



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, March 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The following were present:

- Mayor Xavier M. Garcia
- Vice Mayor Billy Bain
- Councilman Michael Windrem
- 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
- Acting City Clerk Suzanne S. Hitaffer
- Assistant City Clerk Elora R. Sakal

2. Invocation: Offered by Mayor Garcia

Salute to the Flag: Members of Boy Scout Troop 334 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

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

3. Awards & Presentations: None.

4. Open Forum:

Police Pension

Marilyn Newton expressed her concerns regarding the Police Department pension issue. As a resident and civilian employee of the Police Department, she is upset that the officers have been operating without a contract for five years. This City is safe because the Police Officers are doing their job to keep it that way.

Special Election

Maggie Amaya of 185 Flagler Drive commented on two issues; the sale of the sliver of land on the Golf Course and the noise ordinance. She does not understand the need for a Special Election and she questioned why it could not wait until the next regular Election in November.

Noise Ordinance

Ms. Amaya made it clear that her issue is not and has never been with Woodys West End Tavern or its management. Her issue is with the City because they are not enforcing the current noise ordinance. She had no issues with the St. Patrick's Day celebrations that took place at Woodys but the following weekend the noise issue started again. She suggested that Council should hold a meeting so that the public can comment on the noise ordinance.

Noise Ordinance

Arlene Wildenburg Hawks of 549 Payne Drive expressed her concern about the noise ordinance. The St. Patrick's Day weekend was fine and she had no issue with the noise at Woodys but the issue started again the following weekend. She wants to know why the violations are not being issued when people call to complain about the noise. Mr. Suco is not being a good neighbor and his comments in the Gazette prove that point. She asked the City Manager to put pressure on the City Council to do something about this issue and not to renew the permit for Woodys. She alleged that many of the tenants who live in the apartments are talking about suing their landlords and when that happens, the landlords are going to sue the City.

Special Election

Elizabeth Trujillo of 451 Hunting Lodge Drive expressed her concerns about the sale of the sliver of land on the Golf Course. She feels that referendum "60" is going to hinder her dreams of being a future tax payer. She questioned how she can vote for something when the intention of what is being built is unclear.

5. Approval of Council Minutes: (approved with one motion)

5A) 02-24-2014 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Regular meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

5B) 03-10-2014 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the March 10, 2014 Regular meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 04-07-2014 – Zoning and Planning Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the April 7, 2014 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.

7. Public Hearings: None

8. Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted)

City Manager Gorland read the titles of the consent agenda items.

8A) Recommendation that Council Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Award an Additional Expense of \$16,086.78 to Computer Electric, Utilizing the Current City of Miami Springs Contract, for Labor and Materials for the Installation of the New Lighting on the Gazebo Circle, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (1) of the City Code, to be Funded from Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Funds

There was no discussion on this item.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8B) Recommendation that Council Approve a Change Order to P. O. # 140432 to Triple J. Plumbing in the Amount of \$1,900.00, for Additional Water Piping in City Hall Restrooms Not Identified in the Original Quote Related to Air Conditioning and the Hot Water Heater in the Police Department, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (F)(11)(b) of the City Code

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8C) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure of \$5,000.00 on an "As Needed Basis" to Hector Turf for Parts and Supplies Needed for Maintaining the Golf Course Toro Equipment, as a Sole Source Provider, as Funds were Approved in the FY 2013-2014 Budget, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8D) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure in an Amount not to Exceed \$25,296.00, on an "As Needed Basis" to South Florida Grassing, Inc. for Re-grassing Areas Around the Golf Course as a Sole Source Provider, as Funds were Approved in the FY 2013-2014 Budget, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

9. Old Business:

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

There were no appointments to Advisory Boards.

10. New Business:

10A) New Aquatic Facility Recommendations – Consultant and LEED

10A1) Approval of the Aquatic Center Proposed Consultant Contract with Bermello Ajamil & Partners (B&A) in the Amount of \$286,000

10A2) Determination of Inclusion of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accreditation in the Amount of Approximately \$51,000 Out-of-Pocket Cost Plus Potentially \$350,000 in "Soft" Dollar Costs Potentially Recoverable in Future Years

City Manager Gorland read the memorandum outlining three phases of the recommended contract for the proposed aquatic consultant totaling \$286,000.

