



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, January 27, 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 Zavier 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
- Professional Services Supervisor Tammy L. Romero
- Acting City Clerk Suzanne S. Hitaffer
- Assistant City Clerk Elora R. Sakal

2. Invocation: Offered by Mayor Garcia

Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

3. Awards & Presentations:

3A) Proclamation – “Skyler Odin Day”

Mayor Garcia presented a proclamation to Skyler Odin in recognition of her exemplary achievements and numerous awards, including Junior Orange Bowl Princess and “Do the Right Thing” Student of the Year award.

Skyler introduced her family members who were in the audience.

3B) Certificate of Appreciation to Richard Lyons for his Plant Donations to the Butterfly Garden

Mayor Garcia presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Richard Lyons for his generous donation of plants for the butterfly garden.

On behalf of the Board of Parks and Parkways, Board member Irene Priess presented a framed River Cities Gazette article about Mr. Lyon and his generous donation of plants. She said that the Board appreciates everything he did for the City.

Mr. Lyons thanked everyone and introduced his wife Patricia who was in the audience.

4. Open Forum:

Police Pension

Officer Janice Simon of 201 Westward Drive stated that she has been with the Miami Springs Police Department for 15 years. She said that if nothing is done to fix the police pension that is satisfactory to both sides, she fears for the future of the Miami Springs Police Department. In the next four years approximately ten senior members of the Department will be leaving who are in the DROP and younger officers may leave to find another department that offers a better salary and benefits. Experienced officers may leave because they cannot afford to stay with this Department any longer.

Officer Simon said that adding years to their employment and asking them to pay increased amounts toward their pension does not solve the problem. When she began working for the City she agreed to retirement in 20 years at 70% of her salary. Now she is approaching retirement in less than five years and the City wants to change the rules. Extending the years of service for officers who are close to retiring is not morally or ethically right. She has not received a step raise in more than five years and her pension contributions are going up.

Office Simon gave an example of her first paycheck of the month in which her pension contribution is \$679.49. The second paycheck of the month the contribution is \$650.28 or 25.2% of her pay, which is one of the highest in the country. Currently they pay 18.6% with the difference coming from the 185 monies.

Officer Simon said that the Police Officers give the City all they have and they are asking to be respected as human beings and not as a source to cut in order to save money. They have tried to work with the City to find a solution and the cost sharing mechanism needs to be changed. It seems that the City would rather spend funds on a failing golf course, subsidize the Pelican Playhouse and Tennis Center. The City has a responsibility to be fiscally responsible for the citizens and it also has a responsibility to its employees.

Police Pension

Officer Jorge Capote said that at the Regular Council meeting on August 13, 2012, Councilwoman Grace Bain said that she was very disturbed by what the Police Officers had to say that night during the Open Forum. She said that pressure had to be applied to people in order to come to a compromise, good or bad, but she did not realize that the people she was referring to were sitting at the dais that night.

Officer Capote said that it has been seventeen months and nothing had changed. Most of Council has the same faces and this is not new to them. He quoted the City Manager's statement in the River Cities Gazette Article in regard to the pension package that is similar to what is offered by the Florida Retirement System (FRS). He explained that the difference between the FRS and the City's proposal is a fixed contribution rate, but this would do away with the cost sharing mechanism.

Officer Capote referred to Mayor Garcia's comments at the same meeting when he said that he was willing to jeopardize "the golden egg" in order to reach a compromise, but none of the offers made by the City since that time have ever reflected that. They have been told by the City's Labor Attorney that the offer did not affect the cost sharing mechanism. He said that the City Manager stated that the contribution could be reduced from 29% to 19% and this is true for only one year. Next year the cost will go up and "the golden egg" guarantees that the cost will be split almost down the middle and he will be paying more money for fewer benefits, which is worse than the current benefit status.

Officer Capote asked Council to give him defined benefits with a fixed contribution rate and he and his fellow officers will be on board. He commented that there is a reality that he is not sure anyone is planning for: One person is set to retire this year; four the next year; three the year after that and three in 2017. He said that ten people equates to 1/4 of the Police Department.

Officer Capote asked how the City will replace those positions with quality people without a competitive benefits package; the sad answer is that they will not be able to. Some may fit in, but others will be less than ideal and they will not care about the benefits. These will not be the type of people that he would want to trust with his life and the residents should not have to either in order to save a few bucks. He urged Council to show that they care by compromising on a fair benefits package.

