



## *City of Miami Springs, Florida*

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The following were present:

- Mayor Zavier M. Garcia
- Vice Mayor Michael Windrem
- Councilman Billy Bain
- Councilman George V. Lob
- Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

Also Present:

- City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
- Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso
- City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
- Chief of Police Peter G. Baan
- Recreation Director Omar L. Luna
- Golf and Country Club Director Paul O'Dell
- Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell
- Building & Code Compliance Director H. "Tex" Ziadie
- City Clerk Magali Valls
- Deputy City Clerk Suzanne S. Hitaffer

### 2. Invocation: Councilman Petralanda offered the invocation.

**Salute to the Flag:** Students from Miami Springs Middle School led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

The Mayor presented baseball caps to the students who participated in the salute to the flag.

**3. Awards & Presentations:**

**3A) Proclamation – Daniela Rodriguez Day**

Mayor Garcia proclaimed May 13, 2013 as “Daniela Rodriguez Day”. He felt that it was important to recognize her many achievements in robotic engineering.

Ms. Rodriguez introduced “Steve”, her robot, and gave a demonstration of how it works.

**3B) Yard of the Month Award – Leticia Blanco – 489 La Villa Drive**

Leticia Blanco of 489 La Villa Drive was not present to accept her award.

**3C) Presentation of Certificate of Sincere Appreciation to Former Councilman Bob Best**

Mayor Garcia presented a Certificate of Sincere Appreciation to former Councilman Bob Best for his eight years of service to the City.

Former Councilman Best thanked Mayor Garcia and the entire City. He said that Councilman Petralanda made a very valid point in his invocation by saying that it is the residents that make things occur on Council. He thanked everyone who supported him over the years and the Administration and Council members who have served with him. Residents have a very serious item to consider moving forward in two years which is the fact that they have a great body of people to support and represent them.

**3D) Presentation of Certificate of Sincere Appreciation to Former Councilwoman Jennifer**

Former Councilwoman Jennifer Ator was not present to receive her award.

**3E) Presentation of Certificate of Sincere Appreciation to Former Councilwoman Grace Bain**

Mayor Garcia presented a Certificate of Sincere Appreciation to former Councilwoman Grace Bain for her one year of service to the City.

Former Councilwoman Bain said that it has always been a pleasure to serve Miami Springs and she enjoyed her time on Council and learned a lot. She commented that she did not know what to expect until she was sitting in the chair at the dais. Her heart will always be with Miami Springs and its residents and she will continue to do volunteer work and represent Miami Springs.

**4. Open Forum:**

No speakers.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

5A) 04-22-2013 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the April 22, 2013 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Bain moved the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 02-07-2013 – General Employees Retirement System – Minutes

Minutes of the February 7, 2013 General Employees Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.

6B) 02-07-2013 – Police and Fire Retirement System – Minutes

Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Police and Firefighters Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.

6C) 04-16-2013 – Education Advisory Board – Minutes

Minutes of the April 16, 2013 Education Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6D) 04-18-2013 – Historic Preservation Board – Minutes

Minutes of the April 18, 2013 Historic Preservation Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6E) 04-23-2013 – Ecology Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the April 23, 2013 Ecology Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6F) 04-25-2013 – Code Review Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the April 25, 2013 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6G) 05-01-2013 – Architectural Review Board – Minutes

Minutes of the May 1, 2013 Architectural Review Board meeting were received for information without comment.

**6H) 05-06-2013 – Zoning and Planning Board – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the May 6, 2013 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.

**6I) 05-06-2013 – Board of Adjustment – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the May 6, 2013 Board of Adjustment meeting was received for information without comment.

**6J) 05-07-2013 – Code Enforcement Board – Minutes**

Minutes of the May 7, 2013 Code Enforcement Board meeting were received for information without comment.

**6K) 05-08-2013 – Golf and Country Club Advisory Board – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the May 8, 2013 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

**6L) 05-14-2013 – Recreation Commission – Cancellation Notice**

Cancellation Notice of the May 14, 2013 Recreation Commission meeting was received for information without comment.

**7. Public Hearings:**

**7A) Second Reading – Ordinance No. 1053-2013 – An Ordinance of the City Council of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 34-14, Appointments, by Adding Thereto a Maximum Number of Hours for Other Than Fulltime Classified Employees; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date (First Reading: 04-22-2013 – Advertised: 04-24-2013)**

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

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

**Councilman Lob moved to adopt the ordinance. Vice Mayor Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**8. Consent Agenda: (approved with one motion)**

**8A) Approval of the City Attorney's Invoice for April 2013 in the Amount of \$13,263.75**

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Vice Mayor Windrem seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

**8B) Recommendation that Council Approve a Change Order in an Amount not to Exceed \$4,000.00, on an "As Needed" Basis, to M. Jurado & Associates, Inc., for the Annual Costs of Conducting Mechanical Plan Reviews and Inspections, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (F)(11)(c) of the City Code**

To answer Councilman Bain's question, City Manager Gorland clarified that the change order is for an inspector who does mechanical plan reviews. There is a lot of permit activity so additional funds must be allocated to compensate the inspectors.

City Attorney Seiden stated that it is important to note that the funds do not come out of the General Fund because the fees are paid by the people who are replacing a roof or building homes.

Discussion ensued regarding Councilman Bain's concern for residents paying for numerous inspections. He requested an analysis of all of the inspections.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Vice Mayor Windrem seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

**8C) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Approve an Expenditure in an Amount not to Exceed \$20,000, on an "As Needed" Basis, to Angel M. Alvarez, for the Annual Costs of Conducting Roofing Plan Reviews and Inspections and Building Inspections, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (F) (11) (c) of the City Code**

To answer Councilman Bain's question, City Manager Gorland commented that the City attempts to do as much as they can at the lower cost which is not for the services of Building Official Edwin "Skip" Reed. In some cases, it is Mr. Reed if there are multiple inspections on the same site. The lower cost is paid to one of the inspectors to perform the same roofing inspections.

Councilman Bain asked if the full amount had been budgeted and City Manager Gorland replied in agreement. He added that as the City gets more business there will be a need for additional inspections.

Councilman Bain asked why Mr. Reed would have to be on a roof to perform an inspection if the City is paying for roofers to do inspections and City Manager Gorland responded that there are emergency situations from a construction standpoint.

Councilman Bain asked if it is possible that Mr. Reed and the roof inspector are being paid for inspecting the same roof and City Manager Gorland replied that it would not be possible.

