



**CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

**CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS**  
**Regular Meeting of Monday, March 26, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**  
**ITEM #**

**SUBJECT**

**ACTION TAKEN**

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| 1.  | <b>Call to Order/Roll Call</b>    | All present. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.   |
| 2.  | <b>Invocation</b>                 | Offered by Vice Mayor Espino.   |
|     | <b>Salute to the Flag</b>         | The audience participated.<br><br>Students from All Angels' Academy led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.<br><br>Mayor Garcia presented baseball caps to the students who participated in the "I Led the Pledge" program. |
| 3.  | <b>Awards &amp; Presentations</b> |   |
| 3A) | Pioneer Resident Award            | Mayor Garcia presented the Pioneer Resident Award to Sandra Dahlmann in recognition of her valuable contributions to the City for many years.   |
| 3B) | Leadership Miami                  | Ben Wilson and René Acosta from Leadership Miami gave a presentation regarding a community-wide effort for Veterans Link-Up.  |

**4. Open Forum:**

Advertisements	Former Councilwoman Helen Gannon of 219 Miami Springs Avenue referred to advertisements in the newspaper for St. Patrick's Day.
Former City Manager	Ms. Gannon said that she misses former City Manager James R. Borgmann.
Elevator Mirror	Ms. Gannon commented that the mirror was not replaced in the City Hall elevator and she hopes that it can be fixed.
Debra Ferrero	Ms. Gannon introduced her daughter Debra Ferrero who is 53 years old and she became a registered voter when she was 33 years old, with the assistance of City Clerk Magali Valls.
Woody's Tavern	<p>Ms. Gannon spoke about the Woody's Tavern St. Patrick's Day party. Woody's is a bar in a residential section of the City and it now has a liquor license. She displayed photographs of the establishment. A school is one-half block away and noted that the bar is also close to an apartment house. The bands played until 3:00 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day, disturbing the neighbors. She alleged that emergency access was blocked to the residential homes during the event.</p> <p>Mayor Garcia referred Ms. Gannon to the City Manager who would respond to her questions.</p> <p>Ms. Gannon expressed her concern about declining property values due to nuisances in residential neighborhoods. She added that the City has many restaurants and it is not fair to bring in food trucks and people should rent the Circle for special events.</p>

- 4) Curtiss Mansion Ms. Gannon distributed historical information regarding Glenn Curtiss and the Curtiss Mansion, in light of the grand opening event on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Loeb & Son Foundation Grace Loeb of 250 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Hialeah, thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak to them about her son who has a very unique syndrome. She explained that she created the Loeb & Son Foundation for the purpose of fighting rare diseases that affect 30MM Americans. She asked everyone to unite and become involved since it cannot be done alone and awareness is the biggest issue. She urged the City to bring awareness to the entire State of Florida and the world in order to fight rare diseases.
- Ms. Loeb discussed future community impact events and celebrations.
- Woody's Tavern Carl Malek of 333 Corydon Drive, Apartment 5, mentioned that he is an employee at Woody's and the St. Patrick's Day music shut down at approximately 12:30 a.m.; it did not last until 3:00 a.m.
- Springs River Festival Carl Malek stated that he is planning a street clean-up at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> before the Springs River Festival.

**5. Approval of Council Minutes**

- 5A) 03-12-2012 Regular Meeting Minutes of the March 12, 2012 Regular Meeting were **approved as amended**.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Councilman Lob  
**Vote:** 5-0

**6. Reports from Boards & Commissions**

- 6A) Board of Parks and Parkways Minutes of the March 8, 2012 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting were received for information without comment.
- City Attorney Seiden asked and obtained approval from Council to contact the Board with an explanatory letter.
- 6B) Historic Preservation Board Minutes of the March 15, 2012 Historic Preservation Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6C) Code Review Board Cancellation Notice of the March 22, 2012 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.
7. **Public Hearings:** None
8. **Consent Agenda:** None
9. **Old Business:**
- 9A) Advisory Board Appointments Councilman Best (Group I) **re-appointed** Charles Hill to the Historic Preservation Board for a full 3-year term ending on February 28, 2015.
- Councilman Lob (Group III) **re-appointed** Michael Windrem to the Historic Preservation Board for a full 3-year term ending on February 28, 2015.
- Councilwoman Ator (Group IV) **appointed** Rosie Buckner to the Disability Advisory Board for a term ending on December 31, 2013.

- 9B) Strategic Plan Council **adopted** the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan as presented and gave the City Administration the go ahead to begin to work on the implementation steps that were provided in the parameters provided in the guidelines.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 9C) Exemplary Citizenship Council **received** information regarding the exemplary citizenship recognition to students as suggested by Mayor Garcia.
- 10. New Business:**
- 10A) Disaster Operations & Training Council **approved** an expenditure of \$7,162.50 to Disaster Operations and Training (DO&T) for the Update of the City’s Disaster Operations Plan for the Upcoming 2012 Hurricane Season.  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Vice Mayor Espino:** “aye”  
**Councilman Best:** “no”  
**Councilman Lob:** “aye”  
**Councilwoman Ator:** “aye”  
**Mayor Garcia:** “aye”  
**Vote:** 4-1
- 10B) First Reading:  
Ordinance No. 1033-2012 On first reading, Council **approved, as amended**, an ordinance amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-025, Awnings and Canopies in All Zoning Districts, to provide clarifying language to better differentiate and describe portable and permanent self-supporting and free-standing canopies; establishing rules and regulations for the location, placement, and installation of self-supporting and free-standing canopies on properties in the single-family residential zoning districts of the City.  
**Motion:** Councilman Lob  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0