Vice Mayor Bain asked if the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification is required and City Manager Gorland replied that it is not a requirement.

Willy Bermello, President of Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. (B&A) expressed his gratitude to Council and Staff. He explained that LEED was not part of the original scope of work that was described in the presentation to Council since it is not a requirement in the City of Miami Springs. He believes that in the future it could be something of interest to the City and he wanted to provide the opportunity should Council decide to pursue it.

Mayor Garcia believes that the LEED certification would be a good idea. The only downside is that there is no assurance that the City will receive the certification.

Mr. Bermello explained that from a legal standpoint, they never guarantee the protection because it is a third party institute that gives the accreditation. To date, they have not worked on a single project that started as a LEED process that has not been certified.

Rob Hanks, Principal of Spinnaker Group, commented that an initial analysis could be done if Council desired. They would work with City staff to come up with a design plan and Council would basically know what costs are involved rather than committing to the entire project at this time.

Mayor Garcia said that it is definitely an option. He feels that Council would be selling the City short if they did not at least consider LEED.

Mr. Bermello said that there are four certification levels, which are LEED, gold, platinum and silver. Each level has different requirements and the City does not have to select a higher level which is more costly and more difficult.

Vice Mayor Bain stated that his main concern is the fact that the City has a firm quote. He personally does not like the uncertainty of the final cost. When the Community Center was constructed there was a known cost and there may have been one overrun. He needs some type of assurance of what the cost is going to be.

Mr. Bermello said that if the City chooses to work with a LEED consultant, there will be a fixed amount that Spinnaker will charge and it will not vary. Council will be the one to decide how far to proceed. The LEED consulting will cost \$45,000 and it will be part of the design criteria package.

Mayor Garcia asked if Mr. Bermello was familiar with some of the benefits to becoming a LEED certified building that may allow the City to acquire some grant dollars and Mr. Bermello replied that there are some federal programs that will require the City to be LEED certified but it may go beyond the aquatic center to more of a public policy in terms of the City being a green City. The City will be limited to certain grants if they choose not to be LEED certified.

Mr. Hanks explained that assuming the worst case scenario they set a 5%-7% increase cost. Typically, there is 1% to 2% additional costs on a LEED certified building. He guessed that with the size of the project there would be a 2% to 3% cost increase at the top end.

To answer Councilman Petralanda's question, Mr. Bermello said that the \$400,000 that is quoted is for the 5% to 7% additional costs that are anticipated in the overall cost of the project. The City Manager chose the high end of 7% and added it to the budget to show the impact to the construction capital cost if the City were to go with the entire LEED certification.

City Manager Gorland explained that if this project is done properly, the City will get the funds back over time.

To answer Councilman Petralanda's question, Mr. Hanks estimated an amount of \$400,000 in the worst case scenario.

Councilman Windrem commented that this is very similar to the discussion they recently had with ConEdison. He would agree with option two or three.

Councilman Lob asked if ConEdison could be involved in this project and City Manager Gorland replied that he is uncertain if they could be involved in this project.

Mayor Garcia advised Mr. Bermello that ConEdision Solutions recently conducted an energy evaluation for the City. He asked if that is something B&A would incorporate into the design the City is looking for.

Mr. Bermello responded that they would go beyond being energy efficient. He will be looking at different site planning options, different configurations to the building, location of the pool, pool equipment and the areas for the waterscapes. They will model the energy impact of the different solutions and determine how that affects the operating cost of the facility.

To answer Councilman Petralanda's question, Mr. Hanks responded that \$45,000 covers the LEED consulting and the commissioning which is the testing of the quality control of the HVAC systems and the energy modeling.

Councilman Petralanda asked if the \$45,000 cost includes accreditation or if there would be additional costs and Mr. Hanks replied that he is uncertain. There is a \$900 registration fee and approximately \$0.05 per square foot certification fee.

Vice Mayor Bain moved to approve option 10A1. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion.

Councilman Petralanda asked how the \$286,000 fee compared to the industry standard and City Manager Gorland replied that it is not an industry standard. He believes that this is very attractive especially for the quality and the professional reputation that B&A has.