Police Pension

Officer Darryl Cates of 201 Westward Drive, member of the Miami Springs Police Department for more than 15 years, stated that the pension contribution is outrageous. He has attended almost every contract negotiation meeting when raises were rejected and there was no counter offer. Take home cars were rejected; an increase in comp time hours was rejected and they asked to utilize 5% of the red light camera revenue to offset the pension cost, which was rejected.

Officer Cates referred to the City website and a response to a River Cities Gazette article. He asked when the PBA representatives will be allowed to post their response on the website also, since the website is funded with taxpayer's money.

Officer Cates said that a few years ago they were at impasse and Council promised that they were going to fix the problem, but it was not fixed. He said that the contribution must be capped or it will continue to increase forever. The only real winner is the labor attorney who is getting paid with the taxpayer's money.

After going through the testing process for a Lieutenant position, Council decided that they were not going to make the promotion, according to Officer Cates. He said that all the officers who applied had to study for the test and command officers came in from other agencies for the oral interviews, which was a waste of time.

Officer Cates said that in July 2011, the FRS reduced their benefits to new hires and the City should also install a new pension plan for new hires, capping the pension for the current officers. This will cost money, but he asked Council to consider how much is it compared to the cost of his life. He asked Council to show them that they are appreciated, not to just say it, because words do not mean anything right now.

Police Pension

Sergeant Claire Gurney of 201 Westward Drive stated that Miami Springs is a place where there is quality of life. Research shows there is a direct correlation between quality of life and the quality of police services. She said that if Council values what Miami Springs represents as a community, she does not understand how they can treat the Police Officers as second class citizens.

Sergeant Gurney said that the police pension is in crisis; without interventions officers will be contributing approximately 29% of their pay effective October 2014, which is almost 1/3 of their salary. No other city in the State of Florida comes close to this percentage. It is outrageous and unacceptable.

Sergeant Gurney said that Council can sleep comfortably at night because of the Police Department; they live without fear and crime and their children are protected because of the Police Department and now it is their turn to protect the ones that protect them and their families. She asked for Council to treat the police officers the way they deserve to be treated.

Miami Springs Historical Society

On behalf of the Miami Springs Historical Society, Jim Watson of 350 Cardinal Street gave an update on the relocation of the museum and the fundraising activities of the Society. He reported that they currently have 117 members and they are ready to begin moving to the new location. They have secured temporary storage to protect the historic collection.

Mr. Watson thanked local architects Manuel Perez-Vichot and Roger Plasencia for the help they have offered. He announced that they have support from the Miami office of Perkins & Will, which one of the largest architectural firms in the world.

The next general meeting of the Society will be held on February 6th and Mr. Watson invited everyone to attend. He said that the Society is looking forward to Dade Heritage Trust Days and the Miami Springs historic tour, as well as the mini-museum in the City Hall lobby in February.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

5A) 01-08-2014 – Special Meeting

Minutes of the January 8, 2014 Special Meeting were approved as written.

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

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions: None

7. Public Hearings: None

8. Consent Agenda:

8A) Curtiss Parkway Crosswalk Enhancement Project to Enhance Driver Awareness and Provide a Pedestrian Friendly Path to and From the Designated Transit and Shuttle Services, Utilizing Citizen Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Funds:

8A i. Recommendation that Council Award a Bid to Computer Electric, Utilizing City of Miami Springs Bid # ITBO3-11/12 in the amount of \$77,325.00, for the Cross Walk Traffic Signs and Labor Cost for the Curtiss Parkway Crosswalk Enhancement Project, this Project is Entirely Funded by CITT funds, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(1) of the City Code

8A ii. Recommendation that Council Award a Bid to Wrangler Construction, Utilizing Miami Dade County RPQ #20130171 in the Amount of \$13,540.00, for New Concrete Curbs and Slabs for the Curtiss Parkway Crosswalk Enhancement Project, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

8A iii. Recommendation that Council Award a Bid to Highway Striping, Inc, Utilizing Miami Dade County RPQ #20120101 in the Amount of \$9,500.00, for New Concrete Curbs and Slabs for the Curtiss Parkway Crosswalk Enhancement project, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

City Manager Gorland pulled Agenda Item 8A. He said that it would be on the agenda for the first meeting in February.

