



**City of Miami Springs, Florida**  
City Council Meeting  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 12, 2017 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 Billy Bain  
Vice Mayor Bob Best  
Councilwoman Maria Puente Mitchell  
Councilwoman Mara Zapata  
Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso  
City Attorney Haydee Sera  
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria  
Assistant to City Manager Tammy Romero  
Police Chief Armando Guzman  
Recreation Director Omar Luna  
Public Works Director Tom Nash  
Planning Director Chris Heid

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Mayor Bain; Councilwoman Mitchell requested a moment of silence for passing of resident Martin Marquez

**Salute to the Flag:** Audience led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag

- 3. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Commissioner Rebeca Sosa with Representative Bryan Avila recognizing City staff and FPL staff that worked on tornado relief efforts this past January

**Commissioner Sosa was not able to attend the meeting.**

B) Presentation of Certificate of Sincere Appreciation Plaque to Police Officer Charlene Navarro in Recognition of 29 Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Miami Springs

**Retired Police Officer Navarro was not able to attend the meeting to receive her plaque.**

C) Presentation by Ms. Sandra Delgado regarding the Red Sand Project to end Human Trafficking and Slavery

**Ms. Delgado was not able to attend the meeting.**

D) Presentation by Ms. Marianne Canero on Shipping Containers

**Mayor Bain requested Ms. Canero to proceed with her presentation on shipping containers. Ms. Canero gave an oral presentation and a visual presentation to the Council. Upon conclusion of her presentation, the City Council requested that City Staff prepare an ordinance amending the City Code to allow shipping containers in certain designated zoning districts.**

**Vice Mayor Best made a motion to direct City Staff to prepare an ordinance for Council to consider shipping containers in certain zoning districts. Councilwoman Zapata seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilwoman Zapata, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

**4. Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Michael Kobiakov, 901 Hunting Lodge Drive.

**5. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) May 22, 2017 – Regular Meeting

**Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on May 22, 2017. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilwoman Zapata, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

**6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:**

A) Board of Adjustment – Approval of Actions Taken at their Meeting of June 5, 2017 Subject to the 10-day Appeal Period

**Mayor Bain asked the members of the City Council if there were any questions or comments on the item. There were none. Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the actions of the Board of Adjustment of June 5, 2017. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilwoman Zapata, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

**7. Public Hearings:**

A) **Ordinance – First Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Adopting A 10 Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan And Amending The City's

Comprehensive Plan To Strengthen Coordination Between Water Supply And Local Land Use Planning As Required By Florida Law; Providing For Severability; And Providing An Effective Date

**City Attorney Espino read the Ordinance by title. Scarlett Hammond, consultant from the Corradino Group, addressed the Council and answered the Council's questions.**

**Mayor Bain opened the item for public hearing. There were no speakers at this time. The public hearing was closed.**

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

**B) Ordinance – First Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Reconfirming Its Intentions Consistent With City Ordinances No. 900-2003, 912-2004, And 977-2009 And Resolution 2002-3204 And Continuing Its Efforts In Initiating And Requesting A Boundary Change To The City Of Miami Springs By Annexation Of Certain Identified And Specified Contiguous And Adjacent Unincorporated Areas Of Miami-Dade County Legally Described As Portions Of Sections 14, 23, And 26; Requesting Approval The Annexation From The Board Of County Commissioners; Authorizing The Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, And City Attorney To Take Any And All Actions Necessary To Submit The Subject Boundary Changes To The Miami-Dade County Board Of County Commissioners; Authorizing Transmittal Of This Ordinance And Accompanying Documents; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict; And Providing For An Effective Date**

**City Attorney Espino read the Ordinance by title. Jose Fuentes, City lobbyist from Becker and Poliakoff, and Alex David, consultant from Calvin Giordano, addressed the City Council and answered all of the Council's questions.**

**Mayor Bain opened the item for public hearing. Paul Dotson, John Souder, Nery Owens, Michael Gavila, Derrick Ferrel, Gloria Rothestein, Nestor Machado, Michael Kobiakov, Jose Montez, Carlos Batista, Javiera (last name not provided), Octavio Guerrero, and Ana Gonzalez addressed the City Council. The public hearing was closed.**

**City Attorney Espino provided a historical presentation on the City's annexation process. He answered the Council's questions on the item.**

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

**Mayor Bain adjourned the Council meeting at 8:55 p.m. for a brief recess. The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 9:05 p.m.**

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

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Increase Of \$5,000.00 To A Purchase Order With Acushnet Holdings Corp. For The City’s Golf Shop Merchandise For An Overall Value Of \$20,000.00; Waiving Competitive Bidding; Authorizing Expenditure Of Budgeted Funds; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Police Vehicles; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Lease Extension Between The City Of Miami Springs And Charles Delongchamp For A Police Department Substation At 274 Westward Drive; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Lease Of Copiers From Toshiba America Business Solutions, Inc.; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