Mayor Garcia commented that he spoke with other municipalities and they were floored at the dollar amount because it was a very attractive price.

Councilman Petralanda asked Mayor Garcia to provide him with the names of the municipalities that he spoke to and Mayor Garcia replied that he will have the municipalities contact Councilman Petralanda.

City Manager Gorland stated that \$178,000 is the management fee and \$108,000 is for the construction management which occurs over twelve months.

Vice Mayor Bain said that in comparison with what was done with the Community Center, he believes that B&A is proposing a good price. Staff should have provided Council with the information from the Community Center so that they would have a better idea of the cost in order to compare the two projects.

Councilman Petralanda asked if the information for the Community Center could be provided to Council and City Manager Gorland replied that it could be provided, but they would have to make some large assumptions because the Community Center project was different. Bill Sprague was hired as the contract administrator for the Community Center and his fee was equivalent to \$108,000; his final cost was approximately \$130,000, although the contract was for approximately \$115,000.

Councilman Petralanda asked if there would be a delay if no vote was made tonight so that he could review the information on the Community Center and City Manager Gorland said that there would be a delay; timelines could be adjusted or a special meeting could be held.

Mayor Garcia informed Councilman Petralanda that there are other Councilmembers who were a part of the Community Center project and they are able to acknowledge the comparison and this is an attractive price.

Councilman Petralanda said that he would feel more comfortable if he were able to see the numbers from the Community Center.

Councilman Lob commented that the undesignated fund balance is dwindling and this is where most of these funds will come from. He wants Council to be cognizant of that as they go through this project.

Mayor Garcia stated that 100% of the funds that is removed from the reserves will be reimbursed when the City gets the funding for this project. This is not going to permanently affect the reserves.

Vice Mayor Bain suggested that Agenda Items 10A1 and 10A2 be pulled and voted on at the next meeting once Councilman Petralanda has received the information he is requesting.

Mayor Garcia asked Councilman Petralanda to clarify to City Manager Gorland what it is that he is requesting.

Councilman Petralanda requested a comparison of the Community Center and the aquatic project.

The motion failed 2-3 with Vice Mayor Bain, Councilman Lob and Councilman Petralanda casting the dissenting votes.

Councilman Lob asked that once Councilman Petralanda has received the information he requested that a date be selected to hold a special meeting in order to avoid a delay in the project.

(Mayor Garcia called for a five minute recess)

10B) Vacation of City Alley Behind the Property at 630 Curtiss Parkway

City Attorney Seiden explained that Council recently voted to vacate an unused grassed alley between the properties of 640 Curtiss Parkway and 157 Deer Run. Following Council's approval, the City was contacted by the owner of 630 Curtiss Parkway because she wants to claim her portion of the alley. He and Public Works Director Tom Nash inspected the site and upon further investigation it appears that there is supposed to be a parallel alley, but somehow the alley was used by the various parties except for the homeowner of 630 Curtiss Parkway.

City Attorney Seiden said that the property owner next door has claimed the eight feet that is being requested and he is willing to comply if the eight feet is granted to the homeowner of 630 Curtiss Parkway. The City does not need the alley and the homeowner of 630 asked that the City consider vacating the alley the same way they did for the adjacent alley. If Council approves, he will prepare a resolution and bring it back to Council at another meeting.

Vice Mayor Bain moved to allow the City Attorney to prepare a resolution to vacate the alley. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10C) Coach Background Clearance Expense Billing

City Manager Gorland stated that this is a recommendation from Recreation Director Omar Luna regarding coach background clearance expense billing. He read the memorandum from Mr. Luna explaining the history of implementing background checks for all coaching staff associated with each youth program that uses City facilities. It was decided that the City would conduct its own background checks and recapture approximately 50% of the City's costs by charging \$5.00 to each organization per the number of youth participants.

City Manager Gorland said that the \$5.00 fee was recently billed and was calculated on the number of registered youth participants rather than by billing each organization for the average cost for the actual number of background checks that were performed. Because the current method of billing by youth participant is being questioned, Council is being asked to determine if the City is to continue billing by participant, number of coaches per youth organization, or the actual cost of each background check. Any of these options will work and the City will still endeavor to recapture 50% of its background check costs.