8B) Recommendation that Council Award a Bid to Wrangler Construction Inc., Utilizing Miami Dade County RPQ #20130171 in the Amount of \$49,465.00, to be Funded from the Stormwater Fund, for a New Storm Drain System Located in Alley Between Cardinal St. & Plover Ave., Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code

Councilman Lob moved the item. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion.

To answer Vice Mayor Bain's question, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso said that the Stormwater fund is an enterprise fund and the revenue comes from the fee that the residents pay on their water bill. The funds must be used specifically for stormwater projects and any funds that are not spent during the fiscal year are accumulated in the fund.

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

9. Old Business:

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

None.

9B) Salary and Date of Hire Negotiation for City Clerk Candidate Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden referred to the copies that Council received of the responses from Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria. He explained that she has an agreement with her current employer that requires her to stay 60 days or until approximately April 1, 2014. In response to Council's offer of the lowest salary range for the City Clerk in the pay plan, she has requested a salary of \$75,000 based upon the fact that she is currently earning \$73,000 and is due for a 3-5% raise in May that would raise her to that figure. Council must negotiate her beginning salary and the start date.

Mayor Garcia asked Ms. Gonzalez-Santamaria to respond to the 60-day starting date and whether or not she was able to negotiate 30-days, as mentioned in her letter.

Ms. Gonzalez-Santamaria said that she spoke to her Town Administrator and he is requesting that she stay 60-days until her replacement is found or until they go through the hiring process.

Councilman Lob moved to allow sixty days for the starting date. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 4-1 on roll call vote with Vice Mayor Bain casting the dissenting vote.

Councilman Windrem moved to approve \$75,000 for the starting salary. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion.

Councilman Lob said that Council is negotiating a \$2,000 difference and he would ask Ms. Gonzalez-Santamaria to start at \$73,000. He explained that Council had received some financial news and they are looking to make budget cuts wherever they can.

Ms. Gonzalez-Santamaria respectfully asked Council to consider \$75,000.

The motion was carried 3-2 on roll call vote with Vice Mayor Bain and Councilman Lob casting the dissenting votes.

To answer the Mayor's question, City Attorney Seiden stated that Ms. Gonzalez-Santamaria would contact the Human Resources Director to take care of all the documentation before her starting date of April 1st.

10. New Business:

10A) Engagement of Siegfried, Rivera, Hyman, Lerner, De La Torre, Mars & Sobel, P.A. – City of Miami Springs v. Carivon Construction, Co. et. al. – Construction Defects

City Manager Gorland stated that this item is relative to legal representation that is required as outlined in his memorandum of January 15, 2014, regarding the condition of the cypress poles used in the Curtiss Mansion construction. It was determined that they need to move as rapidly as possible regarding the repair/replacement and determining the parties that are responsible.

The City Manager explained that based on the advice of Attorney Michael Kurzman and City Attorney Seiden, it was determined that Mr. Kurzman will be immediately engaged and pursue negligent claims against all parties involved in the design and construction of the Mansion.

City Manager Gorland said that an additional issue is that three of the seven Mansion HVAC units have failed, which are under warranty and there is a manufacturing or installation problem that needs to be addressed. There is another \$2,500 invoice to cover the labor cost to replace the latest failure that needs to be paid from the parking lot funds.

Councilman Lob expressed his concern about the HVAC units and that the \$2,500 should be covered if there is an ongoing issue and City Manager Gorland agreed.

City Attorney Seiden said that they are special units that were designed for historic buildings and they are all under warranty. The issue is the labor cost and there must be something wrong with the engineering because three units have problems after only two years.

Vice Mayor Bain asked who will pay for the expenses and the City Attorney clarified that the City would pay for it out of the CMI parking lot monies with the hope of getting paid back.

To answer Vice Mayor Bain's question, City Attorney Seiden said that the Mansion is the City's responsibility because the City owns the building and the City has been involved in every step of the process. The fault is not CMI's and clearly the timber issue is someone's fault, which is left to be determined. They will explore all possible avenues of recourse and the Curtiss Mansion building and property belongs to the City, not CMI.

Councilman Lob moved the item. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 3-2 on roll call vote with Vice Mayor Bain and Councilman Petralanda casting the dissenting votes.

