



City of Miami Springs, Florida
City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2015 7:00 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 7:09 p.m.

Present were the following:

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

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
Chief of Police Armando A. Guzman
Police Captain Jon Kahn
Professional Services Supervisor Tammy L. Romero
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Windrem

Salute to the Flag: Students from A.I.E. Charter School led audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

3. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Officer of the Month Award – November 2014 – Officers Robert A. Evans and Cheryl R. Mulet

Chief of Police Guzman introduced Sergeant Jorge Irizarry who read his nomination letter explaining the quick, decisive actions of Officers Robert A. Evans and Cheryl R. Mulet when they responded to a burglary in process on November 2, 2014, that led to the arrest of two suspects and the closing of two cases.

Officers Robert Evans and Cheryl Mulet were presented with the Officer of the Month Award for November 2014. Officer Mulet expressed her gratitude and introduced her family who was present. Officer Evans commented that he was glad to work for Miami Springs and he welcomed Chief of Police Guzman.

B) Yard of the Month – January 2014 – Thomas and Sandra Skarlinsky – 631 Falcon Avenue

Mayor Garcia presented a Certificate of Recognition to Thomas and Sandra Skarlinsky for their home being designated as Yard of the Month for January 2015.

4. **Open Forum:** There were no members of the public who signed up to speak.

5. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

- A) December 8, 2014 – Regular Meeting
- B) December 17, 2014 – Special Meeting

Councilman Bain moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 Regular meeting and December 17, 2014 Special Meeting. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

6. **Reports from Boards & Commissions:** None

7. **Public Hearings:**

A) Ordinance – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Amending Code Of Ordinance Section 150-090, P-1 District; By Providing The City With Discretion Regarding Parking In The Public Property District; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict; Providing An Effective Date

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

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

Councilman Windrem moved to approve. Councilman Bain seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

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

A) Approval of the City Attorney's Invoice for December 2014 in the Amount of \$12,946.50

Councilman Lob moved to approve. Councilman Bain seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

9. **Old Business:**

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

1) Appointment to the Police & Firefighters' Retirement System for a Full 2-Year Term Ending on September 30, 2016 as Required by Section 35.56 (A) (2) of the City Code (Robert Gordon and Pete Baan's seat)

Councilman Lob moved to appoint Robert Gordon and Pete Baan. Vice Mayor Petralanda seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

B) Recommendation regarding the evaluation and selection process for the Design-Build contractor for the Aquatic Facility Project

City Manager Gorland read a letter from design consultants Bermello Ajamil and Partners, Inc. (B&A), regarding the design/build RFP recommendation for the Miami Springs Aquatic facility. Six proposals were received and all were determined to be responsive and responsible; the evaluation was based on the criteria included in the RFP, as follows: 1) price 40%, 2) qualifications and stability 10%, 3) government and municipal experience 10%, 4) project related experience 10%, 5) deliverables, responsiveness, approach and creativity 25% and 6) location and availability 5%.

City Manager Gorland stated that two firms submitted base bid prices over the \$5MM budget, while four firms submitted prices that were under budget. Lunicon Construction Group and West Construction proposed to deliver the project, including most of the required alternates, under budget and the recommendation from B&A is to shortlist these two firms and schedule presentations for the City Council's evaluation.

Project Manager Jorge Ferrer with B&A clarified that the two proposals are available, along with their detailed evaluation of the responses for Council's review.

Councilman Lob moved to accept the recommendation to hear presentations from the two firms recommended by B&A. Councilman Bain seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

Councilman Bain moved to schedule a Special meeting for Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Lob seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

Councilman Lob moved to allow each firm twenty minutes for their presentation and ten minutes for questions and answers. Vice Mayor Petralanda seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

Vice Mayor Petralanda moved to continue with the process and direct the City Manager not to commit the City to any one company until after the election. The motion died from lack of a second.

City Attorney Seiden explained that Council could select a firm, begin negotiations with that firm, and give direction to the City Manager as to when the negotiations should begin. The selection would be made at the meeting on January 21st, but the selection has no meaning without negotiating a contract, which will take some time. The decision on when to direct negotiations could be based on financing commitments since the same interest rate may not be available if Council waits two or three months.

10. New Business:

A) Discussion on Golf Discounts to County Employees (Deferred from December 8, 2014 Council Meeting)

The item was previously pulled from the agenda.

