



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 9, 2018 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 7:00 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Billy Bain

Vice Mayor Mara Zapata, Ph.D.

Councilman Bob Best

Councilwoman Maria Puente Mitchell

Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Public Works Director Tom Nash

Recreation Director Omar Luna

Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Vice Mayor Zapata

Salute to the Flag: The audience led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

3. **Agenda / Order of Business**

Mayor Bain announced that Item 11D would be deferred to the next meeting, April 23rd.

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Recognizing Mr. William Talbert III President & CEO and members of the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) for their partnership with Miami Springs

Mayor Bain asked that Councilwoman Mitchell to join him in presenting a City recognition plaque to Ms. Madeline Paredes of the Greater Miami Convention &

Visitors Bureau for the recent collaboration with City promotions. Mr. William Talbert arrived a little late and was recognized by Mayor Bain upon his arrival. Mr. Talbert thanked the Council for all their support and is looks forward to continue working with the City in the future.

B) Presentation by Nancy Voye of the Rotary Club on the doggy waste station program

Mayor Bain introduced Nancy Voye to the podium; she proceeded to discuss the doggy waste station program that is being offered by the Rotary Club. She informed the Council that her program offers the purchase of the doggy station for \$120.00 in addition to a name plate that can be engraved with the person or organization name that sponsored the station as well. She stated that she wants to keep the City clean and green, that the program will hopefully take off with the support of the public.

5. **Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Tom Curtis, River Cities Festival.

6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) March 26, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2018. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

7. **Reports from Boards & Commissions:** None at this time.

8. **Public Hearings:** None at this time.

9. **Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted)** None at this time.

10. **Old Business:**

A) Traffic study for the South Royal Poinciana lane and speed limit change

City Manager William Alonso read the staff memo for the record.

The following members of the public addressed the Council: Nery Owens, 169 Corydon Drive, Melissa and Johan Rojas, 250 S. Royal Poinciana Boulevard, Diane Burkhart, 480 S. Royal Poinciana Boulevard, Eglis Rivero, S. Royal Poinciana Boulevard, Enrique Lopez, 421 Forrest Drive.

After some discussion, Vice Mayor Zapata moved to approve the funding of the traffic study. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best,

Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

11. New Business:

A) **Ordinance – First Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Chapter 54, “Tree Protection Program,” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances To Regulate The Planting And Maintenance Of Trees In Close Proximity To Overhead Utility Lines; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Inclusion In The Code; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title. She provided some background information as to the proposed changes to amend the current code. Public Works Director Tom Nash was available to answer the Council’s questions.

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

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Urging State Legislators To Amend The State’s Every Student Succeeds Act (Essa) Plan; Providing For Transmittal; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title. Vice Mayor Zapata provided some background information on the State’s non-compliance on the assessment of students and other various items on the proposed plan.

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

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Establishing An Auditor Selection Committee Pursuant To Section 218.391, Florida Statutes; Providing For Committee Membership; Providing For Committee Duties; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title. He read the staff memo for the record.

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

D) Approval of Free Movie Night and miscellaneous costs

This item was deferred to the April 23rd meeting.

12. Other Business:

- A) Presentation by B&A and Lifespan on new Senior Center

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

William Bermello, architect for the Senior Center project, provided a visual and oral presentation on the proposed project. Jorge Ferrer, Project Manager of B&A Partners Architect/Engineering firm, also addressed the Council's questions. Elderly Services Director was available also to address Council's questions. Doug Gallow of Lifespan also addressed the Council with various improvements to the facility to accommodate the seniors.

Councilwoman Mitchell moved to approve the proposed senior center project as presented. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

Mayor Bain recessed the meeting at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

- B) Discussion item requested by Councilman Jaime Petralanda on renaming a street after Mary Ann Goodlet Taylor

Councilman Petralanda informed the Council that Mrs. Taylor is in hospice and in frail condition. He provided the rest of Council with information on his request. Councilman Petralanda stated that Mrs. Taylor's granddaughter reached out to him with the request on designating a street in the City in Mrs. Taylor's honor. Her granddaughter also provided two suggested locations. He stated that one of the requested streets is, Shadow Way (between Payne Drive and Westward Drive) or Ludlum Drive (between Melrose Drive and Euclid Drive).

Councilwoman Mitchell made a motion to designate the portion of Shadow Way between Payne Drive to Westward Drive to honor Mrs. Taylor. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

- A) City Attorney

City Attorney had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso reminded the Council that the River Cities Festival Opening Ceremony is on Friday, April 13th at 5:30 p.m. He also stated that the Stafford Golf Tournament is on April 20th at 11:30 a.m.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Zapata had no report at this time.

Councilman Petralanda had no report at this time.

Councilman Best stated that his daughter Kristan Best is pursuing her Master's degree and part of the requirement to graduate she needs to sponsor a health related project. He is requesting that Council allow a short presentation at the next Council meeting for a project that she has initiated which is to heighten awareness relating to public schools Carbon Monoxide disbursement.

Councilwoman Mitchell announced that on Saturday, April 21st 8:00-10:00 a.m. former Mayor of Virginia Gardens, Paul Bithorn will conduct a Miami Springs Bird Watch Walk on Curtiss Parkway, she encouraged the Council and public to attend.

Mayor Bain stated that he attended a live music concert at the Country Club recently and it was a great event. He also attended the All Angels Emerald City Silver Ball on Saturday which was a great event as well. Mayor Bain said he received an unexpected visitor at his house during the weekend, a little girl named Gaby who brought him cupcakes as a thank you for his service to the City, he took a moment to recognize her and her visit.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on
This 9th day of April, 2018.*

Billy Bain, Mayor

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