



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Council Meeting using Communications Media Technology Pursuant to
Governor's Executive Order 20-69

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:02 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Billy Bain

Vice Mayor Walter Fajet

Councilman Bob Best

Councilwoman Maria Mitchell

Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

Recreation Director Omar Luna

Public Works Director Tom Nash

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Golf Director Paul O'Dell

2. **Invocation:** Led by Councilman Bob Best
Pledge of Allegiance: Audience led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.
3. **Agenda / Order of Business: None at this time.**
4. **Awards & Presentations: None at this time.**
5. **Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Gene,** addressed the City Council.
6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**
 - A) August 17, 2020 – Budget Workshop Meeting
 - B) August 24, 2020 – Special Meeting
 - C) August 24, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Councilwoman Mitchell offered an amendment to the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2020; section 13C under her comments to reflect the following correction "...as the Council moves forward in the budget process to consider

increasing maintaining the allocation of funds for future tree planting projects.”

Councilman Best moved to approve the Budget meeting of August 17, 2020, Special meeting of August 24, 2020 and the amended minutes of the Regular meeting of August 24, 2020. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

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

8. Public Hearings:

A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Adopting The Proposed Millage Rate For Fiscal Year 2020-2021 In The Amount Of 7.3300 Mills, Which Is 5.35% Higher Than The Roll-Back Rate Of 6.9575 Mills, To Balance The General Fund For Fiscal Year 2020-2021; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title. He read the staff memo for the record. He stated the various items that the City Council would need to consider to finalize the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

1) In Council’s budget the \$2,000 set aside for the League of Cities dinner and ad are to be discussed,

Councilman Best made a motion to remove the line item for the Florida League of Cities annual ad and annual dinner. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

2) The \$14,000 for River Cities will be paid on a reimbursement basis as paid invoices are submitted, there will not be a total upfront payment as in the past, River Cities will submit paid invoices and proof of payment showing expenses were for the 2021 Festival before the city issues a reimbursement check.

Councilman Best made a motion to continue to issue to pay River Cities upfront. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, after discussion, the motion failed on 2-3 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

Vice Mayor Fajet made a motion to pay River Cities Festival \$5,000 upfront and reimburse the festival as they submit invoices. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor

Bain voting Yes.

- 3) In the Public Works budget, we allocated \$2,000 for the bags for the doggy stations.**

Councilwoman Mitchell moved to approve the allocation of the funding for doggy bags for the doggy stations. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

- 4) Council was to consider if the \$25,000 for tree planting would be used for that purpose, not used and add that amount to reserves, or use the \$25,000 and add to the \$100,000 budgeted for tree trimming.**

Councilwoman Mitchell moved to maintain the \$25,000 in the tree planting line item. Vice Mayor Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

- 4) Councilman Best also requested consideration of the \$45,000 budgeted for the City lobbyist.**

Councilman Best moved to eliminate the \$45,000 for the lobbyist. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion. Jose Fuentes and Alex Alamo, of Becker and Poliakoff, addressed the City Council and answer the Council's questions. After further discussion Councilman Best withdrew his motion.

Councilwoman Mitchell moved to keep the \$45,000 for the lobbyist in the budget. Vice Mayor Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

City Manager William Alonso re-read the Resolution by title and announced the millage rate with the percentage difference from the roll-back rate. Mayor Bain opened the public hearing, Diana (inaudible last name); and Pablo Guerra, 564 Miller Drive addressed the City Council. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Fajet moved to approve the budget with the amend. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, 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, Adopting A Tentative Budget For The Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2020 And Ending September 30, 2021; Confirming Date Of Second Public

Hearing; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title. Mayor Bain opened the public hearing, there were no speakers. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

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

10. Old Business: None at this time.

11. New Business:

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Agreement With First Vehicle Services, Inc. For Fleet Management And Maintenance Services Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of The City Of Sunrise Contract Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Vice Mayor Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, 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, Adopting The Miami-Dade County Local Mitigation Strategy 2020; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, 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, Approving A Theatrical Services Agreement With Pelican Playhouse, Inc.; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

After some further discussion, the City Council agreed to table the item to the next meeting.

12. Other Business: None at this time.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso had not report at this time.

C) City Council

Councilwoman Mitchell welcomed Councilman/Vice Mayor Walter Fajet to the City Council, she congratulated him on the election. She stated that the Pelican Playhouse had a virtual production this weekend, “Alice in Wonderland,” and heard rave reviews and looks forward to watching the show.

Vice Mayor Fajet stated that school has started and thank you to everyone for getting our kids back to school. It’s been bumpy, but looks forward to everything getting back to normal.

Councilman Petralanda had no report at this time.


Councilman Best welcomed Vice Mayor Fajet to the meeting and also looks forward to meeting in person and getting things back to normal.

Mayor Bain thanked all the residents for reaching out to him the past few weeks. He stated he has had email issues and hopefully all will be resolved soon. He thanked the City Clerk for helping him get back on to the meeting this evening.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

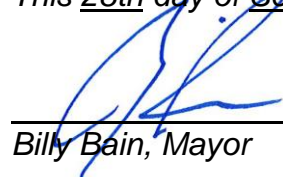
Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 28th day of September, 2020.



Billy Bain, Mayor

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