



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, June 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

The following were present:

- Mayor Xavier M. Garcia
- Vice Mayor George V. Lob
- Councilwoman Jennifer Ator
- Councilman Bob Best

Also Present:

- City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
- Asst. City Mgr./Finance Director William Alonso
- City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
- Chief of Police Peter G. Baan
- Oper. Superintendent/Arborist Thomas Nash
- City Clerk Magalí Valls
- Clerical Assistant Elora R. Sakal

2. Invocation: Councilman Best offered the invocation.

Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

3. Awards & Presentations:

None.

4. Open Forum:

Parking Violations

Carl Malek of 330 Corydon Drive, Apartment # 5 expressed his concern with vehicles parked on the sidewalks. He saw information in the Gazette explaining that it is a parking violation and it seems that nothing is being done. He is unaware of whether he should contact the Police Department or knock on the owner's door to ask them to move their vehicle. He has also seen Police Officers parking their motorcycles on the sidewalk while checking for speeders and if it is a violation for residents, it should be a violation for Police Officers as well.

Mayor Garcia suggested that later during the meeting City Manager Gorland could address the issue or Mr. Malek could contact Chief of Police Peter Baan about the matter.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

5A) 05-29-2012 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the May 29, 2012 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Best moved the item. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 05-29-2012 – Board of Appeals – Minutes

Minutes of the May 29, 2012 Board of Appeals meeting were received for information without comment.

6B) 06-04-2012 – Zoning and Planning Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the June 4, 2012 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6C) 06-04-2012 – Board of Adjustment – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the June 4, 2012 Board of Adjustment meeting was received for information without comment.

6D) 06-05-2012 – Code Enforcement Board – Minutes

Minutes of the June 5, 2012 Code Enforcement Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6E) 06-06-2012 – Architectural Review Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the June 6, 2012 Architectural Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6F) 06-12-2012 – Recreation Commission – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the June 12, 2012 Recreation Commission meeting was received for information without comment.

6G) 06-19-2012 – Education Advisory Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the June 19, 2012 Education Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

7. Public Hearings:

7A) Second Reading – Ordinance No. 1036-2012 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-017, Recreational Vehicles, to Clarify, Correct and Remove Provisions that will Provide a Clearer, more Accurate, and up to date Code Section; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date (First Reading: 05-29-2012 – Advertised: 05-31-2012 – Second Reading: 06-11-2012)

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that there had been no changes since the first reading. The base of the ordinance is to clarify and correct some existing language that is no longer correct or appropriate in the application of the ordinance.

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing to those persons wishing to speak. There were no speakers, and the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Best moved to adopt the ordinance. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

8. Consent Agenda: (Approved with one motion)

8A) Approval of the City Attorney's Invoice for May 2012 in the Amount of \$12,845.25

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the item. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

8B) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to SAMA Construction, Inc., the Lowest Responsible Quote, in the Amount of \$12,900, for Demolition of 990 Morningside Drive, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the item. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

8C) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to Royal Rent-A-Car Systems of Florida, the Lowest Responsible Quote, in an Amount not to Exceed \$20,260.80, for the Monthly Rental of Two Vehicles, for a 12-Month Period, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the item. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

8D) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to Chief Supply, the Lowest Responsible Quote, in the Amount of \$1,606.80, for Employee Recognition and Awards (Bars, Pins and Holders), Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the item. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

9. Old Business:

9A) Appointments to Advisory Boards by the Mayor and Council Members

None.

Mayor Garcia asked for a 5 minute recess at 7:10 p.m.

9B) Discussion/Selection of Interim Council Member to Fill Vacant Seat II

Mayor Garcia asked City Clerk Magalí Valls if she could update the public on what had occurred recently in regards to the qualifications for Seat II.

City Clerk Valls explained that the closing for qualifying was on Friday, June 8th and only one candidate qualified, which was Grace Bain. Since she was the only candidate, according to Florida Statutes, she is automatically elected to the position and there is no need for an election in that respect. There will be a Special Election for the two Charter amendment questions and Grace Bain is elected as Councilwoman in Seat II to replace former Councilman Dan Espino.

