



City of Miami Springs, Florida
City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 2015 8:00 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 8:05 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Xavier M. Garcia
Vice Mayor Bob Best
Councilman Billy Bain
Councilwoman Roslyn Buckner
Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
Chief of Police Armando A. Guzman
Deputy City Clerk Elora R. Sakal

- 2. Invocation:** Mayor Garcia

Salute to the Flag: Students from Miami Springs Elementary led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

- 3. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Yard of the Month – June 2015 – Joseph Roche – 364 Navarre Drive

Mr. Joseph Roche was not present to accept the award.

B) Legislative Update by Representative Bryan Avila

This item was not discussed at this time.

C) Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to members of the Public Works Department; Misael Martin, Tulio Garcia, Sr., Fernando Vasallo, Steven Griffin, Jessie Crumpler, Lazaro Garaboa, Errol Vassell

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

- 4. Open Forum:** None at this time.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

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

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions: None at this time.

7. Public Hearings:

A) Ordinance – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending The Following Delineated Code Sections Contained In "The Miami Springs Retirement Ordinance" In Order To Comply With The Provisions Of The Internal Revenue Code; By Providing Additional Definitions In Code Section 35-04, Definitions; Supplementing The Provisions Contained In Code Section 35-18, Military Service Credit; By Correcting Certain Language And Providing An Additional Provision In Code Section 35-20, Normal Retirement; By Revising And Supplementing Provisions Contained In Code Section 35-30.1, Limitation On Benefits; By Substantially Modifying And Updating Provisions Contained In Code Section 35-30.2, Distributions In Plan Years Beginning After December 3, 1984; By Creating New Code Of Ordinance Section 35-30.4, Miscellaneous; By Supplementing And Further Explaining Provisions Contained In Code Section 35-46, Direct Transfers Of Eligible Rollover Distributions; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney read the title of the ordinance.

City Attorney Seiden said that this went before the General Employees Retirement Board and was reviewed by the City actuaries. Council received a copy of a letter explaining that there is no actuarial impact on the City. There have been no changes in this ordinance since the first reading. This is the second reading and is a public hearing. The real purpose of this is for the plan to be in compliance with current IRS regulations.

Councilman Bain moved to approve the ordinance on second reading. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilman Bain, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

B) Ordinance – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending The Following Delineated Code Sections Contained In The "Police And Fireman Pension Plan" In Order To Comply With The Provisions Of The Internal Revenue Code; By Providing Additional Definitions In Code Section 35-51, Definitions; By Supplementing Provisions And Correcting Language Contained In Code Section 35-53, Benefit Amounts And Eligibility; By Providing Additional Substantive Provisions In Code Section 35-54, Optional Forms Of Benefits; By Supplementing A Provision In Code Section 35-55, Member Contributions; By Adding Additional Provisions In Code Section 35-58, Repeal Or Termination Of System; By Revising, Supplement, And Adding Provisions In Code Section 35-59 Miscellaneous; Repealing All Ordinances Or

Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney read the title of the ordinance.

City Attorney Seiden this is the Police and Fireman retirement system of the prior ordinance. There have been no changes since the first reading and it is a public hearing. It was also taken to the Police and Firemen Board for approval and there is also a letter showing that there is no actuarial impact on the City.

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the ordinance on second reading. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilman Bain, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

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

A) Recommendation by Public Works that Council authorize staff to enter into a one year contract with DRC Emergency Services, as the City's secondary contractor for Debris Removal, Reduction & Disposal Services after a hurricane or other disaster, piggybacking off of the City of Doral's ITB #2013-14 agreement for Emergency Debris Removal Services, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code. There is no cost to the City unless we actually utilize their services. The City contracted with a primary contractor (Crowder-Gulf) via a piggyback with the City of Aventura, which was presented at the last Council meeting

B) Recommendation by Golf that Council approve an expenditure to Hertz Equipment Rental, on an "as needed basis" in the amount of \$16,375, pursuant to the City's existing US Communities purchasing agreement contract for tractor and boom lift rental as funds were approved in the FY14/15 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code.