Mr. Luna's memorandum provided a breakdown of the cost of processing background checks to include fingerprinting for all coaches involved in soccer, football and Little League, which City Manager Gorland read into the record. The memorandum also outlined a breakdown of the costs each City department incurs in order to process the background checks. The total cost to process 126 coaches is \$9,850.08 or \$78.17 per coach. The total cost per participant (\$9,850.08 divided by 938 participants) totals \$10.50 per participant and the City is charging \$5.00 per participant.

Vice Mayor Bain explained that he requested this agenda item since a decision could not be made without Council discussion. His suggestion is that each program should pay an amount for the number of coaches that are involved. Soccer has 569 participants and they will pay \$2,845.00 for 38 coaches, while baseball has 75 coaches and they will pay less. In reality, soccer will foot the bill. He does not approve of charging \$5.00 across the board and if soccer has 38 coaches, they should pay for 38 coaches.

Mayor Garcia stated that he had originally proposed the background check program for the youth leagues when he was elected Mayor. He would like everyone to understand the intent was to perform fingerprinting and background checks for all coaches and volunteers who interact with the kids. The program was implemented and it is very expensive for the sports programs to cover the cost. Council decided not to charge the programs and instead charge the parents \$5.00 per child. He said that not one parent complained about the cost, but the problem now is that the programs are complaining about paying the funds.

The Mayor emphasized that that soccer should not be paying more than baseball and baseball should not be paying more than football. No program should be paying anything because parents should be paying \$5.00 per kid. It might be that some programs did not charge the parents and now they are being asked to "foot the bill" towards the end of the program, and this was never the intention. He reiterated that the parents should pay a fee for each child.

The other issue is that some sports programs require fingerprinting and background checks for more people than other sports, according to Mayor Garcia. For example, baseball has the scorekeeper that sits in the dugout keeping score that must be checked and the same applies to any of the parents that interact with the kids.

The Mayor said that he wanted to clear up any misconception that the City is expecting any club to pay any fee. At \$5.00 per child, the City is still paying more than half of the bill for the background checks. Assuming each individual sport was to pay 100% of the cost, soccer would pay less, while some other sports would pay more. Council decided to charge a flat fee per child to make it easier for everyone.

Vice Mayor Bain stated that if baseball has 75 coaches, they should pay the \$25.00 fee for the background check; if soccer has 38 coaches they should also pay the \$25.00 fee. He said that there is a situation where one program has more participants and they have to pay \$2,800 from their budget, while another is only paying \$1,500.00.

Councilman Petralanda agreed with Vice Mayor Bain, except that some sports could be lost if this policy is implemented.

Mayor Garcia added that if a coach has to pay the \$25.00 fee it could result in fewer coaches being fingerprinted. He hopes that every person that comes within arms distance of a child would go through the process of a background check.

Vice Mayor Bain clarified that the issue is not the requirement for a background check. He said that there are 16 coaches that "crossover" and coach more than one sport, which may not be accounted for when calculating the cost.

City Manager Gorland said that only one background check is necessary per coach and they are not charged more than once.

Vice Mayor Bain added that some kids play more than one sport and if they play three sports, the parent is charged \$15.00. He reiterated that each coach should pay.

City Attorney Seiden stated that any change in the fee would require a new resolution because an Exhibit attached to the resolution states that the City in its sole and exclusive discretion, shall annually determine the amount each YSO shall be required to charge each program participant to help the City defray the costs of conducting the required background investigations and fingerprinting.

Recreation Director Omar Luna stated that he is glad everyone agrees that the important factor is the safety of the children who play on the City fields. He said that charging \$5.00 per participant provides the youth leagues with a formula for determining the amount that they must pay back to the City to cover 50% of the cost. If the youth leagues are required to pay \$25.00 per coach, this makes the leagues responsible for including the expense in their budget. Charging \$5.00 per child puts the responsibility on the parent and not the league.

Vice Mayor Bain asked how the parents are charged and who receives the \$5.00.

Mr. Luna clarified that the parent pays the youth league \$5.00 as part of the registration fee.

Vice Mayor Bain reiterated that one program might have 75 participants versus 38 in another and it does not mesh.

Mr. Luna said that Little League baseball has 97 coaches that have passed the background check and fingerprinting and assuming they are charged \$25.00 for all 97, it will break their budget.