City Manager Gorland said that the roofing inspector can make the first inspection and if a second inspection is required and he is not available, then Mr. Reed would make the second inspection.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that there will be subsequent inspections for the same roof at different phases of the construction and there may be a special circumstance where there may be something that the Building Official, in his capacity, may need to inspect as opposed to the roofing inspector.

To answer Councilman Bain's question, City Manager Gorland stated that Mr. Reed is compensated on an hourly basis and the Building Department Staff determines which roofing inspector performs the inspection.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Vice Mayor Windrem seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

#### **8D) Approval of Budget Transfers Within Departments**

In reply to Councilman Petralanda's question, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso explained why funds are transferred from one account to another.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Vice Mayor Windrem seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

#### **8E) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to Gus Machado Ford, the Lowest Responsible Quote, in the Amount of \$31,972.00, for 2 Ford 150 Regular Cab Trucks, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code**

To answer Councilman Petralanda's question, City Manager Gorland stated that the proceeds from sale of vehicles at the auction went into the General Fund and the amount is more than enough to cover the cost of the two trucks.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Vice Mayor Windrem seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

### **9. Old Business:**

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

Councilman Petralanda (Group IV) appointed Kim Werner to the Education Advisory Board for a full 2-year term ending on May 31, 2015.

#### **9B) Approval of Florida League of Cities Ad**

Mayor Garcia commented that the changes that were made were the year, the picture and the names.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Vice Mayor Windrem seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

*(Agenda Item 10E was discussed at this time)*

**9C) Recommendation for Restructuring Recreation Department Staff**

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland read the memo as follows:

*"We would like to restructure the staff at the Recreation Department to be able to provide a better service to our residents/park patrons. In FY2010 the Recreation Department asked for an additional (3) FT Recreation Specialist I. The Recreation Department has been functioning with no problem with the additional (3) FT Recreation Specialist. However, we feel that the Recreation Department could run more efficient if we had a designated pipeline for our employees. I am proposing to Eliminate the (3) FT Recreation Specialist I and add (2) FT Recreation Specialist II and (1) FT Recreation Leader. This will allow for us to mold/train the (1) Recreation Leader to eventually step into one of the Recreation Specialist II positions. The Recreation Specialist II positions are a great opportunity for our up and coming young staff to get a great experience in the Recreation Field, but this position in the Recreation industry has a high turnover. These positions are usually a stepping stone for those employees to continue to move up within the current Department or another opportunity. Please be advised that financially this will not impact our current budget.*

*Current Staff:*

*Current Positions: (3) Recreation Specialist, Pay Grade 15 (\$26,845 to \$39,810) Current Pay for those positions: \$29,870.00 X (3) Employees = \$89,610.00 Current Budget for the Positions: \$89,610.00*

*Proposed Changes to Staff:*

*New Proposed Positions: (2) Recreation Specialist II, Pay Grade 22 (\$31,909 - \$47,318)  
New Proposed Positions: (1) Recreation Leader, Pay Grade 10 (\$23,726 - \$35,181)*

*Proposed Pay for the (2) new Recreation Specialist II, \$32,857 Per Employee X 2 = \$65,714.*

*Proposed pay for (1) Recreation Leader, \$23,896.00.*

*Total Cost for the Staff: \$89,610.00.*

*We are recommending these changes, because we feel this will allow for the Department to be more efficient not only immediately, but also looking towards the future."*

Mayor Garcia commented that the restructuring looks similar to what other departments were requested to do. He is happy to see that this is something that staff is implementing.

To answer Councilman Petralanda's question, Recreation Director Omar Luna stated that there are two current Recreation Specialists I and there is one position that has not been filled.

Councilman Petralanda asked Mr. Luna if this request is to change the employee's title and Mr. Luna replied that their job title would change but it also adds to their job description.

To answer Councilman Petralanda's question, Mr. Luna said that the employees would not need training.

Mr. Luna clarified that there will not be an impact on the current budget because the Recreation Specialist I position that is currently open will be deleted and there will a Recreation Leader that will be paid less so it will balance out to the same amount of funds.

Councilman Petralanda inquired if Mr. Luna would come back in the future asking to compensate the employees more because of increased job responsibilities.

City Manager Gorland clarified that it could happen. The Community Center is a highly complex facility and the employees are highly trained compared to what they were ten years ago. He cannot predict where it is going to take the City over the next few years.

Councilman Petralanda commented that the industry standard compensates more than what the City is compensating the employees even with the deleted position. It might force Council to increase their pay salary just because their title has changed.

Mr. Luna explained that there are currently three Recreation Specialists and one is going to be deleted and replaced with a Recreation Leader which will be compensated less and have less job duties. The other two positions will have an increase in job duties and will be promoted to the Recreation Specialist II position.

Councilman Petralanda stated that he is concerned that there will be a request to Council for raises next fiscal year.

To answer Councilman Lob's question, Mr. Luna responded that he has looked at other places and this is the standard pay grade.

Mayor Garcia said that the chances of having to compensate those two positions more are the same even if they were the three lower level positions. There is always a chance that Mr. Luna can request a raise for those two positions regardless of the position they are at.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the top range for the Recreation Specialist I is \$39,810 and the Recreation Specialist II is \$47,000 so there is a potential \$8,000 difference. The most important question would be what the employees are currently making and what they will be making after their promotion.

Mr. Luna commented that the employees are currently making \$29,870 and with the promotion they would make \$32,857.

City Attorney Seiden said that if Council were to approve this item, they will need to revise the City pay plan accordingly at the next meeting.

To answer Councilman Bain's question, City Manager Gorland explained that this proposal is not for the next budget and is to begin immediately for this budget. It is budget neutral and probably will be for the next budget although he cannot guarantee it.

Mayor Garcia stated that having people who are trained and who have increased their job experience would have the opportunity to step in and fill the positions for other employees that move on.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Vice Mayor Windrem seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

*(Agenda Item 9D was discussed after Agenda Item 10H)*

**9D) Resolution in Favor of Annexation**

Mayor Garcia stated that the annexation resolution was pulled from the agenda in lieu of his meeting today with the County Mayor who is not moving forward with his recommendation of having businesses in the proposed annexation area vote on the matter. They will go by the provisions of the County Charter and there is no need for the resolution.

