Dade County School Board District 5. He stated that he has filed but not yet qualified and he will be having his official announcement this week. It came after long and serious thought and a lot of prayer and consultation with friends and family. He looks forward to a campaign and if the community will have him, he will look forward to continuing to serve just in a slightly different capacity.

- 12C) Farmers' market  
Councilman Lob commented on the Farmers' Market that was going to take place on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> but will now take place on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- SWAT Presentation  
Mayor Garcia was pleased with the presentations from the SWAT group and the HOSA club.
- Black History Month  
Mayor Garcia advised Council that it is Black History Month and there is a banner displayed in the City near the circle.
- Little League  
Mayor Garcia commented that the Little League has grown since last year and the opening day is this weekend.
- Marlins Fun Fest  
Mayor Garcia stated that the Marlins Stadium will be open to the public free of charge on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and it will be the first time children will be allowed in the stadium since there is no construction going on.
- Charter School  
Mayor Garcia attended the Charter School to speak with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. He is advocating for civics involvement at the schools.
- Condolences  
Mayor Garcia said his prayers go out to all of the families in Miami Springs that have had a loss in their families.
- 13. Adjourn**  
Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.