To answer Councilman Petralanda's question, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso stated that they will be bringing an item to Council at their next meeting once a quote is finalized with regards to purchasing a new backhoe for Public Works and giving the current backhoe to the Golf Course.

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve consent agenda items 8A, and 8B. Councilman Bain seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilman Bain, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

9. Old Business:

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

Councilman Petralanda appointed Thomas Cannon to the Disability Advisory Board replacing Roslyn Buckner.

Some Council members felt that they needed more information on this item before moving forward and making a decision. Mayor Garcia asked that Council be provided with a brief detail of what are the things that the City pays for from these occupational license fees and different fees that the City gets from the business tax license.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

B) Recommendation that the City renews its facility agreement with Jazzercise, Inc., for the use of the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center for exercise sessions

Councilman Bain felt that he needed more information on this item before moving forward and making a decision.

Councilwoman Buckner would like to know the contract amount for the last couple of years and if Jazzercise has a contract anywhere else where they have received a discount.

Mayor Garcia would like to know if the Recreation Director has received any inquiries about renting the space.

Council agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

Councilman Bain moved to extend the current Jazzercise agreement until Council makes a decision. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilman Bain, Councilwoman Buckner, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.

11. Other Business:

A) FY 2015/2016 Budget Process and Timeline

Mr. Alonso read his memo to Council.

Councilman Bain asked if they could be provided with the insurance information before the budget process and Mr. Alonso replied that the plan is to have that information before the budget process.

Some Council members requested to see the preliminary numbers from all departments when available.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Seiden thanked everyone for their well wishes on the passing of his mother-in-law. There is a hearing tomorrow morning in front of the new judge who is only going to hear the City's motion to dismiss the pending complaint on the election lawsuit.

B) City Manager

City Manager Gorland commented on the banner that was hung on the dais in regards to the Community of Respect event that was held at the Community Center on May 26th. Miami Springs was awarded a Community of Respect recognition and it was a great event that was hosted by Kim Werner. It was a great event and he thanked everyone who was

involved with it.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Best was honored to assist with the Memorial Day ceremony that was held on Monday and thanked the Manager for the time and effort he put into the event. He was happy to see the implementation of bringing DRC in for the debris removal in a timely manner. His daughter Kristan recently graduated from Barry University School of Nursing and she was the President of the Nursing Students Association and she had a seminar in Phoenix that she spoke at on behalf of the University regarding bullying.

Councilman Petralanda commended Vice Mayor Best for the fine job he did on Monday at the Memorial Day ceremony. He asked City Manager Gorland if Golf Director O'Dell will be coming before Council to speak about the first tee program and City Manager Gorland replied affirmatively.

Councilman Bain stated that his wife is getting much better and thanked everyone for their support and concern.

Mayor Garcia thanked Vice Mayor Best and staff for putting on the Memorial Day ceremony. He was unable to attend the ceremony because every year he goes to a soccer tournament with his daughter. MSVG has a great turnout and experience although they did not get to go to championships. MSVG is having soccer tryouts for those who are interested. There will be a grand opening of the City of Hialeah Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and it will be under the name of Jose Caragol Jr. who passed away from Cancer and was their Emergency Operations person.

Mayor Garcia stated that little league season is coming to an end and encouraged parents to sign their children up for little league. He recognized a local restaurant, Jr's Gourmet Burgers who won 1st place in the Burger Beast burger competition out of 20 other restaurants. Today was the Arbor Day celebration on Curtiss Parkway. He thanked Councilwoman Buckner and staff for participating. The City has been designated Tree City USA for 21 years in a row. He commended the City for maintaining the tree canopy in the City. He attended the Miami Springs Senior High School graduation ceremony and it was nice to see kids that he has seen grow up graduating high school. He wanted to mention that the Principal at Miami Springs High School band program is not being cancelled.


13. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on
This 8th day of June, 2015.


Xavier M. Garcia, Mayor



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