The Mayor noted that the Town of Medley already adopted a resolution before they could be notified and the Village of Virginia Gardens will not be moving their resolution forward. He explained that there would not be any changes to the annexation proposal, except that the May meeting was cancelled and it will be held in June.

**10. New Business:**

**10A) Recommendation from the Architectural Review Board to Add the Colors on the Community Center to the Color Palette**

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that on May 1, 2013, the Architectural Review Board recommended that the colors of the Community Center be added to the commercial color palette in the City, except for the N. W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street District. This recommendation supersedes the Board's recommendation made at their Meeting of April 3, 2013 on the same subject.

City Manager Gorland said that Planning and Zoning Director Holland reviewed this recommendation and provided his comments. The colors on the Community Center consist of five colors, of which two are already included in the City's adopted color palette for commercial buildings and one is limited to N. W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street. One of the colors could not be found on the Benjamin Moore website and it is assumed that it was discontinued. The two remaining colors are very close to colors that are already on the adopted color palette.

City Manager Gorland commented that the printing cost of the existing color palette was \$815.00, not including the cost of providing camera ready copies that was included in the consultant's fee of \$6,800.00. Mr. Holland is not making a recommendation, only that the color palette is sufficient and if Council wanted to add the other two colors it would be done by referencing the Benjamin Moore color number and not changing the existing forms.

Mayor Garcia stated that his recommendation was going to be to include the two color numbers and not reprinting the color palette.

City Attorney Seiden added that the color palette ordinance also provides that color variations are within the judgment of the Department.

Councilman Bain denied the recommendation based upon the Planning and Zoning Director's input and the current color palette ordinance that allows variations in color. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

City Attorney Seiden read through the Architectural Review Board minutes and commented that one of the members had a good idea regarding impact fees for parking. He had the same idea years ago and it was eliminated in a subsequent ordinance. The parking situation has changed in the Downtown Neighborhood Business District (NBD) and Central Business District (CBD) and the board members should look at the ordinance before making comments about it.

City Attorney Seiden reiterated that the City previously had an impact program, but it was eliminated years ago. He would like the Architectural Review Board members to know that the provision was in the Code and the City took the position that instead of keeping the impact program and charging a fee for insufficient parking, to simply eliminate the need for parking except in cases of new construction or the expansion of an existing building.

#### **10B) Recommendation from the Education Advisory Board Regarding the Youth Advisory Council**

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that based on the actions taken at their meeting of April 16, 2013, the Education Advisory Board members would like to make a recommendation to have two students from Miami Springs Senior High on the Youth Advisory Council, which are José Maldonado and an alternate student who submitted his application before the last Education Advisory Board meeting.

City Attorney Seiden stated that unless Council changes the ordinance, they cannot approve the request because the ordinance specifically calls for only one student from each of the following schools: Miami Springs Senior, Miami Springs Middle, Miami Springs Elementary, Springview Elementary, All Angels, Blessed Trinity and Seventh Day Adventist.

City Attorney Seiden commented that the minutes of the same meeting included discussion about having people come prior to the Education Advisory Board meeting and he would like the Clerk's Office to advise the members not to hold any meetings before their regular meeting and to have only one meeting.

Mayor Garcia asked if it would be appropriate for Council to approve the one student who submitted his application and the City Attorney agreed that the membership nomination should be ratified by a vote of the City Council.

Councilman Petralanda said that he is impressed by the Education Advisory Board because the school Principals report on the conditions in the schools and everything the students are doing. He read the minutes and there is one thing that he does not like about the Youth Advisory Council requirements and that is the provision that students must reside within the City of Miami Springs. He said that students live in Hialeah, Virginia Gardens and Medley and they should be able to participate in the program.

City Attorney Seiden stated that a model ordinance was provided by the School Board and he basically copied the provisions. In section (3), it states that the Youth Advisory Council shall consist of seven members and each member shall be a resident of the City of Miami Springs. Council could change the provision if they agree.

Mayor Garcia suggested sending back a recommendation to the Education Advisory Board to see how they feel about having non-residents on the Youth Advisory Council. He personally would not mind as long as they attend a school within Miami Springs.

Attorney Seiden said that other cities might have restrictions on similar boards and the schools in Hialeah would include their residents and the schools in Hialeah Gardens would have their residents. This would guarantee representation by kids from each community and this might be another factor to consider.

Councilman Petralanda reiterated that the students from outside the community who attend schools in Miami Springs should be allowed.

**By consensus, Council agreed to send the recommendation to the Education Advisory Board in regard to amending the residency requirement for the Youth Advisory Council.**

**Councilman Lob moved to accept José Maldonado as a member of the City of Miami Springs Youth Advisory Council. Vice Mayor Windrem seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.**

Mayor Garcia clarified that only one student is allowed per school unless the ordinance is amended.

**10C) Resolution No. 2013-3578 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Establishing Rates for Collection of Garbage, Trash and Recycling for Residential and Commercial Customers Within the City of Miami Springs; Effective Date**

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

Councilman Bain asked if the City would have to cover the cost increase for this year.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso explained that the fees for garbage, trash and recycling are included on the tax bills and the fees are submitted to the County in July. The increase went into effect in August; the same thing will happen again this year and the increase will apply in the following year.

Mayor Garcia clarified that the City does not make money on the sanitation fees; the residents are charged what it actually costs to provide the service because the funds are in an enterprise fund.

**Councilman Lob moved to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Windrem seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.**

*(Agenda Item 10D was discussed after Agenda Item 10I)*

10D) First Reading – Ordinance No. 1054-2013 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-015, Parking of Commercial Vehicles in City Limits, to Update and Clarify Which Commercial Vehicles May or May not be Parked in the Residential, Multi-Family Residential, Business, and Commercial Zoning Districts of the City; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden said that this is not really a first reading of the ordinance. City Clerk Magali Valls put this item in a format so that Council could see that this is the first part of what the eventual ordinance would be so they have an idea of where they are going with the ordinance.