Vice Mayor Bain commented that if the City is going to continue to take on the burden of the tough decisions on the Mansion, he would like to reconsider the leasing arrangements or the possibility of having an independent contractor take it over. He feels that most of the decisions were made by the CMI Board of Directors and when the times are tough it all comes back to the City.

10B) Resolution No. 2014-3610 - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending The Current "Schedule Of Charges" For Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical And Other Related Permit Charges Or Fees; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the resolution by title. He referred to page eleven of the Schedule of Charges and the change in the variance fees that were requested and approved by Council at a prior meeting.

Vice Mayor Bain moved to adopt the resolution. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10C) Resolution No. 2014-3611 - A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Miami Springs Providing for the Second Budget Amendment To The FY 2013-2014 Budget; By Recording Loan Proceeds, Other Received Revenues, And Debt Service Payments to the General Fund; Transferring The Expense of Hearing Officers to the Finance Department From the Police Department Budget in the General Fund; Appropriating Funds From the General Fund Designated Fund Balance For the Costs of Shoring Up the City Pool and Pool Facility; Providing Intent; Specifying Compliance With Budgetary Processes And Procedures; Effective Date

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

Councilman Windrem moved to adopt the resolution. Councilman Lob seconded the motion.

To answer Councilman Lob's question about the funding, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso explained that there are no funds being expended that have not already been approved. The \$49,000 for the shoring of the pool facility is coming from the undesignated fund balance and the remaining items simply account for the revenues and expenses. There are no new expenditures that were not approved or budgeted.

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

10D) Resolution No. 2014-3612 - 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 Windrem moved to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Bain seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10E) Request from Tom Curtis to Sell Alcoholic Beverages on City Property and Extend Circle Closure Hours for the River Cities Festival on April 11, 12 and 13, 2014

Mayor Garcia clarified that this item is brought to Council every year for approval and the request is same except for the extension of the hours for closing of the Circle.

Councilman Lob moved to approve. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion.

Mr. Tom Curtis wanted to give an update on the River Cities Festival and make sure everyone is aware when it is occurring. The Rotary Club is the non-profit arm that will be handling the alcoholic beverage sales, the same as in the past. They are asking to close the Circle at 2:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, April 11th, instead of 4:00 p.m. He met with the Chief of Police who said that he needed Council approval.

Mr. Curtis said that another issue is the parking that is allowed at the end of the Curtiss Parkway adjacent to Harvest Moon, which will interfere with the set up and inspection of the Children's World equipment. He is requesting that the area be blocked off to allow for setting up the rides that day.

In response to Mayor Garcia, Mr. Curtis clarified that they are requesting to close the Circle on Friday, April 11th at 2:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Bain asked if the motion should state that the Rotary Club is receiving approval to sell the alcoholic beverages and the Mayor said that the approval is given to the Festival Committee.

Mr. Curtiss stated that the Rotary Club is the charitable foundation, which is required to obtain the alcoholic beverage permit and a letter is needed from the City giving their approval.

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

In regard to the request to block off the parking on Curtiss Parkway, Mayor Garcia commented that parking is allowed in that area for many businesses, not just Harvest Moon, and he would like the Administration and the Police Department to work out a solution with all the businesses.

Mr. Curtis reported that two stages are being brought in by Miami-Dade Country for the festival. The main stage is on the Circle and the other is on Canal Street by the parking lot. He would like to bring in the stages on Thursday.

Mayor Garcia said that the Administration should look into the request because there might be some issues to address before giving approval.

10F) Discussion Regarding the Development of a Code for the use of Non-street Legally Certified Golf Carts on Miami Springs' Streets

City Manager Gorland stated that the Administration is asking authority from Council to develop this proposal to the point of a formal recommendation for allowing golf carts on City streets. He said that it would be manageable, but it would take time and he would first like to know if this is something Council would like to do.

Mayor Garcia asked those individuals who signed up to speak to come forward.

Carlos Gonzalez of 600 Lawn Way stated that he owns a golf cart and he uses it mostly when he goes camping. He is not asking for anything illegal or to avoid the safety issues of the golf cart; he wants to comply with every street legal aspect of a golf cart, including lights, horns, seatbelts, adequate speed limit, proper licensing, etc. He is asking for nothing different from what the State of Florida requires.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the golf carts take up less parking area and they do not go more than 20 mph. He researched other cities that allow golf carts and they do not allow them on the main streets, like Westward Drive, Curtiss Parkway, Royal Poinciana and Ludlam. He feels that golf carts would be good for the community and reduce pollution.

