



**City of Miami Springs, Florida**  
City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 9, 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 7:05 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  
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

2. **Invocation:** Councilman Bain

**Salute to the Flag:** Students from Isaac Academy led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

3. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation by Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department Regarding the Department's Accomplishments and Services to the City of Miami Springs

Miami-Dade County Fire Chief Dave Downey presented the annual report for 2014 and a review of the services that were provided to the City by Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue. He reported that Station No. 35 responded to 86% of the calls; there are seven fire stations within five miles of the City with more than 46 firefighters on duty every day and the response time within the City is 5 minutes, 50 seconds.

4. **Open Forum:**

Omar Azze of 334 South Drive addressed the City Council.

5. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) February 23, 2015 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Lob moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 Regular Meeting. 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.**

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

A) Board of Adjustment – Approval of Actions Taken at their Meeting of March 2, 2015 Subject to the 10-day Appeal Period

City Attorney Seiden stated that approval of the actions taken at the Board of Adjustment meeting with the exception of Case # 01-V-15 regarding 372 Payne Drive that was appealed.

**Councilman Bain moved to approve, with the exception of Case # 01-V-15. Councilman Lob seconded the motion.**

**After discussion, the motion 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) Scheduling of Board of Appeals hearing for Case 01-V-15, 372 Payne Drive

City Attorney Seiden suggested scheduling the Board of Appeals hearing for April 13, 2015.

**Councilman Bain moved to schedule the Board of Appeals meeting for April 13, 2015. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion, which 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 Seiden stated that the gentleman who is representing the case will not be available on April 13<sup>th</sup> and he suggested April 27, 2015.

**Councilman Bain amended the motion to schedule the Board of Appeals meeting on Monday, April 27, 2015. Councilman Windrem seconded the amended motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Petralanda, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Lob and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

**7. Public Hearings:**

A) Ordinance – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending Code Of Ordinance Section 150-013(C)(1), Front Yard Fences – Restricted Area; By Providing An Additional Approved Fencing Material; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney 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 approve. Vice Mayor Petralanda seconded the motion, which 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 City Attorney's Invoice for February 2015 in the Amount of \$13,817.25

B) Recommendation by Public Works that Council authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order Change Order to Wrangler Construction, Inc., utilizing Miami Dade County RFQ # 20130171, in an amount not to exceed \$2,389.05, for additional rebar and detachable warning tiles, as part of the Circle curbing project, as funds were approved in the FY14/15 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

C) Recommendation by Public Works that Council approve an expenditure to Atkins North America, as a sole source provider, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00, for Oakwood Drive/Lee Drive drainage improvements, pursuant to Section §31.11(E)(6)(c) of the City Code

**Councilman Lob moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Petralanda seconded the motion, which 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

There were no appointments to the advisory boards at this time.

B) Recommendation that Council approve 1) The use of designated fund balance for the 1% reduction of Police contributions to the pension plan for one year at a cost of \$23,500 (\$10,866 for the current fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 and the balance of \$12,634 is for the first six months of the next fiscal year), and 2) The attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City and FOP, as funds were designated by Council at the February 23, 2015 meeting

**Councilman Lob moved to approve. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion, which 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) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council approve an expenditure to Loxia Technologies, the lowest responsible quote, in the amount of \$7,994.91, for five (5) new Dell laptops as funds were designated by Council at the February 23, 2015 meeting, pursuant to Section §31.11 (C)(2) of the City Code

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

**10. New Business:**

A) Request from Tom Curtis, River Cities Festival Organizer, to Sell Alcoholic Beverages on City Property for the River Cities Festival on April 10, 11 and 12, 2015

**Councilman Bain moved to approve. Vice Mayor Petralanda seconded the motion, which 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 that the Council approve the Miami Springs Police Department entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the South Florida Crimes Against Child (ICAC) Operational Task Force

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

**11. Other Business:**

A) Vote of Confidence for the City Attorney as Required by Section 8.01 (1) of the City Charter

**Councilman Windrem moved to approve. Councilman Bain seconded the motion, which 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) Vote of Confidence for the City Clerk as Required by Section 8.01 (1) of the City Charter

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

**12. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

The City Attorney stated that the next time the City does a comprehensive charter review, consideration should be given to changing the provision in Section 8.01 (1) because the City Attorney and City Clerk serve at the will of Council and their vote of confidence is one month before an election. He suggested making a list of Charter provisions that are inconsistent and when there are four or five items on the list it would be beneficial to place the questions on the ballot during a regular election.

B) City Manager

City Manager Gorland reminded everyone of the upcoming events, including the Farmers Market and the Recreation sponsored Health-Fit event on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

C) City Council

Councilman Windrem announced that he will be playing his guitar at the Farmers Market on Saturday.

Councilman Lob wished everyone a good night.

Councilman Bain thanked Chief of Police Guzman and his Staff for accommodating the partial closure of the Circle during the weekend event and said that they did a great job. He appreciates what they did under the circumstances. He wished everyone a good evening.

Mayor Garcia announced that the "Springs Connection" is being mailed out to all the residents. He encouraged everyone to support the local Farmers Market every Saturday for the next four or five weeks. He reported that County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa is sponsoring a Movie Night in the City of Miami Springs featuring the "The Lego Movie" and food trucks will be there; there is also a fundraiser for the Geiger Memorial that same night.

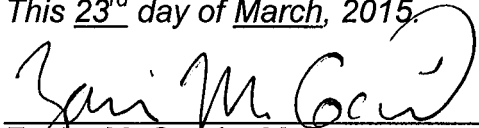
**13. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*

  
Erika González-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk

*Adopted by the City Council on  
This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015.*

  
Javier M. Garcia, Mayor

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