



City of Miami Springs, Florida
City Council Meeting

Workshop Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers at City Hall
201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:46 p.m.

Present were the following:

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

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso
Controller Alicia E. Gonzalez
Police Captain Jon Kahn
Senior Administrative Specialist Leah Q. Cates
Professional Services Supervisor Tammy L. Romero
Building & Code Compliance Director H. "Tex" Ziadie
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

2. Invocation: Offered by Councilman Petralanda

Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

3. Workshop on Proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget (continued from 8/18/14)

A) Proposed Changes for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso stated that the updated budget shows an increase in the surplus from \$192,861 to \$197,262 at the same millage rate as the current year of 7.6710. He explained the change in the salaries for the reclassified recreation positions created a \$5,000 savings. A balanced budget would be at a millage rate of 7.45 without creating a surplus.

Discussion ensued regarding the \$5,000 payment budgeted for the River Cities Festival.

B) Determining the Operation of Golf Carts on City Streets

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso gave credit to the Chief of Police and City

Attorney for their work in determining the feasibility of operating golf carts on city streets and various alternatives. He referred to the first alternative which shows what can be done under law without requiring any action on the City's part; Option 1 requires the City to spend approximately \$20,000 for a traffic study and \$35,000 for signage, as well as an inspection process; Option 2 requires the aforementioned expenditures and imposes a significant risk to the City.

By consensus, Council **agreed** to budget \$20,000 for a traffic study.

In response to Council's previous request for an estimate on replacing the City Hall roof, Mr. Alonso said that the Public Works Director received a quote of \$116,000, and \$90,000 is budgeted.

City Manager Gorland stated that another item for consideration was the outsourcing of the Building Department, which has no direct impact on the budget, and the item will be considered at the first budget hearing.

Discussion ensued regarding the expense for a full-time Building Official position and how outsourcing the department will impact the budget.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso clarified that the salary range for the Building Official is \$74,817 to \$112,227 and the proposed budget includes \$100,000. The salary including benefits would be approximately \$93,000 to \$140,000.

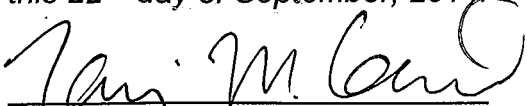
Council **agreed** to budget \$116,000 for the Building Official position based on a salary of \$93,000 and **asked** the Administration to research similar cities to determine what they pay their Building Officials.

4. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on
this 22nd day of September, 2014

Xavier M. Garcia, Mayor



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