Thad Ovcarch stated that he provided the Mayor with ordinances from Key Biscayne, Cutler Bay and Palmetto Bay. Miami Springs can follow what other cities have done to allow golf carts on the streets and it would be good for Miami Springs since it is a golf course community. He felt that it would be an incentive for people who own golf carts to take them to the Golf and Country Club.

Mayor Garcia commented that he would like Council to consider the idea and give direction to Staff if there is a consensus to go forward.

Councilman Lob asked for an opinion from Chief of Police Pete Baan.

Chief Baan said that there are safety issues that can be addressed in an ordinance and the City Attorney prepared a memorandum a few years ago regarding the state law that applies to the situation. Florida State law provides for a City like Miami Springs to enact a municipal ordinance to legalize the use of golf carts on City streets, not to be confused with low speed vehicles that have lights, horns, insurance, etc. According to Florida Statutes, a driver's license is not required to drive golf carts on City streets, but he would recommend some type of license because it would not be a good idea to allow kids without a license to drive a motorized vehicle on the streets.

Chief Baan noted that according to State law, golf carts are not allowed on some streets if the speed limit is more than 45 mph. Another issue is that signage is required and the City would have to install a lot of signs. He added that a municipal ordinance can be more restrictive than State law. In checking with Palmetto Bay and Cutler Bay, their police have nothing to do with the golf carts; Public Works or the Clerk's office provide the registration and inspections.

Mayor Garcia spoke with Key Biscayne and their police department provides the inspection.

Councilman Petralanda asked if allowing golf carts would require signage in front of residential homes and Mayor Garcia responded that he did not see any signs in Key Biscayne.

Mayor Garcia clarified that Council is not voting to implement anything or to spend any money; it is just a matter of giving direction to Staff to look into the possibility and provide more information about signage and regulations.

Vice Mayor Bain felt that Mr. Gonzalez had the best idea regarding low speed vehicles and then the City would not have to do anything. He felt it would be the easiest way.

Mayor Garcia said that low speed vehicles require a state license tag that has to be renewed every year, which is a burden. A low speed vehicle was his first thought and then he was told it is not the easiest way.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that they are trying to avoid a license tag because it is a burden. He has visited the cities that allow golf carts and he has only seen five signs that state it is a golf cart community and watch out for golf carts. Key Biscayne does not have signs and they abide by state law. A low speed vehicle goes more than 30 mph. and a golf cart typically goes 12 mph. while there are high speed motors that allow them to go up to 25 mph.

Mr. Gonzalez said that they want to avoid paying the initial inspection fee of \$1,500 plus the cost of a tag that is \$140 per year, plus insurance. They would rather pay a fee to the City every year.

By consensus, Council directed the Administration to move forward with the idea and obtain more information on the use of golf carts on City streets.

10G) Aquatic Facility Consultant Recommendation and Discussion

City Manager Gorland stated that in the process of moving forward on the replacement of the pool, the selection of the Aquatic Facility Consultant is probably the most important decision to be made. Council must decide how many of the seven firms are qualified and should be considered in the selection process. There is a Staff recommendation for five out of the seven as follows:

1. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
2. Gili-McGraw Architects, LLP
3. Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc.
4. Carty & Alleguez Architecture, Inc.
5. McHarry & Associates, Inc.

Mayor Garcia said that he is okay with reviewing the top five firms that were recommended by Staff, unless Council agrees to interview all seven.

Councilman Lob responded that he would be okay with reviewing five. He would also like to consider the funding issues going forward.

Councilman Lob moved to hear presentations from the top five companies. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

City Manager Gorland stated that Professional Services Supervisor Tammy Romero had done an excellent job of vetting the RFQ responses.

To answer the Mayor's question, Ms. Romero clarified that there were a total of seven responses to the RFQ and fourteen companies attended the pre-bid meeting.

Ms. Romero stated that in the past, presentations have been limited to 30 minutes, including a question and answer session. She will do a random double draw by picking a number and a name in order to determine the order of the presentations.