- 10C) Resolution No. 2012-3539 Council **adopted** a resolution calling for the holding of a Special Election for the City on Tuesday, August 14, 2012; delineating the City Charter questions for the election ballot; providing authorizations and directions to the City Clerk.  
**Motion:** Councilwoman Ator  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10D) Resolution No. 2012-3540 Council **adopted** a resolution providing for the third amendment to FY 2011-2012 budget; by authorizing certain interfund departmental transfers and appropriating undesignated reserves into general fund revenues to cover authorized and approved general fund expenditures; providing intent; specifying compliance with budgetary processes and procedures.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Councilman Lob  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10E) CMI: Soft Opening: April 1<sup>st</sup> Council **approved** a request from CMI to partially close Deer Run, and \$650.00 from the Circle event fund to cover Police and Public Works costs for the soft opening of the Curtiss Mansion on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from noon to 5:00 p.m.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Second:** Councilman Lob  
**Vice Mayor Espino:** “aye”  
**Councilman Best:** “aye”  
**Councilman Lob:** “aye”  
**Councilwoman Ator:** “no”  
**Mayor Garcia:** “aye”  
**Vote:** 4-1

- 10F) License Agreement: Springs on the Green – 627 Eldron Drive Council **authorized** the Administration to enter into the proposed License Agreement with Springs on the Green, LLC., to utilize a small parking lot area owned by the City which adjoins the parking lot of property located at 627 Eldron Drive, recently purchased by Manuel Pérez-Vichot.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10G) Facility Agreement: Miami-Dade County Aquatic Club, Inc. Council **authorized** the Administration to enter into the proposed Facility Agreement with Miami-Dade County Aquatic Club, Inc., to utilize the City's swimming pool to conduct classes.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Espino  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10H) Funding Request: MSSH Anchor Club Council **approved** a funding request in the amount of \$300.00 from MSSH Anchor Club, to pay Police costs for WWF Earth Hour City Challenge on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.  
**Motion:** Councilman Lob  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0
11. **Other Business:** None
12. **Reports & Recommendations:**
- 12A) **City Attorney**  
 Calvin Giordano & Associates City Attorney Seiden reported that Staff met with Calvin Giordano and that he will be providing guidance regarding administrative variances to opt out of provisions under circumstances that do not call into question the nature and intent of the ordinance.

- 12A) Calvin Giordano ((Continued) City Attorney Seiden noted that Airbus has contacted the City to install two simulators in the back of their building. The City has asked Airbus to wait until the ordinance amendment has been done so that the City can provide for a provision that will allow administration to opt out.
- 12B) City Manager**
- Thank You City Manager Gorland thanked Public Works for doing such a good job repainting the interior of City Hall.
- Earth Hour City Manager Gorland advised everyone of the Earth Hour event on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:30-9:30 p.m. at the Circle.
- Curtiss Mansion City Manager Gorland invited everyone to spend the afternoon at the newly restored Curtiss Mansion on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Art Students City Manager Gorland reported that on April 2<sup>nd</sup> Miami Springs Senior High art students will be displaying artwork in the City Hall Lobby and everyone is invited to attend.
- Easter Egg Hunt City Manager Gorland stated that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> through the Parks and Recreation Department and to contact the Recreation Department for admission.
- Tax Preparation Assistance City Manager Gorland advised everyone that the Senior Center is still offering free tax preparation assistance by AARP.
- Springs River Festival City Manager Gorland reported that the Springs River Festival is scheduled from Friday, April 13-15, 2012.



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**City Council**

Easter Egg Hunt

Councilwoman Ator stated that the admission for the Egg Hunt at the Recreation Center is \$2.00 and All Angels will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for free on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Break

Councilwoman Ator wished everyone a pleasant Spring Break.

Happy Holidays

Councilman Lob wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Pelican Playhouse –  
Friends of the Theater

Councilman Best stated that the Pelican Playhouse has a new production called Wizards of Wonderlands and he unfortunately will not be in that production. He invited everyone to attend Friends of the Theatre to watch the production on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Holidays

Councilman Best wished everyone a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter.

Airport Golf District

Vice Mayor Espino suggested holding a staff meeting with Calvin Giordano regarding the Golf District now that the Strategic Plan has been adopted.

Golf Tournament

Vice Mayor Espino reported that Monsignor Pace High School is having a golf tournament at the Country Club of Miami on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon but that next year they will bring the tournament to Miami Springs.

Curtiss Mansion

Vice Mayor Espino mentioned that the soft opening of the Curtiss Mansion should be great. The project has come a long way and he is looking forward to seeing the final pieces so that it can be called a grand opening.

- 12C) League of Cities Dinner Vice Mayor Espino stated that the Miami-Dade County League of Cities monthly board meeting will be held at the Hialeah Race Track on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Relay for Life Vice Mayor Espino reminded everyone that the Relay for Life is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Happy Holidays Vice Mayor Espino wished everyone a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover.
- Condolences Mayor Garcia offered on behalf of the City and his family condolences to Virginia Gardens Mayor Spencer Deno for the passing of his grandfather Fred Spencer Deno. The City is keeping them and their family in their prayers.
- Story Time Mayor Garcia reported that the Recreation Center had their first Story Time and that it is not only for mothers. They read the story "Ouch". It was a great idea and he encourages the Recreation Center Staff to come up with more ideas like this.
- Curtiss Mansion Mayor Garcia encouraged everyone to attend the Curtiss Mansion walk through Soft Opening on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Florida Marlins Mayor Garcia advised everyone that Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> is the opening day for the Florida Marlins.
- 13. Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.