Vice Mayor Bain commented that his point is that the other programs are being asked to subsidize baseball and Mr. Luna emphasized that the parents pay \$5.00 for their kids to play in a safe environment. He is not asking anyone to subsidize another program.

Mr. Luna said that the bottom line is that the children are playing in a safe environment and charging \$25.00 per coach could possibly discourage the youth league Presidents from sending people to be fingerprinted and background checked. This is the loophole he is trying to avoid. There is a lot of paperwork involved for the Human Resources Department and Recreation Staff to make sure 97 coaches are checked, but at the end of the day it does not matter as long as the kids are safe.

Mr. Luna said that charging the parent \$5.00 per child is a formula that was provided to the youth leagues and it should have never been a problem for them to pay. If there is a problem, it is because they did not plan accordingly ahead of time or they did not charge the \$5.00 as part of the registration fee.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso clarified that \$25.00 only covers the internet fee for the background check; it is not the entire cost of processing. The actual cost is \$78.00 and half of that amount is \$39.00.

Vice Mayor Bain restated his argument about the cost involved by City employees because it does not involve overtime and the work is incorporated into the 40-hour work week.

Mr. Luna agreed with Vice Mayor Bain that there is no overtime involved. He explained that he was asked to provide the number of hours that are spent for processing the background and fingerprinting checks.

Charging \$35.00 for every Little League coach will total \$3,395.00, according to Mr. Luna.

Vice Mayor Bain commented that the soccer program is being charged \$2,845.00 the way it is set up now.

Mayor Garcia reiterated that the City is charging \$5.00 per child, regardless of what sport they play and the league is responsible for collecting the \$5.00 from the parent. The City is "footing the bill" for half the expense for the background checking. He was actually thinking of charging the programs 100% of the cost because it is not a City program. Based on the numbers, if they paid 100% for each coach it would actually cost less, but Council agreed on \$5.00 per player.

Vice Mayor Bain said that no matter how you look at it, one club is required to budget more money for their coaches and there are fewer players.

To answer Mayor Garcia's question, Mr. Alonso said that if soccer has 569 players at \$5.00 each, the total would be approximately \$2,850.00, which is what they were billed according to the resolution. The total dollar amount for all recreation programs is \$9,850.00.

Mayor Garcia emphasized that the City is paying half of \$9,850.00 and the other half is covered by charging \$5.00 per player. 100% of the cost for soccer is \$2,964.00; baseball is \$2,850.00 and football is \$494.00, based on the number of coaches per sport. At \$5.00 per child, the total is \$2,845 and 100% of the cost is still more money; the City is paying approximately half and this is the second year of the background program.

Mr. Luna clarified that baseball was the first program to pay the expense and the soccer program was given a one-year grace period in order to prepare for charging \$5.00.

Mayor Garcia said that the total cost for the City is \$9,850.00 to conduct background checks and fingerprint all the youth volunteers, which is a lot of money. The alternative is to charge each child \$5.00. The proposal for each sport to pay the cost for their coaches is okay, but he does not know how he feels about paying for half of the cost. The City is paying half now at \$5.00 per child and he is okay with that.

Mayor Garcia said that if each group is asked to pay \$38.00 per volunteer, there will be fewer volunteers.

Vice Mayor Bain referred to the \$24.00 per hour estimate for the Community Policing Office. He said that the work is done during normal working hours. This is not an overtime situation and in his mind, the cost to the City of \$24.58 per hour for the recreation staff, \$12.41 for CPO, and \$3.31 for Human Resources is money for work that is done during an 8-hour shift. In reality, what he is being told is that the employees are getting double pay for doing this job and if they are not, the cost should not be incurred by the resident.

Mayor Bain said that it is not fair accounting to all the children in the program; it is no different than paying for having the field lights on every night until 10:00 p.m. The funds calculated 192 hours is not over and above the Recreation budget. If the amount was over and above, he would agree that the Administration is right. He feels that they should be paid accordingly and the people in the programs should understand the situation and be charged fairly.

Mayor Garcia commented that he would like to discuss the actual expenses that are incurred by the programs and what is put on paper as expenses, similar to what Vice Mayor Bain discussed; whether or not Council wants to consider those fees as part of the dollar amount that is charged back to the sporting events.