City Attorney Seiden started with the format of the underlined portion under subsection (a). The prior Ordinance stated that commercial vehicles could not be parked anywhere. This new ordinance subsection explains the parking of commercial vehicles in the single family residential zoning districts of the City. He read the approved vehicles as follows:

*“Approved Parking - All cars, trucks, vans or sport utility vehicles that do not have any signage or other commercialized features or additional equipment attached which do not exceed 19,000 pounds of gross vehicle weight may park in any approved parking location in any single family residential zoning district of the City.”*

City Attorney Seiden stated that the 19,000 pound provision should be changed. Subsection (b) is what Councilman Bain wanted and essentially it is going to put a burden on Code Enforcement. He read subsection (b) as follows:

*“Restricted and limited approved parking. All cars, trucks, vans, or sport utility vehicles that contain only signage, or a combination of signage and a minimal amount of commercialized features, to be determined in the discretion of the City Code Enforcement Department, which do not exceed 19,000 pounds of gross vehicle weight, may park in any approved parking location in any single family residential zoning district of the City.”*

City Attorney Seiden said that subsection (c) is basically what has been talked about and states that *“All cars, trucks, vans, or sport utility vehicles that contain signage, or a combination of signage and a substantial amount of commercialized features or additional equipment attached, which do not exceed 19,000 pounds of gross vehicle weight, may only park in the rear yard of any single family residential property so long as the vehicle is no closer than five (5) feet from any property line.”*

City Attorney Seiden commented that subsection (d) is basically a variance provision which is similar to the Recreational vehicle provision which says that if a person has a commercial vehicle that has signage or a combination of signage and a substantial amount of commercialized features or additional equipment attached, which cannot be parked in the rear yard of a single family residential property for any reason, which is confirmed by the City, may apply for parking in the side yard of any residential property. This is similar to variance requests for recreational vehicles.

City Attorney Seiden stated that subsection (e) for daytime and visitation parking is good but needs some adjustments. He read subsection (e) as follows:

*"All commercial vehicles that are providing repair or other services to any single family residential property in the City may park in any approved parking location in the residential zoning districts of the City from 8 o' clock a.m. to 5 o' clock p.m. daily. In addition, any residents of the City who regularly operate commercial vehicles as part of their employment may park their commercial vehicles at their single family residences during the aforesaid daily hours."*

City Attorney Seiden said that there were many comments about this Section. It will be recommended to Council that the hours be restricted to a few hours instead of a full day.

Building and Code Compliance Director Tex Ziadie showed a PowerPoint presentation which included photos of different size trucks being used as commercial vehicles.

City Attorney Seiden stated that he and Mr. Ziadie have suggested changing the 19,000 pounds to 10,000 pounds.

Mr. Ziadie commented that some issues were raised regarding plumbing trucks so he went to Doug Orr Plumbing and spoke with Kevin Berounsky and Clark Rinehart. He received a registration title on two of their primary service vehicles and both are less than 10,000 pounds and therefore would not affect them.

Councilman Bain stated that the Doug Orr trucks still have the signage and ladders on them.

City Attorney Seiden said that Mr. Ziadie is willing to take the burden about making a value judgment regarding substantial or minimal in those subject categories and also make a determination as to whether something can fit in the back yard or not.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the other topic to discuss was the visitation parking for people who live in the area but drive a commercial vehicle. They should be able to park their vehicle in front of their house for a certain number of hours but not 8 hours.

Councilman Petralanda stated that he did not remember having that discussion and Mayor Garcia commented that what Council discussed was if a person was coming to make repairs.

Councilman Bain said that the discussion was brought up because Mr. Ziadie advised Council that people would drive around and then park again for two more hours.

City Attorney Seiden explained that what is being discussed is the visitation parking for people who happen to live in Miami Springs but work elsewhere and go home for a specific reason and they park their commercial vehicle in their yard for a certain amount of time.

Councilman Petralanda commented that people can work until 7:30 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. and it is still daylight outside.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that in current zoning issues there are a lot of gated communities and if Council goes by the way that the gated communities go, most of the complaints are about people coming too early and staying too late to work. The question is how the eight hours would be justified unless there was a start and a finish time because there is no way to enforce it.

Councilman Bain asked Council if they received phone calls regarding this issue and Councilman Lob said he received one e-mail and Mayor Garcia said that he received one phone call.

Councilman Bain said that he did not receive any phone calls and that there was one complaint in the paper and then he received an e-mail regarding a yellow truck that he would drive by on different occasions to look at and was only there once. He also discussed a red truck that comes and goes from a certain location but he is unsure if the person lives there or not. He has been driving around the City and does not see what the issue is.

Mr. Ziadie commented that he will not see an issue because commercial vehicles are currently not allowed.

Discussion ensued regarding the comments and responses from the residents that Council has been hearing and receiving.

Councilman Bain stated that Council has the opportunity to make a common sense ordinance. There are more important things to residents in this City than the commercial truck situation. Someone can have a minivan that is registered as a commercial vehicle but it does not have any signage on it.

Mayor Garcia recommended that if there is a code that needs to be reviewed, City Manager Gorland should call Council and advise them of the code and its issue and if there are three Council members who do not wish to hear the issue then it should not be placed on the agenda.

City Attorney Seiden said that it would be appropriate for items to come before the Council even if it is just to make a decision whether to hear the item or not.

To answer Mayor Garcia's question, Mr. Ziadie replied that he has not received any complaints regarding the small hybrid vehicles.

Councilman Petralanda asked if Council can make a provision where some trucks can be acceptable at 19,000 pounds but others cannot and City Attorney Seiden replied that Council can make an exception for 19,000 pound vehicles that are customized to be recreational vehicles.

Police Chief Baan suggested allowing 19,000 pounds but restricting the length of the truck so there is not a long box and it also has to have a standard pick-up truck bed.

Mayor Garcia suggested that Council members get a copy of the vehicle that they are looking at and show it to their front, side, and rear yard neighbors and ask for their opinion.

City Attorney Seiden asked Council for their opinion on the visitation issue and Mayor Garcia replied that he does not mind what City Attorney Seiden recommended.

Councilman Lob asked how Mr. Ziadie will know if they are visiting or not and City Attorney Seiden responded that the main category is that they would have parking for repairs and Council could theoretically legislate that.

Councilman Bain suggested that Council drive around the City and see what they are going to make their ruling on. In his experience the problem is not as egregious as it is being represented.

Councilman Bain asked if a truck with a tool box in the back of it will be considered a commercial vehicle and City Attorney Seiden replied that it would be minimal.

Discussion ensued regarding the decision on this item.

Councilman Bain asked what would happen to Miami-Dade County vans or City of Miami vans and City Attorney Seiden replied that they have not reached that section of the ordinance yet but there are exceptions for government vehicles.

City Attorney Seiden stated that Section B is for multi-family zoning which are parking lots and discussion ensued regarding what Section B of the multi-family zoning includes.

