



## **City of Miami Springs, Florida**

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 23, 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

Recreation Director Omar Luna

Human Resources Director Bill Collins

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Pastor Ginger Ray Medley of Poinciana United Methodist Church

- 3. Salute to the Flag:** Students from All Angels Academy led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

- 4. Agenda / Order of Business**

**Mayor Bain announced that Item 5B would be deferred to the next meeting, May 14th.**

- 5. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation of Certificate of Sincere Appreciation Plaque to Code Enforcement Officer Lourdes Tavares in Recognition of 17 Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Miami Springs

**Mayor Bain presented Ms. Tavares with a plaque and congratulated her on her retirement. He thanked her for her years of service to the City. City Manager William Alonso also presented Ms. Tavares with a gift from the administration. Ms. Tavares introduced her family and shared a few words of thanks. She expressed her**

**thankfulness to the Mayor, the Council, and Administration for years of support and for the recognition.**

B) Presentation by Ms. Kristan Best on her Carbon Monoxide awareness in public schools project

**This item was deferred to the next meeting, May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

C) Yard of the Month Award – May 2018 – Luis Paez – 99 N. Royal Poinciana Blvd.

**Mayor Bain presented the yard of the month award to Mr. and Mrs. Paez for their commercial business lawn. Mr. and Mrs. Paez were present to accept the award and thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition.**

6. **Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Paul Atkinson, Maria Font, James Patterson, and Juan C. Cruz, 911 Swan Avenue, D. Hernandez, 130 Flagler Street.

7. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) April 9, 2018 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018. 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.**

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

9. **Public Hearings:**

A) **Ordinance – Second 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. City Attorney Sera provided some background information and any other changes that were made between first and second reading. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Nery Owens, 169 Corydon Drive addressed the City Council. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.**

**At this time, the City Clerk stepped out to assist a resident during the motion and roll call vote; Councilman Best moved to approve the Ordinance on second reading as presented. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll**

**call vote conducted by the Mayor. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

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

**11. Old Business: None at this time.**

**12. New Business:**

**A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Professional Services Agreement With Brenda Knight, A Licensed Franchisee Of Jazzercise, Inc.; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date**

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title. He also read the staff memo for the record. Recreation Director Omar Luna answered the Council's questions.**

**Vice Mayor Zapata moved to approve the Resolution. 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.**

**B) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Co-Designating The Portion Of Shadow Way Between Payne Drive And Westward Drive As "Mary Ann Goodlett Taylor Way"; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date**

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution. 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.**

**C) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Calling For A Special Election On November 6, 2018 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The City's Electorate A Ballot Question Regarding Annexation Of Unincorporated Property Contiguous To The City Of Miami Springs; Providing For The City Clerk To Utilize The Services Of Miami-Dade County Supervisor Of Elections For The Special Election; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date**

**City Attorney Dan Espino read the Resolution by title. He provided some background information as to the proposed Resolution.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution. 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.**

D) Approval of Free Movie Night and miscellaneous costs

**City Manager William Alonso read the staff memo for the record. Alicia Araya, from the Office of Representative Bryan Avila's office was present to answer the Council's questions. She informed the Council that the movie changed to "Coco" because of licensing rights.**

**Councilman Petralanda moved to approve the movie night and requested miscellaneous costs associated. 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.**

**13. Other Business:**

A) Request by Councilwoman Mitchell to discuss the beautification of the boat ramp at the canal by the dog park area and providing accessibility for recreational users (kayaks, etc.); not for vehicle launching of boats

**The City Council discussed potentially opening the current canal ramp for non-motorized boats such as kayaks, paddleboards, and canoes. The Council agreed proper signage should be included with the rules of the ramp usage.**

**Councilwoman Mitchell moved to approve the City applying for the necessary permit with the South Florida Water Management District, to allow the access to the ramp for public use, and to beautify the ramp area. Vice Mayor Zapata 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.**

**14. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

City Attorney had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso explained that the Cavalier Clock will be installed in the near future and asked which day and time would be best. He made a recommendation that Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. worked best because it was Council Meeting night and also allowed sufficient time for the installation of the clock. The City Council all agreed that the

time and date were acceptable and all agreed on the Manager's recommendation.

Assistant City Manager announced that the Woman's Club will be hosting "All Things Green" discussion on April 30<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded the Council that the Board Game Society will hold their event on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Center.

C) City Council

Councilman Petralanda thanked Tom Curtis for a very successful River Cities Festival.

Councilman Best stated that he will be announcing at the upcoming Miami Springs Baseball games. He also recognized Ana Hume and Tammy Key for their vigilance on assisting on an arrest of a suspicious individual that was lurking around the streets.

Councilwoman Mitchell thanked Tammy Key for having the elementary school display artwork in the lobby for the art show. She reminded the public that on Saturday in celebration of Earth Day, Mr. Paul Bithorn will conduct a bird walk starting on Curtiss Parkway. She also stated that the Woman's Club will have an "All things green" conversation on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> that the public is welcome to attend. Councilwoman Mitchell thanked Tom Curtis for a great River Cities Festival as well.

Vice Mayor Zapata reported that she attended the ribbon cutting for Enso, on N. Royal Poinciana on Saturday. She was very pleased to see the event had a great turnout.

Mayor Bain stated that he conducted a ribbon cutting on Saturday for the Enso Wellness Fair. He said he enjoyed the event and all the vendors that participated were informative as well. He thanked Tom Curtis for putting on a wonderful River Cities Festival. He also challenged the Police and Fire Department to the Chili Cook-off, he said he would like to see them participate next time.

**15. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*

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*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on  
This 14th day of May, 2018.*

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*Billy Bain, Mayor*

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