Mayor Garcia said that the expenses are listed on paper, but he would like to discuss them during the next Council meeting in order to give the issue more time. He would like to reconsider what is included in the fee for the background check; how much of it is City expense and how much is work that City employees are doing that takes away from their work for the City. He would like all of this information.

Vice Mayor Bain asked how much the fee is for a child to play basketball and Mr. Luna responded \$80.00 per player; the fee increased from \$75.00 to \$80.00 to include the \$5.00, which covers a percentage of the cost for the background checks.

Vice Mayor Bain commented that basketball is run by the City and he believes they are subsidizing this program more than the other programs. He emphasized that it should be fair across the board; it should not be different because it is a City function.

Mr. Luna clarified that one season the basketball registration fee was \$75.00 and it was increased to \$80.00 to cover the additional cost. When the numbers were run, the amount was close to 50% of the cost, which is what they are looking for. This was a test that he did first so that he could see how it would work with the other leagues. He does not know how other leagues run their operation. In addition, some of the Recreation Staff are coaches for the teams, because there are not many volunteers and it is different because it is a City program.

Vice Mayor Bain said that it would have been nice to see the comparison and Mr. Luna agreed to show it to him.

Vice Mayor Bain asked for the proper numbers for the next meeting since there are now 97 participants versus 75.

Mayor Garcia commented that he would like to end this agenda item with a last note and this is a request for more information. He knows that Staff conducts the basketball registration. He has seen Staff present during the soccer and baseball registration, whether or not they are collecting the fees. He has not noticed if Staff is present during football registration. If it is becoming an issue with the groups collecting the money, budgeting and paying the fee, his proposal at the next meeting will be that the Recreation Staff member should be there with a receipt book and collect \$5.00 per participant so the clubs do not have to worry about it. This has nothing to do with the athletic leagues; it is totally about the City of Miami Springs trying to recoup approximately half of the expense for fingerprinting and background checks.

The Mayor agreed that the burden of collecting the fee should not be on the sports leagues and if a Staff member is there they should pick up the \$5.00 separately for Miami Springs. If there is an additional cost involved he wants to know the amount of the additional cost. As much as he would like the programs to cover 100% of the cost, he realizes that it is difficult enough to raise the funds for the operation of the programs. There are less sponsors and he will not recommend that they cover 100% of the fingerprinting and background check.

By consensus, the item was deferred to the next meeting pending additional information.

11. Other Business: None

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

Special Meeting Date Change

City Attorney Seiden stated that he would not be available for the Special meeting for the review of the commercial vehicle ordinance on April 9th as he will be out of town. He requested that it be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 16th and Council agreed.

12B) City Manager

Open Forum Correction

City Manager Gorland stated that at the last meeting, someone during Open Forum stated that there was a robbery at the Curtiss Mansion. He clarified that there was a robbery at a private residence in the 500 block of Deer Run; there was no robbery at the Curtiss Mansion.

Farmers Market

City Manager Gorland said that this Saturday, March 29th, is the last Farmers Market event before the summer break. He urged everybody to attend and take advantage of the great deals that are offered.

12C) City Council

High School Portables

Vice Mayor Bain commented that nine or ten years ago his wife and several other people were trying to have the portables removed at Miami Springs Senior High and he is happy to report that they are finally being removed.

Condolences

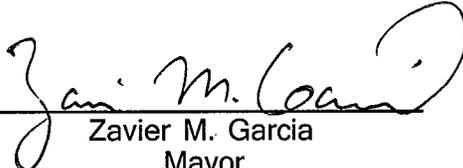
Vice Mayor Bain said that his son lost a good friend named Marco Florio who had helped many people who had addictions. He was only 38 years old and he was an uncle to his niece. He offered his condolences to the family.

Condolences

Mayor Garcia extended his condolences to the Florio family and to all those in Miami Springs who have passed.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


Zavier M. Garcia
Mayor

ATTEST:


Suzanne S. Hitaffer, CMC
Acting City Clerk



Approved as written during meeting of: 4-14-2014

Transcription provided by Elora R. Sakal.

Words ~~stricken through~~ have been deleted. Underscored words represent changes. All other words remain unchanged.