**No action was taken on this item; it will be discussed at the next Council meeting.**

*(Agenda Item 10E was discussed after Agenda Item 9B)*

#### **10E) Recommendations from the Memorial Committee Regarding Father Carney and Pastor Schmidt**

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland read the memo as follows:

*"At their meeting of April 1, 2013 the Memorial Committee members discussed the following items that Council had referred to them:*

*1. Consideration of re-naming 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue from where it enters Miami Springs to Hunting Lodge Drive Father Carney Way.*

*After discussion, Committee member Rinehart moved to approve the proposal to re-name 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue from where it enters Miami Springs to Hunting Lodge Drive as Father Carney Way. Committee member Pérez-Vichot seconded the motion, which carried 3-0 on voice vote.*

*2. Recommendation to honor Pastor Schmidt's long time service to Miami Springs.*

*After discussion, Committee member Rinehart moved to approve the recommendation for the signage, ranking Curtiss Parkway #1, Azure Way #2 and Glen Way #3. Mr. Pérez-Vichot seconded the motion."*

City Attorney Seiden clarified that the motion did indeed pass 3-0 although it is not stated in the memo.

Tamara Thomas of 261 Deer Run commented that Pastor Schmidt served as a Lutheran Pastor for sixty years and his service was celebrated approximately a year and a half ago. She would like to encourage approval of option #1 which is on Curtiss Parkway. Pastor Schmidt was loved by the community and served along with Pastor Imhoff who is also present to speak.

Pastor Imhoff of 254 Curtiss Parkway thanked Council and the Administration for this consideration. Pastor Schmidt is a significant person in history with regard to this City. He urged that Council gives strong consideration and Pastor Schmidt's family would certainly appreciate it as well as the Grace Lutheran Church.

Mayor Garcia stated that this is something that he proposed because he felt that it was very important. It is very unfortunate that both of these men passed at similar times.

Vice Mayor Windrem moved to approve the consideration of re-naming 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue from where it enters Miami Springs to Hunting Lodge Drive "Father Carney Way." Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Vice Mayor Windrem moved to approve Option #1 for naming the section fronting the Grace Lutheran Church on Curtiss Parkway after Pastor Schmidt. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

*(Agenda Item 10F was discussed after Agenda Item 9C)*

**10F) Resolution No. 2013-3579 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending the Schedule of Golf 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; Effective Date**

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

Councilman Bain moved to adopt the resolution. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

**10G) Consideration of New Open Forum/Agenda Items Name and Address Policy**

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland read the memorandum from City Attorney Jan K. Seiden recommending that the Mayor and Council consider changing the customary practice requiring only that names of speakers be stated for the record at the podium. The speaker will record their address as an optional request on the sign-up log.

City Manager Gorland explained that during a recent Council meeting, a minor came to the podium and was distressed that she was being asked to provide her address. After the meeting, he asked the City Attorney if addresses were required, resulting in the attached response. His memorandum addressing the longstanding custom makes it clear that the addresses are not required for the record. He also recommends that addresses only be requested on the form logs because they are public record documents.

To answer Councilman Bain's question, the City Attorney explained that the policy of the City Council will be that speakers at the podium will only be requested to provide their name verbally and their address on the sign-in sheet will be optional. In the past, addresses were requested as a means of contacting people in order to provide a response.

Councilman Bain moved the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

*(Agenda Item 10H was discussed after Agenda Item 10D)*

**10H) Code Compliance Revision Recommendations Regarding Commercial Vehicles in Commercial Districts**

Building and Code Compliance Director Harold "Tex" Ziadie explained that this item regarding commercial vehicles in commercial districts is the easiest to address if Council wished to discuss it at this time. Currently no commercial vehicles are allowed to be parked in any of the commercially zoned areas if they exceed one ton. His recommendation is to allow commercial vehicles and different districts should have different allowances. The breakdown of the districts is Airport/Golf, N. W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Abraham Tract, Central Business District (CBD), Neighborhood Business District (NBD) and Public Properties and Church Properties.

Mr. Ziadie stated that the larger areas on 36<sup>th</sup> Street would allow large and small commercial vehicles provided that spaces are provided for them by the property owner.

City Attorney Seiden explained that in the commercial areas there are a certain number of spaces available and that is why the parking is restricted.

City Attorney Seiden asked Council to review the information that was provided and to call him or Mr. Ziadie with any questions or comments.

*(Agenda Item 10I was discussed after Agenda Item 10F)*

**10I) Budget Request for Golf FY Summer 2013**

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland read the memorandum from Director of Golf Paul O'Dell dated May 9, 2013 regarding an addendum budget request for Golf FY Summer 2013, outlining the following goals objectives and methods:

Goal #1 – Change the perception of Miami Springs Golf and Country Club.

Objective: Provide a better conditioned golf facility for the residents and guests at the golf course to ensure golfers a more pleasurable experience.

Methods: Achieve by purchasing sod, seed and sand to cover barren areas to make golf course more marketable.

This will be measured by utilizing customer service cards in order to receive feedback and will be an ongoing process.

Goal # 2: Resod Driving Range and practice area with Sea Isle Paspalum turf.

Objective: To increase Driving Range revenue and product differential in the market place and deliver through word of mouth, good will advertising as well as other advertising methods.

Methods: Award bid to best bidder to complete project.

This will be measured by increased use of Driving Range and slight increase in purchasing of range balls and will be monitored through quarterly financial reports. This should be completed by June 15, 2013.

Goal # 3: Changing of Point of Sale system in the Pro Shop for better control measures.

Objective: This purchase will allow staff to work more efficiently, track and capture data to better balance cash and credit card receipts. This system allows the ability to print and obtain signed releases of liability on patrons' receipts.

Methods: Purchase the FORE program to change from tokens at Driving Range to a printed series of numbers to be entered in ball machine to keep better track of range ball sales. This will be measured by control of purchases and gives the City liability coverage for golf carts and club rentals that has previously not been in place.

In order to accomplish established goals the following is a list of requests to improve golf facility and prepare for new golf winter season along with aforementioned explanatory information for Council's review and approval:

1. Driving Range rebuild project with Paspalum grass project includes killing old existing turf, stripping and Fumigation of tee and practice putting area, tilling in 2-inches of new sand, lasering and replanting with Paspalum and new driving range amenities inclusive of mats, yardage markers, yardage signs, club washers, miscellaneous items for \$70,000.