Mayor Garcia asked when Grace Bain would officially take the Seat.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the Code Provision states that the City Council shall convene a Special City Council Meeting on the night following the certification results of each City Council election or as soon as practical within seven days of the certification of the election results. The Special Meeting shall be scheduled by the City Clerk after determining the availability and preference of the newly elected council member.

City Attorney Seiden commented that this applies to General Elections, so there is no provision dealing with a replacement election and there is no direction other than what he just explained. It is up to Council and Mrs. Bain as to how she would like to handle the swearing in. He suggested scheduling a Special Meeting in advance of the next Regular Meeting. In light of the fact that the next meeting is the meeting before the July recess, there is going to be a lot of material and it will probably be a long meeting.

Vice Mayor Lob said that one person has been elected and he does not see why Council should place anyone else in the seat in the interim. He asked City Attorney Seiden if he should make a motion.

City Attorney Seiden responded that a motion would be appropriate and there has to be a majority vote. If Council appoints someone this evening, that person would be sworn in possibly before the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Lob moved to appoint Grace Bain as an interim Councilmember. Mayor Garcia passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Lob and seconded the motion.

Mayor Garcia stated that there would have been more of a debate if somebody was not automatically elected to the position for lack of opposition. Due to the fact that this happened, there were two people on the list that he considered besides Grace Bain and that was former Councilman Jim Caudle and Marla Alpizar, who he said is present, and met with him to discuss her interest in the City.

Mayor Garcia said that he had not had a conversation with former Councilman Jim Caudle who has made himself very open to assisting the City and he has the best interest of the City at heart. He felt uncomfortable making the decision without speaking to him first and that is why he called for the five minute recess in order to speak with him.

Mayor Garcia explained that in speaking to former Councilman Caudle on the telephone, he completely understands that the decision has been made by the lack of people running for the seat and he is okay with the decision to appoint Mrs. Bain. Being that Mrs. Bain is going to be the Councilwoman come August 14th, he sees no reason for delaying the process.

Councilman Best commented that these are extraordinary times from the perspective that there is a vacant seat on the City Council. He thanked those who came forward in terms of trying to assist the City and filling that seat for the interim period until there was an election. He said that he has had lunch with several of the contenders and has previously spoken personally to the others.

Councilman Best stated that it is public record who his final choice was and he feels that somebody that is elected to a position has a mandate from the residents and in this particular case that is not an option and there is an acclimated ascension to the seat. He believes that the City would be well served by former Councilman Jim Caudle and moving forward with two of the most contentious issues that the City has facing them today which are Recreation and the Golf Course.

Councilman Best explained that the situation that currently exists is that somebody that decided to run for office was unopposed. He has been in that position before, but it was not in times of extraordinary circumstances like it is now. He congratulated Grace Bain for having taken the time and effort to qualify and to be appointed in August to assume the seat. In the interim the City may be well served to have somebody else fill the seat and to divulge his or her views accordingly.

Councilman Best thanked Mrs. Marla Alpizar, Mark Trowbridge and former Mayor Richard Wheeler for their desire to fill the vacant seat. He said that Mrs. Bain is uncontested and will assume the seat and become his colleague for the remainder of the term.

Councilman Best welcomed Grace Bain to Council. He explained that he still feels that the City will be well served by having an additional person sit for two or three meetings to adjudicate the business Council has to face going into the budget.

Councilwoman Ator agreed with Councilman Best and added that she believes that the people she suggested were all strong with City budget history and she feels that Mr. Caudle was a good suggestion for that exact reason. She stated that it is a stressful time and there are a lot of difficult decisions to be made during the budget process and this is a unique opportunity to have a person's experience and knowledge.

Mayor Garcia asked City Attorney Seiden if there is anything that prevents Ms. Alpizar, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Caudle and Mr. Trowbridge from helping with the budget process if they are not appointed today.