B) Consideration of a Request from Miami-Dade County League of Cities for Sponsorship Opportunities and Participation in their 60th Annual Installation Gala to be Held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Jungle Island

Councilman Bain moved to approve the purchase of a table of ten and a ¼ page black/white ad for \$250.00. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

C) Architectural, Engineering, Planning, Design and Staff Support Services Recommendation and Discussion

City Manager Gorland read a memorandum outlining the process for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) # 3-13/14 for Architectural, Engineering, Planning, Design and Staff Support Services. Council is requested to approve the recommendation to hear presentations from the recommended four firms, schedule the date and time for the presentations, and determine how much time to allow each firm to make their presentation, followed by questions and answers. In the past, Council has allowed fifteen to twenty minutes for presentation time and ten to fifteen minutes for questions and answers for each firm.

Councilman Bain moved to schedule the presentations for the Special meeting on Wednesday, January 21st, after the proposals for the aquatic facility, and allow 15-20 minutes for each, with a blind draw to determine who presents first. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

City Attorney referred to Attachment "G" in the recommendation that shows the four companies can perform eight of the required services, indicated by "P" on the chart, as opposed to an "S", which indicates the service would be provided by a subcontractor. This is the reason the four firms were graded the highest.

D) Approval of Site Selection for the April 7, 2015 Miami Springs General Election

Councilman Bain moved that the General Municipal Elections for the City of Miami Springs, held every two years, shall continue to be held at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club, as in the past, until further action by a subsequent City Council. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

E) Approval of the Greater Miami Caterers Contract Addendum

City Manager Gorland read the recommendation to approve Addendum # 3 to Food Service Subcontract with Greater Miami Caterers, Inc., to include local services program granted services through July 31, 2015.

City Attorney Seiden stated that Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson is required to appropriate the extra grant funds that were secured; the addendum is required in order to incorporate the funds into the existing contract. Since the funds were allocated late in the term, there could be a surplus from the grant and this will account for approximately \$60,000 of the total \$89,000 grant.

Councilman Bain moved to approve the addendum. Vice Mayor Petralanda seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

F) Notification to Council on OpenGov Financial Transparency Portal

City Manager Gorland notified Council that the City contracted with OpenGov, Inc., utilizing the City Manager's purchasing authority, for a total cost of \$6,500 each year with annual renewal options. He provided a copy of the agreement with OpenGov, Inc. and sample websites from other municipalities that currently utilize the system. Funds are available in the Finance Department's budget. The system will be linked to the City's website and should be available in four to six weeks.

Councilman Bain moved to direct the City Manager to bring the contract to Council for consideration when it comes up for renewal in one year. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

11. **Other Business:** None

12. **Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

The City Attorney reported that he, the City Manager and the Mayor had been attending Annexation task Force meetings with Miami-Dade County League of Cities and the City Lobbyist volunteered him to prepare a memo regarding the historical perspective of annexation for the four cities. He asked the City Clerk to provide Council with a copy of the memorandum that will be part of a submission by the Miami-Dade County League of Cities to a consultant that will prepare another annexation report. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

B) City Manager

City Manager Gorland reported that there are many upcoming events, including Taste of the Springs and the River Cities Festival. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Petralanda wished everyone a good night and Happy New Year.

Councilman Lob wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Windrem said that it had been an uneventful year this year; 2014 was a good year and 2015 will be even better.

Councilman Bain moved to direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution opposing an increase in the gasoline tax by the state and federal government. Councilman Lob seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

Councilman Bain reported that State Representative Bryan Avila will meet with him to discuss the annexation process and the possibility of a modified millage rate for the proposed annexation areas. Representative Avila might sponsor legislation supporting the issue. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Garcia announced that the annual Rotary Club Poker Tournament charity fundraiser will be held on Saturday, January 24th at the Lions Club. He encouraged everyone to register for the next season of the Pelican Players that will be held on Saturday, January 17th and January 24th at the Rebeca Sosa Theater. He reminded everyone about the weekly Farmers Market that is held every Saturday until the end of March on Curtiss Parkway.

The Mayor notified everyone that the street lights on Westward Drive would be replaced with new energy saving lights in the next few weeks. He congratulated Coach Bobby Salazar and the Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens U-11 Girls Soccer Team who won the championship at the County Cup. His daughter plays on the team which was the only team from Miami Springs that made it to the finals and won the championship against Naples.

Mayor Garcia asked everyone to keep the new Chief of Police in their thoughts and prayers, as well as Tom Curtis' grandson Chad who is a candidate for a new cancer treatment.

13. Adjourn

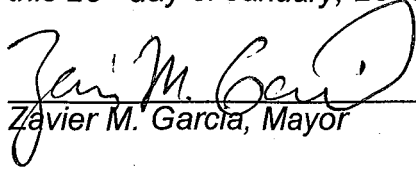
There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
this 26th day of January, 2015.



Zavier M. Garcia, Mayor

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