Additional revenues projected with new improvements: Anticipation of a \$60,000 increase over last year's revenue at Driving Range. This will also attract new customers with the addition of the Paspalum renovation giving them a more pleasurable Driving Range and practice experience of Phase I and demonstrating incorporation of new turf into the Phase II plans. This equates to an additional \$12,207.40.

2. Change to FORE! Reservations Inc., for new golf management software program inclusive of integrated electronic tee sheet.

City Manager Gorland asked Mr. O'Dell if he decided to eliminate # 2 and he responded that he would pull this item, although he would still use part of it.

3. Tree trimming necessary for turf growth (minimal only). Refer to the attached estimate from City outsourcing company totaling \$9,459.00.
4. Bermuda Celebration sod for repairs on holes # 1, 8, 9, 13 and various areas on golf course, particularly on green slopes to improve playability for upcoming summer and winter season. The associated cost is \$25,000.00.
5. Princess Bermuda 77 grass seed to over-seed bare areas on golf course for \$6,500.00.
6. Sand for topdressing to improve soil conditions, percolation and rooting capabilities: 500 tons @ \$565.00 for 25 tons equates to \$11,300.00.
7. Additional four applications of granular fertilizer to assist with grow-in during summer months: 9 tons x 4 @ \$5,940.00 equates to \$23,760.00.

8. Professional services for support to Superintendent for turf consultation and programs for \$3,000.00.
9. Replace over ten-year old computer hardware in Golf Director's office for business efficiency for \$3,000.00.

The total request is \$173,626.40 minus \$9,400.00 (#2) which amends the total to \$164,226.00. All budget requests are required to increase profitability of the golf course for the upcoming winter season.

To answer Mayor Garcia's question, Golf Director Paul O'Dell confirmed that all Council members toured the golf course with him and they were shown what is necessary for the facility.

Councilman Bain commented that he would like to invest \$70,000 in the golf course instead of the Driving Range because the use of the Driving Range is less during the summer. The funds could go toward the golf course so it will be ready for the winter season and the Driving Range could be addressed in the next budget. He suggested replacing the mats at the Driving Range.

Mr. O'Dell stated that the Driving Range is the only asset at the golf course that makes money and it needs to be addressed because it is all weeds. Part of the request includes new mats. The new Paspalum turf will save money on chemicals, fertilizer and water; it is very aggressive and it grows faster than Bermuda turf. He said that he may not do the practice area and he could move some of the turf out to the tee box areas on the golf course. He strongly recommends the Paspalum turf for the Driving Range.

Mayor Bain asked how many people are using the Driving Range to hit golf balls and Mr. O'Dell responded that there are quite a few.

Mayor Bain asked if there is a monthly breakdown on revenue for the Driving Range and if revenue has gone down, which would justify the expense.

Mr. O'Dell replied that revenue had decreased; people do not use the Driving Range because of the weeds. He said that the Paspalum turf would give the golf course a product differential because none of the other local courses have it except for Miami Beach, Normandy and Pembroke Lakes. This would be Phase I and it will allow time to become familiar with the turf and he is going after funding from outside sources and a grant from the Oprah Winfrey Foundation.

Mr. O'Dell added that the Miami Springs Golf Course was the first to allow minorities and it has a rich history that is something to be proud of. It is also the City's largest asset. It is time to move forward because the golf course has gone backward over the last five years. The courses that stand out in favorable ways are the most attractive and most profitable.

Mr. O'Dell said that he would like to return to zero-based budgeting. He explained that there are many situations, including a huge worm problem that must be treated before new turf is planted. Sod will be purchased to handle the green surrounds where it is hard to grow seeds. The Paspalum turf is very hard and it will take over areas that are barren; it will grow over the existing Bermuda turf and hopefully the grant will be awarded so that the golf course can shut down next summer for the installation of new turf.

Mr. O'Dell reiterated that the Paspalum turf would cut down maintenance costs by 50% because it does not need as much fertilizer, chemicals or water. By starting with the Driving Range it will allow a learning curve and provide product differential. Miami Springs has a lit range, but it has terrible conditions and making these improvements will spread the word about the golf course.

Mayor Garcia asked how much it would cost to address the golf course without considering the Driving Range and Mr. O'Dell responded that it would cost approximately \$6MM.

The Mayor commented that \$70,000 is a "drop in the bucket" compared to \$6MM and everything that has to be done. He will say that \$70,000 will make a big difference on the Driving Range and help to increase revenue, while other improvements are made to the golf course in the future.

Mr. O'Dell said that the golf course areas will be addressed through the seed and sodding. The new turf on the Driving Range will allow a product differential.

Councilman Bain added that Mr. O'Dell is using the Driving Range as a marketing tool.

Mayor Garcia said that Mr. O'Dell's first order of business was to make sure that sod was placed around the putting green area at the entrance to the Golf and Country Club and that made a noticeable difference and shows an air of progress. He asked how many other golf courses have driving ranges with lights at night and Mr. O'Dell clarified that there are no others within a 25-mile radius.

The Mayor feels that the Driving Range is a marketing tool and Mr. O'Dell agreed that it will help to attract people to the facility and they will see the progress at the golf course.

Mr. O'Dell continued to explain his personal contacts that he previously worked with who he reaches out to for their expertise in different situations such as the problem with the worm activity. He was told about a product that is less expensive than other products and he was advised of how it should be applied. He further explained past successes at other golf courses when they were in need of help.

Mayor Garcia commented that it was very helpful to meet with Mr. O'Dell and to learn that there are further plans to improve the golf course and he feels that it is not ready to be marketed at this time. There is a greater need for the golf course and he hopes to continue with the plans for improvement.

Mr. O'Dell agreed with the Mayor that a lot needs to be done. He said that he is recommending what needs to be done right now as he sees it. The Driving Range turf will be a quick turnaround because Paspalum is an aggressive grass that will take one month to grow in and take hold.

Vice Mayor Windrem asked when Mr. O'Dell wanted to begin the Driving Range and he responded that he would like to begin tomorrow if Council approves the recommendation.

Mr. O'Dell added that he would begin the process of punching the golf course for the seeding and spraying the Driving Range tee to kill the existing grass.

City Manager Gorland clarified that any purchase over \$25,000 would have to come back to Council for approval, including \$70,000 for the Paspalum turf.