City Attorney Seiden replied that as constituents of each Council member they can certainly participate. He is not certain of what the Administration's position would be in talking to individuals and if they would entertain individual citizens to discuss the budget. He understands that the budget meetings are basically discussions between Council and the Administration and input from the individuals would have to go through Council or at a time when the budget was proposed, unless the Administration changes their position.

Mayor Garcia said that Mr. Caudle expressed his appreciation for considering him for the position and wanted it to be clear to the public that he was willing to serve and assist in anything that the City needs whether it is with the Golf Course, Recreation or the budget.

Mayor Garcia stated that a person who fills the interim seat would not be here to finalize the budget; they will only have their input as a Council member and will not be able to speak to Council outside of the two Council meetings. He explained that Mr. Caudle or any of the other people under consideration could still speak to each Council member individually in order to affect the budget if they are not appointed for the interim position.

Mayor Garcia clarified that he would like a smooth transition and as much as he would like to see Mr. Caudle on Council, he feels that it would be a much smoother transition if Mrs. Bain were appointed.

Councilman Best mentioned that at the last regular Council Meeting this was not the case and the rules changed midstream.

Mayor Garcia clarified for Councilman Best that an election qualifying packet had been pulled prior to the last regular Council Meeting.

Councilman Best said that it is unbelievable that nobody else pulled a packet to run and he did not think that would happen. He felt that somebody, in the best interest of democracy, would pull a packet and run for office and not display the apathy that Council is seeing.

Councilman Best again welcomed Grace Bain to the seat that she will be filling on August 14th if not earlier. He felt that the process was misread by not only him but perhaps others sitting on Council as well.

Vice Mayor Lob stated that everyone on Council has had to deal with the budget at one point or another when they were elected. Council has had a couple more months of experience but they have all had the short cycle to work on the budget. It is not something that cannot be overcome, especially by Grace Bain, considering who her husband is and her involvement with the City.

Vice Mayor Lob commented that Mrs. Bain has many people who are willing to assist her. He feels that it makes no sense to put another person on Council and replace them a month later. He agreed that the rules did change and Council should move forward with the changes since it makes the best sense.

The motion was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

City Attorney Seiden suggested setting a time to swear in Grace Bain for the interim position and Councilman Best recommended that the swearing in be done 30 minutes before the next City Council Meeting.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that it would take approximately 30 minutes to do the swearing in.

Councilman Best recommended, based on what Mayor Garcia said, that Grace Bain should be given an agenda packet prior to the meeting and City Attorney Seiden replied that she would receive one.

City Clerk Valls clarified that the swearing in for Grace Bain will be held prior to the June 25th Regular Council Meeting at a Special Meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

9C) Curtiss Mansion National Historic Tax Credit Transaction Update

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that the tax credit transaction closed on Friday, June 8th and the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) was issued on Saturday, June 9th. He explained that this would not have happened if it had not been for City Attorney Seiden.

City Manager Gorland explained that parts of the transaction still need some work and hopefully they will be finished within the next week. He added that there are some issues, but this is not a cause for major concern based on his knowledge. He thanked City Attorney Seiden for a wonderful job.

City Attorney Seiden commented that some adjustments had already been made today, packets have to be distributed and there are some documents that have to be recorded. He spoke with his title examiner and there is still one issue regarding the difference between affirmative coverage and comprehensive coverage and he hopes that it will not be an issue. He is going to meet the surveyor on the site on Thursday, June 14th to resolve one lingering issue regarding something that was left off of the survey.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the CMI agreement is complete and he has prepared a termination of lease agreement between the City and Experience Aviation (E.A.) which he has given to the City Manager to sign so that everything is in keeping with the propriety of the transaction and CMI will then be able to enter into their own agreement with E.A.

To answer Councilman Best's question, City Attorney Seiden clarified that the person he is dealing with has given him everything he needs and the coverage limit was raised for the lease holder's interest, in accordance with his request. It does not cost the City anything for this because they are already securing coverage for the \$5MM amount that is on the title insurance. He will prepare an affidavit and record the Memorandum of Leases, which are the requirements of the coverage. The one question that is still outstanding should not be an issue, but he cannot speak for the gentleman who is making the final decision.