Mayor Garcia asked if all the companies would be allowed to sit in the audience to listen to all the presentations and City Attorney Seiden responded that they can sit anywhere they like.

City Attorney Seiden said that Council is dealing with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and that means the City is soliciting qualified firms to perform the work for design specifications and project supervision according to the Florida Statute.

Mayor Garcia stated that the City will acquire a loan to pay for the pool replacement. He was figuring that the expense for the consultant would be covered by the loan proceeds and the City Manager confirmed that it could be done.

To answer the Mayor's question, Ms. Romero clarified that she would let the firms know in advance the date and time they would be making their 30-minute presentation. She will explain how the order was selected with the double draw in a standard email.

Councilman Petralanda questioned whether or not the firms should be allowed in the audience while the presentations are being made and the City Attorney replied that it is a public meeting that is open to anyone who wants to sit in the audience.

Council agreed to schedule a Special meeting for either Wednesday, February 5th or Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. depending on the availability of the firms.

11. Other Business: None

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

Code Revision Ordinances

City Attorney Seiden reported that he drafted six of the code revision ordinances that should be ready for first reading and discussion at the next Regular Council meeting. He is working on two additional ordinances that he will try to finish also.

12B) City Manager

Pelican Playhouse

City Manager Gorland announced that Pelican Playhouse is presenting "Homer's Odyssey" in the style of Dr. Seuss that is funny and imaginative. The play will run until Sunday, February 2nd.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

City Manager Gorland reported that the Daddy/Daughter Dance is sold out and they are taking reservations for a waiting list.

Taste of the Springs

City Manager Gorland said that the annual Taste of the Springs event will be held at Miami Springs Country Club on Sunday, February 9th.

12C) City Council

Michael William Windrem

Councilman Windrem announced that he and his wife had their first child on Friday, January 24th weighing in at 6 pounds 7 ounces. His son, Russell William Windrem, is Miami Springs' newest resident.

Rotary Poker Tournament

Vice Mayor Bain said that the weekend was spectacular with the Rotary Club Poker Tournament and Mayor Garcia placed fourth. He congratulated Harry Hearn who placed first and Tom Curtis for organizing the event.

MSVG Soccer Club

Councilman Bain announced that the Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Soccer Club held their annual banquet at Virginia Gardens on Sunday, January 26th. They received a proclamation and there were approximately 600 people in attendance.

Rotary Poker Tournament

Mayor Garcia echoed Vice Mayor Bain's comments about the Rotary Club Poker Tournament. He hopes that next year's event is bigger and that the event could be held at a City venue. It was a great event and well organized.

MSVG Soccer Club

Mayor Garcia congratulated the Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Soccer Club who received a joint proclamation from him, on behalf of Miami Springs, and Virginia Gardens Mayor Deno for 29 years of service to youth soccer. The Club has reached out to many kids over the years that are now grown and it covers an 80-mile radius. He congratulated Club founders' Bill Reed, Spencer Deno, Jimmy Carter and others for a great job.

Lady Hawk Regional Semi-finals

Mayor Garcia urged everyone to attend the Regional Semi-finals of the Miami Springs Senior High School "Lady Hawk" Girls' Soccer Team at Pines Charter School on Tuesday evening, January 28th.

Relay for Life

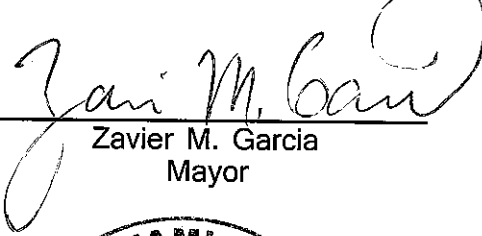
Vice Mayor Bain congratulated City Manager Gorland for receiving the Relay for Life purple toilet.

Relay for Life

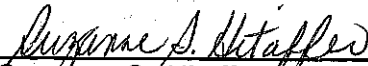
Mayor Garcia reported that the Relay for Life Optimist Club team fundraiser is a purple toilet that is sent to someone's home and for \$10.00 it can be picked up and taken away. For \$20.00 it can be sent to another house or for \$30.00 it can be sent to another house with insurance to make sure it never comes back.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.


Zavier M. Garcia
Mayor

ATTEST:


Suzanne S. Hitaffer, CMC
Acting City Clerk



Approved as written during meeting of: 02-10-2014

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