Mayor Garcia asked if there is a sole source provider for the Paspalum turf and Mr. O'Dell explained that he reached out to five growers of the particular strain of grass because it loves muck soil.

Mr. O'Dell stated that the City of Coral Gables is utilizing the same company to do the installation on their driving range and there is a time slot that Miami Springs can take advantage of between now and the month of July. The City of Coral Gables has already paid the \$7,000 mobilization fee to the company and this will not apply to Miami Springs.

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden explained that the Code provides for certain circumstances that would permit purchasing in the best interest of the City without bidding or quotes. The reality is that a determination must be made as to whether or not this is an emergency condition that requires this action. If the company has a contract with Coral Gables, the City might be able to piggy-back on their contract.

City Attorney Seiden asked Mr. O'Dell to consider what improvements need to be done tomorrow in order to save the facility. If a determination is made and management agrees that certain improvements need to be done that are in the best interests of the City, in the nature of an emergency condition, then the competitive bid process can be waived. He said that if Council is so inclined, they could approve the purchases and allow Staff to make a determination as to what items can be purchased off other contracts, what items they feel are emergencies in the best interests of the City by waiving competitive bidding and leaving it to the judgment of the Administration.

City Attorney Seiden further explained that Council could pass the recommendation in theory and to ask the Administration to do as much as they feel is appropriate in terms of bids and quotes. In those situations that do not allow the opportunity for bids and quotes they can exercise their emergency powers in order to get things done within the time window.

In response to the Mayor's question, Mr. O'Dell stated that he requested quotes from four suppliers out of the five that grow the strain of grass and specifications were included in the quotes. He received two responsive quotes and one is \$7,000 higher. He said that the window is the fact that this is the growing season and that is why the seed and the sod is necessary at this time; this has been neglected in the past and the infrastructure is suffering. He emphasized the fact that he needs to move forward with the improvements.

Councilman Bain commented that the computer equipment can wait for bids or piggy-backing on other contracts. He asked Mr. O'Dell which items are the ones that Council should address at this time.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso said that any expense over \$10,000 would need Council's approval. The sand for the topdressing can be purchased from the current supplier. The Golf Director is looking for funding and as far as purchasing, it can be done through the normal process because the vendors are already approved and Council sets aside a certain amount of funds every year for each vendor. The main item is # 1 totaling \$70,000.

Vice Mayor Windrem commented that the recommendation had already been researched and it must be determined how quickly it can be implemented if Council decides to approve it.

City Manager Gorland explained that there is a procedural need to move quickly and the City Attorney has outlined the process to allow this to happen. The question is whether or not Council is willing to let the Administration move quickly under those parameters.

City Attorney Seiden said that if Council were to approve they would be approving the concept of the proposal. Council's vote would be to authorize the use of the funding mechanism that has been proposed, which is from reserves. Council would also be giving the Administration and the Golf Director the authority to do the job based on what they believe is in the best interests of the City under the circumstances. If the Administration feels that there is something that must come back to Council, then they will do that or at least send Council notification.

When purchasing under emergency circumstances, or under a condition where something must be done right away, the City Manager has the authority to authorize the expense so long as he reports to Council why it was necessary, according to Attorney Seiden. In this case, the Administration is giving advance notice that they are going to use every apparatus they have within the Code to fund the improvements as quickly as possible. If they determine that something must come back to Council, they will do it as soon as possible and they will notify Council of those items that they feel can be accomplished and why they were done at the next meeting.

Mr. O'Dell explained that the seeding is the least expensive way to go and it will be done in the fairways, but first the worms must be eradicated.

Mayor Garcia said that he likes the process of Council approving the expenditures. He believes in Staff and the Golf Director and he does not mind giving up that authority one time if Council approves.

Councilman Bain commented that when the budget was approved, it included a certain amount of funding for sand and perhaps there are some funds remaining that would reduce the amount of this proposal. He explained that it is hard to understand without seeing the numbers and the proposal might cost less than what is being presented.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso replied that he met with Mr. O'Dell last week and he asked him to go through his budget to identify funding and this proposal is additional to what is already in the budget.

To answer Councilman Bain's question, the City Manager explained that there might be funds remaining for sand, but that sand is going to be used and this proposal for sand is additional.

Councilman Bain reiterated that he would like to see the numbers on paper in order to have a better understanding.

Mayor Garcia understands the City Attorney's explanation and Council will be notified at the next Council meeting as to how the Administration proceeds. He asked Mr. O'Dell if he was comfortable with the company that offered the lowest quote.

Mr. O'Dell responded that the company offered the lowest quote and in his opinion they are the best bidder.

City Manager Gorland asked Council to consider the funding source for the improvements totaling \$164,226.00, because the only source is from the reserves. He said that there is \$500,000 in hurricane reserves, plus \$3MM, of which \$250,000 is for pool improvements. He feels that the funds would have to come from the funds set aside for the pool.

Vice Mayor Windrem understands that something must be done with the pool, but there is a window for the golf course, from an agricultural standpoint, that must be considered. The funds for the pool will probably not be spent in the next two weeks.

City Manager Gorland said that the Administration is going to bring forward the plans for the pool at the next meeting and their recommendation could be not to invest any more funds in the existing pool.

Mayor Garcia stated that he is waiting for the pool recommendation because everything that he has heard so far indicates that \$250,000 is not going to solve the problem with the pool.

Councilman Petralanda referred to the financial statements and noted that the Golf Course is being subsidized in the amount of \$350,000 this year and last year the amount was \$286,000. He asked to consider what the amount will be next year if nothing is done to make improvements. The problem is where the funds are going to come from.

Councilman Petralanda said that he toured the golf course with Mr. O'Dell and saw that it was in ridiculous condition and Council should look at how that happened another time in order to make sure it does not happen again. He has been talking to people in the last week who told him that the golf course is nice and green and as he went around the course he noticed that the grass is green, but there are many places with no grass. His concern is how much the golf course will have to be subsidized next year if nothing is done.

Councilman Petralanda was told that turning over the soil would help and he asked if this is being done.

Mr. O'Dell replied that they began turning over the soil during his first week with the City and it will be continued throughout the summer. The only way to stimulate growth is by opening up the holes to let oxygen and air get down in the soil, which they had not been doing. He advised Golf Superintendent Pell to continue doing this until he tells her to stop. The barren areas will not improve until they are seeded, sanded and the worms are eradicated. Sod will be placed in the golf course areas that are on slopes to prevent the seeds from falling to the bottom.