Councilman Best and Vice Mayor Lob thanked City Attorney Seiden and the entire Administration for their efforts in this matter.

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that this deal was for the express purpose of receiving approximately \$500,000 net proceeds to the City of the \$738,000 transaction and he expects to have the funds within the next three to four months.

10. New Business:

10A) Resolution No. 2012-3547 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida, Supporting the Miami-Dade County League of Cities' Efforts to Negotiate a New Charter County Transit System Surtax Interlocal Agreement on Behalf of the Municipalities in Miami-Dade County; Appointing a Representative for Negotiations with the County; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the resolution by title.

City Attorney Seiden referred to page two that outlines the position of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities in their negotiations with the County on the various issues involving the new Citizen Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) agreement. In Sections two and three, Council is appointing the City Manager to negotiate on behalf of the City and for the League to negotiate on behalf of all municipalities.

City Manager Gorland commented that this position is supported by the Miami-Dade County City Manager's Organization of which he is a member. The organization meets monthly to discuss various issues and discussions are handled through a number of people who are held in very high esteem. He expects the process could take a long time and there is a great article in the weekend paper about the tax and how it came about.

Vice Mayor Lob moved to adopt the resolution. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

10B) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to Wrangler Construction, Inc., the Lowest Responsible Bidder, in the Amount of \$12,480.00, for the Repairs of the Bike Path at the 900 Block of North Royal Poinciana, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland read the title of the award.

City Manager Gorland explained that Public Works has determined that a section of the bike path at the 900 block of North Royal Poinciana represents a safety issue and needs repair. Quotes were solicited from three construction firms and the Administration is recommending Wrangler Construction Inc. as the lowest of the three bidders.

Mayor Garcia asked if any of the other companies had done work for the City of Miami Springs before and City Manager Gorland replied that H&R Paving had performed work for the City in the past.

Operations Superintendent/Arborist Thomas Nash explained that Wrangler Construction Inc. installed the driveway at the Curtiss Mansion and they also did the repairs for Woody's West End Tavern off of Ludlam. H&R Paving has done a considerable amount of work for the City in the past and he is not familiar with the other bidder, Miguel Lopez Contractors.

Councilwoman Ator moved the recommendation to use Wrangler Construction Inc., the lowest responsible bidder. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

10C) Paperless Council Agenda Recommendation

This item was **pulled** from the agenda.

10D) Verbal Status Report Regarding Proposal from Atkins in Regard to Repair and Rehabilitation Work on City Golf Course in the Basin 35 Area

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden stated that as Council may remember, the City had a prior settlement with Atkins when they were Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc. and the City received a refund of approximately \$128,000. That settlement was conditioned upon certain items that were going to happen or were thought to happen in the future and as it turns out, they cannot happen. As a result, there was a second and a third alternative. The third alternative was the trench system behind the Golf Course near the Basin 35 area.

Attorney Seiden explained that the second alternative involved keeping some piping in the ground on the Golf Course that was already installed and credit was given to Atkins for that work. He is waiting for the attorneys to send him an actual settlement agreement and he will state a list of terms that Atkins has agreed to.

Attorney Seiden stated that the City would be receiving an additional refund of \$24,000 from Atkins that is directly related to prior credits that were given to them for what was going to be the reuse of the north, south and east west pipes and catch basins that were proposed for one of the project alternatives for the Basin 35 project. In addition, the City will receive an additional credit of \$3,000 from Atkins representing 10% of the \$30,000 credit given to the City for the proposed retention pond project alternative because 90% of the work has already been done. The project was determined by staff to be cost beneficially not appropriate and the engineering that was done for the actual work on the homeowner side on Hunting Lodge Drive took care of the problem.