E) Recommendation by Finance that Council approve an expenditure to Jumpin Jack Productions in the amount of \$1,500.00, for the July 3, 2017 Car Show at the Circle as funds were approved in the FY16/17 Budget

F) Recommendation by Public Works that Council approve an increase to the City’s current open Purchase Order with Sunbelt Waste Equipment, in the amount of \$5,000 for Sanitation Truck parts and repairs as funds were budgeted in the FY16/17 Budget pursuant to Section 31.11(E)(6)(g) of the City Code

**City Manager Alonso read the Consent Agenda items by title. Councilman Petralanda pulled item 8G for further discussion.**

**Vice Mayor Best moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 8A through 8F. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilwoman Zapata, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

G) Recommendation by Public Works that Council authorize the issuance and/or execution of a contract to Distreebutors, utilizing Miami Dade County under contract #1298-1/21-1 Plant Material & Tree Services (attached), in an amount not to exceed \$30,487.50, the balance on the Purchase Order for tree removal and trimming as funds were budgeted in the FY16/17 Budget pursuant to Section 31.11(E)(5) of the City Code

**Councilman Petralanda wanted to clarify that the City was not purchasing trees but rather just considering the vendor for tree trimming services. City Attorney Sera clarified that the consideration would be just for tree trimming services.**

**Councilman Petralanda moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 8G. Vice Mayor Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilwoman Zapata, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

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

**10. New Business:**

**A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Amending The Building Fee Schedule; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date**

**City Attorney Espino read the Resolution by title. City Manager Alonso read the staff memo for the record.**

**Vice Mayor Best 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 Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilwoman Zapata, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

**B) Ordinance – First Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Section 150-111, "Appeals From Administrative Decision And Denial Of Request For Variance" Of The City's Code Of Ordinances; Amending Section 150-113, "Review Of Zoning And Planning Board And Board Of Adjustment Decisions By City Council; Appeal Procedures Of Board Decisions" Of The City's Code Of Ordinances; Creating Section 150-114.5, "Notification Of Public Hearings;" Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Inclusion In The Code; And Providing For An Effective Date**

**City Attorney Espino read the Resolution by title.**

**John Souder requested to speak on the item and addressed the City Council.**

**Councilwoman offered an amendment to the ordinance that would increase the notification of commercial projects be a one thousand foot radius and residential projects to be 500 feet radius. She also offered that entire blocks be notified in area being affected on a project rather than a partial block. City Attorney Espino stated that the offered amendments will be presented at second reading for Council consideration.**

**Councilwoman Mitchell moved to approve the Ordinance. Councilwoman Zapata seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows:**

**Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilwoman Zapata, Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

C) Request from Councilwoman Mitchell for Reduction of Appeal Fee

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

**After some discussion by City Council, the direction of the Council was that since Mr. John Souder won his appeal there would be a refund of the entire appeal fee. No further action was taken by the City Council at this time.**

**Later in the meeting, City Attorney Espino requested a reconsideration of item 10C due to clarification on the fee. He stated that the City Code does not indicate that if an appeal of an applicant is considered and granted that the City would refund the appeal fee to the applicant.**

**Councilwoman Mitchell moved to reduce the Mr. John Souder's, the applicant, fee to \$200.00. Councilwoman Zapata seconded the motion, which carried 4-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilwoman Zapata, and Mayor Bain voting Yes; Councilman Petralanda voting No.**

D) Request from Councilwoman Mitchell to place Open Forum language on agenda

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

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

E) Request from Virginia Gardens for an addition to the Miami Springs War Memorial

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

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

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

**12. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

City Attorney had no report at this time.

B) City Council

Councilman Petralanda had no report at this time.

Vice Mayor Best had no report at this time.

Councilwoman Mitchell stated that some residents feel that they do not know of issues that the city is working on until they appear on the City Council meeting agenda for a vote. She suggested that the City Council consider a proposal to hold town hall type meetings for residents twice a year as additional way to keep residents informed on items that the city is working on. She expressed it would help the City keep residents updated about long-term projects and assist with the clarification of misinformation prior to a vote. She also mentioned that it might be good for the City to consider a voluntary email system so that members of the public can be kept abreast of different things going on in the City. City Manager Alonso informed her that the City currently sends the Miami Springs Connection to all residents and that the City currently has an email sign-up in place.

Councilwoman Zapata recognized Councilman Best for a wonderful presentation at the War Memorial on Memorial Day. She also thanked Bill Tallman for his service at the Memorial Day event as well.

Mayor Bain requested that City Staff look into having the Arbor Day event after hours and not at 10:00 am.

### **13. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*

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*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on  
This 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.*

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*Billy Bain, Mayor*

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