



City of Miami Springs, Florida
City Council Meeting

Workshop Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2015, 6:00 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 6:10 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
Controller Alicia E. Gonzalez
Recreation Director Omar Luna
Events/Programs Director Patricia A. Bradley
Building & Code Compliance Director Ulises Fernandez
Golf Director Paul O'Dell
Golf Maintenance Superintendent Laurie Bland
Human Resource Specialist II Noemi Darias-Sanfiel
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Mayor Garcia.

Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

- 3. Workshop on Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget**

- I. City Council**

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso updated the Council on the changes from the last workshop meeting. He stated that the budget shows a \$326,851 surplus with the millage rate of 7.6710. The surplus is due to the decrease of health insurance, savings from fleet services maintenance, and decreases in Public Works and Elderly Services.

Presentations were provided by Tom Curtis for the River Cities Festival, JoEllen Phillips for CMI the Curtiss Mansion, Ralph Wakefield for the Pelican Playhouse, Beverly Roetz from the Historical Society, and Manny Fabian for the tennis program.

II. City Clerk

The City Clerk's budget is \$35,797 less than last year. The City Council allocated an additional \$6,000 towards advertising for the 2017 election.

There were no more changes to the City Clerk budget.

III. City Manager

The item was discussed later during the meeting. Mr. Alonso stated that the City Manager's budget is \$1,846 lower mainly due to the cost for health insurance.

IV. Human Resources

Mr. Alonso stated that the Human Resources budget is approximately \$16,058 or 7.7% higher due to the increased cost of the background checks for fingerprinting and background checks, as well as a salary increase for the HR Specialist position.

V. City Attorney

There were no changes to the City Attorney's budget.

VI. Building Department

Mr. Alonso stated that the Building and Code Compliance were separated in two separate functions. The Building Department budget is a separate Special Revenue fund. The budget includes \$20,000 to contract for scanning and archiving all Building Department records over a two to three year period.

Building and Code Compliance Director Ulises Fernandez answered questions from Council regarding scanning.

VII. Code Compliance

Mr. Alonso commented that the Code Compliance Department is a separate department from Building. He stated that the budget is \$44,424 higher than last year due to the allocation of the Building/Code Compliance Director's salary and the full year cost of the additional Code Officer that was added during last fiscal year.

The City Council discussed various issues with Code Compliance and requested more information as to how to improve the department.

VIII. Debt Service

Mr. Alonso explained that the budget shows an increase of \$13,553. The Community

Center Note was refinanced at a lower interest rate. The Debt Service includes the Golf Bonds and Aquatic Facility payments.

IX. Parks and Recreation Department

i. Administration

The budget includes a reduction of \$62,281. There are no proposed changes to any programs and activities.

Parks and Recreation Director Luna and Finance Director Alonso answered Council's questions.

ii. Pool

Mr. Alonso stated that the proposed budget for the Pool is approximately \$177,355 for the four month period from June to September 2016 since the pool is scheduled to operate on June 1, 2016. The budget also includes a full time Aquatics Supervisor and a full time head lifeguard.

Parks and Recreation Director Luna and Finance Director Alonso answered Council's questions.

iii. Tennis

Finance Director Alonso stated that the Tennis operation is basically the same with a slight decrease from last year; there were no questions regarding this budget.

iv. Field Maintenance

The Field Maintenance budget is approximately \$15,925 higher than the current year. Recreation Director Luna provided an update on the Stafford Park.

X. Golf Department

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Alonso stated that the Golf Department budget is \$12,886 lower than last year.

Golf Director Paul O'Dell answered Council's questions. Golf Course Maintenance Superintendent Laurie Bland was present to answer questions regarding the golf maintenance budget; no changes were made.

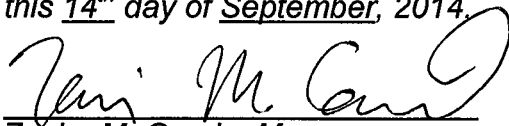
4. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on
this 14th day of September, 2014.


Xavier M. Garcia, Mayor

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