Atkins will agree to complete and deliver an approved best practices manual for the Golf Course as part of the prior settlement agreement between the parties at no additional cost to the City, according to Attorney Seiden. This is a document that is now being required for all Golf Courses that basically states how they are going to administer their chemicals and it is put in a manual form and approved by the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM).

Attorney Seiden continued explaining that Atkins is going to waive any further payments that may be due from the City for work performed on the retention pond project alternative which was currently claimed to be \$17,991. This is the only item that was negotiated and Atkins has rendered services to the City as part of the 90% that he mentioned earlier. The City agreed to split the cost with Atkins so basically of the approximate \$18,000 that the City owes Atkins, the City will compensate them \$9,000 to settle that issue and will walk away from Basin 35.

Attorney Seiden said that Atkins will continue to represent the City in its defense of a DERM permit that has existed for some time. This was previously authorized by Council for a total amount of \$12,800 in a purchase order in which there is approximately \$1,370 remaining and Atkins has assured him that they will continue to represent the City to clear up the old violation that involved the storage tank that had not been taken care of properly.

Attorney Seiden explained that Atkins will remove all north, south, and east west pipes and catch basins from the City Golf Course, repair any damage caused by the removal process, create berms to lessen the impact of the repair work where necessary and appropriate, extend the east west boundaries of the previously proposed low line retention area and act as project manager until all the said work has been completed and approved by the City. In the performance of the foregoing, Atkins agrees to cooperate with the City and create as little disruption as possible to the operation of the Golf Course and the City has agreed to assist them in the performance of their services and in lining off areas of the Golf Course when needed.

Attorney Seiden said that it is unfortunate that the City was put in this situation. He does not think that the current group at Atkins can be blamed for the situation and the former Post Buckley Staff is no longer there. He noted that Atkins has been very appropriate and conciliatory with the City and as soon as he receives the settlement agreement to sign, the Basin 35 issue will hopefully be resolved.

10E) Verbal Status Report Regarding Cell Tower Contract Extension Crown Castle Agreement – 71 Hook Square

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden stated that Council most likely is not informed regarding this issue and that from time to time, the City receives offers to purchase the City's ownership of the cell tower. Every year the offers are made and Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso realizes that they are not good deals, although this proposal was somewhat different.

Attorney Seiden explained that the lease itself has expired and it is now in the first five-year option period with four of the years remaining. There is a second five-year option period under the original lease which he assumes that somebody will exercise. Crown Castle approached the City through one of their representatives to receive four additional five-year extensions built onto the back of the lease. It is strange because it is nine years in advance of something imminent happening.

Attorney Seiden commented that this most likely indicates that regardless of how the technology improves or changes, the cell towers are going to be around for a long time. Crown Castle has not approved his final draft and they have put items into the documentation that in his opinion are beyond the scope of what they are requesting. He has summarily removed Crown Castle at every juncture and only left in the extension provisions that they are asking for.

Attorney Seiden said that Crown Castle is offering \$7,000. He has spoken with Crown Castle by e-mail stating:

"I have kept the City's options open to make an increase demand for consideration. The more I worked on the transaction and the more I thought about a payment of \$7,000, it seemed rather low to agreeing to and affect 20 potential years of the operation."

City Attorney Seiden stated that when the offer is received by Council they may consider and if they approve it in concept, but feel that it is undervalued at this amount, they can direct him to return to the company and see if additional funds can be solicited. As of right now, there is nothing firm to give Council except that the Administration has been working on the offer and it has been proposed so early. He noted that he will bring it back to Council once Crown Castle has sent him confirmation that the documentation is okay with their board.

Vice Mayor Lob asked if any other City is being proposed with this offer and City Attorney Seiden replied that he had not checked with any other cities because it is only a proposal at this time.

Attorney Seiden commented that the City's cell tower is a larger facility and has larger capabilities than virtually any others in this area. The City Council made a very good decision about putting the cell tower in that location because it is basically unused property that the City has the right to use. The City receives funds for each of the co-locators per year and increases on all of those amounts. He said that the only questions are related to the timing and the \$7,000.