City Manager Gorland asked Council to make a decision on funding and if the funds should come from the hurricane reserve of \$500,000 or the pool reserve of \$250,000. He would recommend the pool reserve.

Mayor Garcia did not feel that the hurricane fund should be touched in light of the upcoming hurricane season. He would recommend taking the funds from the pool reserve and Council agreed.

Councilman Lob said that \$250,000 would not solve the issue with the pool.

Mayor Garcia asked if one motion would cover all the items or just one particular item.

City Attorney Seiden stated that Council agrees to the concept and the funding source and now the question is relative to the purchasing procedures. He said that by approving all items at the same time they would be giving a certain amount of authority to the Administration to purchase what in their opinion is in the best interests of the City. Quotes were received on the largest expense and the City might be able to piggy-back with the Coral Gables' bid. The remaining items are smaller expenses and many of the companies are the same companies that the City has dealt with for many years, but they are still new purchases.

City Attorney Seiden advised Council that they could either accept that the Administration will act in the best interests of the City and they will report back on their purchases (option A) or Council can require the items to come back on an individual basis before taking action (option B).

**Vice Mayor Windrem moved to approve option A. Councilman Bain seconded the motion.**

City Attorney Seiden clarified that the motion is to approve the concept, the funding source and that the purchases will be made under the auspices of the Administration. Council is giving the Administration the authority to execute the purchases as they feel is appropriate and in the best interests of the City, on an emergency condition or by soliciting quotes. By voting on option A, Council is giving the Administration the authority to waive the competitive bidding process for all of the items.

Councilman Bain requested information on the sand and fertilizer purchases showing the expenses to date and how the additional funds will be spent in the amount of \$23,000 for the fertilizer and \$11,000 for the sand.

Councilman Petralanda noted that the Golf Director definitely needs a new computer and perhaps funding could be transferred from another department's budget and City Manager Gorland responded that the budget was very tight.

Mayor Garcia added that Councilman Petralanda would understand after he goes through the budget process that there are no funds in other departments.

Councilman Petralanda asked if some of the tree trimming could be done by volunteer students to help reduce the costs and Mr. O'Dell replied that there would be liability issues.

**The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

#### **11. Other Business:**

None.

## 12. Reports & Recommendations:

### 12A) City Attorney

#### Annexation

City Attorney Seiden thanked Mayor Garcia for all the work he has been doing for annexation and he appreciates that he keeps everyone informed.

### 12B) City Manager

#### Events

City Manager Gorland reminded everyone to check the City website for activities as there are many events happening. He urged everybody to sign up for the different tweets, including Recreation, Golf, City Hall and possibly the Police Department in the near future.

### 12C) City Council

#### Golf Director Paul O'Dell

Vice Mayor Windrem thanked City Manager Gorland for finding Golf Director Paul O'Dell. He feels that he is going to be a great asset to the City; he is a good steward by helping the City correct the deficiencies on the Golf Course, which is the City's most valuable asset. He was very impressed with his tour of the Golf Course with Mr. O'Dell and he is glad that he is onboard with the City.

#### Australian Pines

Councilman Bain said that the Ludlam Bike Path was brought to his attention and he would like Public Works Director Tom Nash to look at the Australian Pines that are uprooting again.

#### Meeting Discussion

Councilman Bain enjoyed the meeting; he likes the candor and discussion which is the only way to move forward and make the City better. He thanked the Mayor and other Council members.

#### College Graduation

Councilman Lob is very proud of his daughter who just graduated from college.

#### Wedding Announcement

Councilman Petralanda is proud to announce that his daughter is getting married on May 24<sup>th</sup> in a church ceremony.

## **Thank You**

Councilman Petralanda thanked the City Manager for all his help. He also thanked the City Attorney for his assistance on a Friday afternoon.

## **Annexation**

Mayor Garcia thanked the Administration for providing information that is very helpful when following up with the County Staff. He spent the day at County Hall and did not like the bureaucracy. He is very happy in Miami Springs with the way that local government works.

Mayor Garcia added that the City is blessed to have the support of County Commission Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa who is a true public servant that loves Miami Springs. She is well respected at County Hall and she personally escorted him throughout the building. She and her Staff are phenomenal people. He added that Mayor Giménez took the time to meet with him; he is in favor of annexation and is doing a good job.

## **Scott Jones**

Mayor Garcia referred to a memorandum from Scott Jones who is thanking Council for allowing him the opportunity to have served as one of the professionals at the Golf Course.

## **Appreciation**

Mayor Garcia commented that it is almost the end of the school year. There was a Nurse's Appreciation Week, Teacher's Appreciation Week and everyone should hug their mothers in recognition of Mother's Day.

## **Recommendation**

Mayor Garcia recommended that Council should take advantage of the support from the City Staff. They are available all day, every day and can answer questions about agenda items before the meeting, which makes the meeting process a lot smoother.

## **Stop Sign**

Mayor Garcia reported that notification was received from Miami-Dade County that the stop sign on Albatross and Plover Avenue is officially approved. They even offered to construct a traffic calming Circle.

## **Stop Signs/Traffic Calming Recommendation**

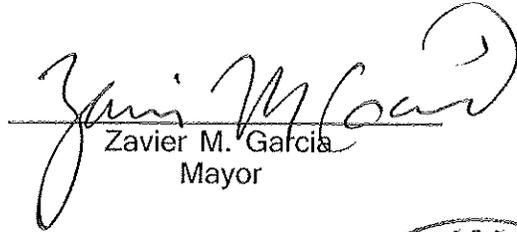
Mayor Garcia made a recommendation to Commission Chairwoman Sosa that the County Traffic Department should perform an evaluation of certain areas of the City in order to determine the need for additional stop signs and traffic calming measures. She agreed that it is a good idea and offered to look into the recommendation. She suggested that the City should perform its own evaluation to determine what areas are in need of traffic calming measures, similar to what was done at the entrance to the City from Hialeah on Curtiss Parkway and she requested a list of what is needed for safety measures.

**Signs**

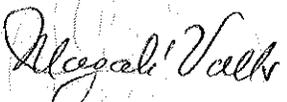
Mayor Garcia was happy to see the email about cleaning up the signs and he thanked the City Manager for following up on his requests. He urged him to keep up the good work.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

  
Zavier M. Garcia  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Magali Valls, CMC  
City Clerk



Approved as written during meeting of: 5/28/2013.

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