11. Other Business:

11A) Status Report Regarding Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that the budget process started approximately one month ago and he had asked the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director to start the process so that Council has enough time to think about it over the July break.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso stated that meetings had been held with all of the Department Heads regarding their budgets. Based on the requests from the Departments, the City is facing a shortfall of approximately \$817,000 this year. The millage that is being used is the rollback rate, which is the millage rate that will bring in the same amount of ad valorem dollars as this year; in other words, no tax increase.

Mr. Alonso explained that the following are assumptions based on the budget: the Curtiss Mansion Operation will be self sufficient and will not require City subsidy; the City will have a projected increase of approximately 8.4% or \$65,000 in pension costs next year and there will be an increase of approximately \$123,000 in Workers Compensation insurance cost.

The City has been receiving a Police grant for the past three years that funded two police officers, according to Mr. Alonso. The grant is ending this year which means that the two officers will then have to be compensated by the City and will maintain the level of the police force at 43 uniformed officers. He said that the budget also contains approximately \$253,000 in capital expenditures.

The assumption is that the proceeds of the Historic Tax Credit will be used to construct the parking lot at the Curtiss Mansion and there are two options: Use the proceeds to pay off the original advance of \$475,000 or to use these proceeds for the parking lot and keep funds. Another assumption is that no hurricanes will affect the City during the months of October and November.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso stated that the budget includes no personnel head count changes, no C.O.L.A. or merit increases for General Employees and no C.O.L.A. for uniformed police. There will be no outsourcing for any Public Works services. He added that the 3% Department Head pay cut that was taken last year and the longevity was included in the \$817,000 deficit figure. Another assumption is that there will be no further deterioration of the national or local economy.

Mayor Garcia asked if there was a specific number for the 3% Department Head pay cut and Mr. Alonso replied that he did not have the number and he will email it to him.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso commented that the budget projects a loss of \$223,746 at the Golf Course next year. The projected revenue from red light cameras is \$300,000, which he feels is very conservative and it could be more than that amount. He has included a designated fund balance and a list of the millage rates of all municipalities showing that Miami Springs is approximately 12th on the list from high to low at the current rate of 6.74 mills.

Mr. Alonso also distributed the financial dashboard which shows the millage rates, reserves and property taxes collected over the past ten years. He mentioned that under the column of property taxes collected in 2011, it shows \$5,576,976 and the City is operating at the same ad valorem levels that the City received in 2003-2004. He wanted Council to be aware that the millage rate started at 8.74 in 2003, and is now at 6.74 for fiscal year 2012. He will not know the final numbers for a few months because there are still appeals that need to be heard.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso stated that when the workshops begin, he will bring Council a listing of certain actions that can be taken to balance the budget and provide several options.

Mayor Garcia commented that this information is very helpful and will be useful to inform the residents who want to keep their taxes low and the other residents who want to raise taxes and keep certain programs.

Mr. Alonso mentioned that the preliminary head count in personnel is approximately 121 employees and two years ago there were 128 employees. Out of those 121 employees, approximately 80 are Police and Public Works.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

Mayor Garcia commented that he had just received great news that the girls from All Angels Academy that went to the National History Competition have made it to the final round and will perform against thirteen teams tomorrow. The final results will be given to Council on Thursday.

12A) City Attorney

Special Meeting

City Attorney Seiden reminded Council that there is a Special Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2012.

12B) City Manager

Bids

City Manager Gorland commented that the bids for the landscaping and tree trimming are due on June 12th at 2:30 p.m. and the sanitation bids are due on June 14th at 2:30 p.m.

Tennis Camp

City Manager Gorland stated that Miami Springs Tennis Director Manny Fabian will be offering tennis camps for kids from ages 5 to 17 on June 11th through August 3rd.

McDonald's Grand Re-Opening

City Manager Gorland reported that McDonald's is celebrating its Grand Re-Opening celebration on Saturday, June 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and a ribbon cutting is scheduled.

Poker Tournament

City Manager Gorland commented that on Saturday, June 16th at 3:00 p.m. the Lions Club Charity Poker Tournament will be held at the Lions Club. Anyone who is interested in reserving a seat can contact Irene Priess.

Movie Night

City Manager Gorland reported that on June 23rd at 7:30 p.m. the Miami Springs Historical Museum will be hosting a Movie Night at the Museum featuring "Miami 1926". The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors.

Car Show

City Manager Gorland announced that the annual classic Car Show will be held on Tuesday, July 3rd at the Circle as part of the Independence Day celebrations. Anyone interested in entering their cars can contact the Community Center or City Hall.

Fourth of July

City Manager Gorland reminded everyone that the Fourth of July is forthcoming and he plans on having a great holiday celebration in Miami Springs.

12C) City Council

All Angels

Councilwoman Ator thanked Mayor Garcia for recognizing the good news regarding the girls from All Angels who are participating in the National History Competition. The young ladies are very excited and it is a wonderful experience for them.

Playground Project

Councilwoman Ator commented that the playground project for the Charter School would be held on Tuesday, June 12th from 12:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. This is the first time that a new school has been chosen a playground like this and a lot of effort has been put into the project. She encourages everyone to go out and support the school.

Little League

Councilwoman Ator reported that the Hankins & Ator under 10 Little League Team won the championship and it was very exciting.

University of Florida Baseball

Vice Mayor Lob said that he had the pleasure of attending the University of Florida Baseball game when visiting his daughter.

Playground Project

Councilman Best thanked Councilwoman Ator for mentioning the playground project at the Charter School and he plans to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Grace Bain

Councilman Best thanked Grace Bain for being present at the meeting tonight and welcomed her to the dais.

Thank You

Councilman Best thanked Ms. Alpizar, Mr. Caudle, and Mr. Trowbridge for their interest in the interim position for the Group II seat.

Delores Orr

Councilman Best attended the retirement party that was held for Delores Orr at the Lions Club. There were many people who attended and it was a wonderful occasion.

Thank You

Mayor Garcia thanked those who showed an interest in filling the Group II seat. He knows that they understand how thankless of a job it is to sit on Council and it means a lot to him that they were willing to be appointed to the position.

Grace Bain

Mayor Garcia congratulated Ms. Bain on her newly appointed position.

Charter School

Mayor Garcia announced that the Academy for International Education (AIE) Charter School will be adding a 7th grade level in the upcoming year.

Playground Project

Mayor Garcia stated that the last time a park was built like the playground at the Charter school was when the Let's Build it Park was built on Prince Field. He encouraged everyone to help with building the park on Tuesday, June 5th at 12:45 p.m. and the ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 5:45 p.m.

McDonald's Re-Opening

Mayor Garcia mentioned that a flyer was placed in the Gazette for a free sandwich to celebrate the McDonald's grand re-opening that will take place on Saturday, June 16th at 11:00 a.m. The building was completely remodeled and he can see the face of 36th Street starting to change. He encourages more renovation and thanks those who have already made positive changes.

Summer Camp

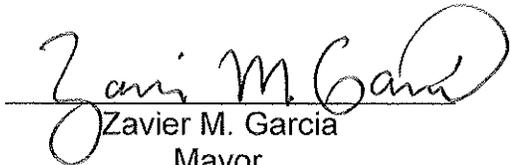
Mayor Garcia reported that the Community Center Summer Camp began today and his son was disappointed that he was not the first one to walk into the program, but he was very excited to be a part of it. He thanked City Manager Gorland and the Recreation Staff for putting together a wonderful program and Golf & Recreation Director Luna for doing a great job.

Father's Day

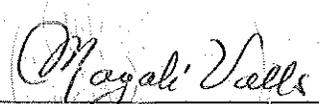
Mayor Garcia wished all fathers a Happy Father's Day.

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.


Zavier M. Garcia
Mayor

ATTEST:


Magali Valls, CMC
City Clerk



Approved as written during meeting of: 6-25-2012.

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