



**City of Miami Springs, Florida**

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 28, 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 Councilwoman Maria Mitchell  
**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:** John Khoury, addressed the City Council.
6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**
  - A) September 14, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Vice Mayor Fajet offered an amendment to the minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2020; section 8A under her discussion of the River Cities Festival to reflect the following correction *"...is to give \$5,000 to the River Cities Festival Committee as seed money and they would have to provide receipts in return for those \$5,000; going forward the City would release additional money when the*

***Committee brought the City paid invoices.”***

**Councilman Best moved to approve the amended minutes of the Regular meeting of September 14, 2020. 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.**

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

**8. Public Hearings:**

**A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Adopting The Final Millage Rate For The Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2020 And Ending September 30, 2021; Announcing The Percentage Increase In Property Taxes; Providing For Incorporation Of Recitals; And Providing For An Effective Date**

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

**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, there were no speakers at this time. 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.**

**B) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Adopting A Final Budget For The Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2020 And Ending September 30, 2021; Providing For Incorporation Of Recitals; Providing For Expenditure Of Budgeted Funds; Providing For Budgetary Controls; Providing For Grants And Gifts; Providing For Budget Amendments; Providing For Encumbrances; 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 at this time. The Mayor closed the public hearing.**

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

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

A) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Royal Rent-A-Car Systems of Florida, utilizing Miami-Dade County's Bid No. 8809-0/19, Vehicle Rental Services, in the amount of \$37,317.60, for the monthly rental of four vehicles (for a 12-month period), as these funds qualify for expenditure from the Police Law Enforcement Trust Fund, as funds are in the projected FY 20/21 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (C)(2) of the City Code

**Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Recommendation by title.**

**Councilwoman Mitchell moved to approve the Recommendation as read. 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.**

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

**11. New Business:**

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Fourth Amendment To The Contract With Martin Outdoor Media, Inc. For Bus Bench Advertising; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

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

**Vice Mayor Fajet 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. The City Council requested that the City Manager report back to the Council on the clarification of any red flags or concerns with the contract.**

**12. Other Business:**

A) Discussion on Fireworks

**City Manager William Alonso gave a brief update on the cancellation of the Fourth of July fireworks. He requested direction from the City Council as to how they would like to proceed with possibly scheduling a New Year's firework display or just wait until the next July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**After some discussion, Councilman Best moved to pay the required fee to cancel this year's permit and negotiate with the company and get back to the City Council for next year. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, which failed 2-3 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows:, Councilman Best and Councilwoman Mitchell,**

**voting Yes; Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting No.**

**Discussion ensued, Vice Mayor Fajet moved to pay the fee to close out the firework permit this year, with the understanding that the spirit of what the City wants for the next July 4<sup>th</sup> be longer in duration and with more impact; allowing City Manager to negotiate with company. There was no second, therefore, the motion failed.**

**Councilman Petralanda made a motion to pay the fee to close out the firework permit and have the City Manger come back at the next meeting with options for the July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 event. 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.**

**B) Virtual and In-Person Council Meetings Update**

**After some discussion, Councilman Best moved to meet in-person for the October 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. 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.**

**C) Request by Councilwoman Mitchell to discuss situation of County's use of area hotels**

**It was the general consensus of the City Council to have the City Attorney look into what the City Council can require in order to approve use of City hotels.**

**D) Request by Councilwoman Mitchell to discuss short-term vacation rentals, such as AirBnB**

**It was the general consensus of the City Council to have the City Attorney look into the options on regulating short-term rentals.**

**13. Reports & Recommendations:**

- A) City Attorney**
  - Update on Runway Inn**

**City Attorney Haydee Sera updated the City Council on recent events that occurred at the Runway Inn. She stated that the Courts expeditiously approved an injunction against the owners of the Runway Inn, which had become a nuisance in the area. The injunction allowed the City to stop the activities occurring at the Inn. At this moment they are closed and would have to meet the minimum requirements in order to reopen. She thank Police Chief and the department for their time and efforts, she also thanked the State Attorney's Office for their support along with other agencies that assisted in the closure. The Mayor and City Council members thanked everyone that collectively participated in the investigation and follow-up.**

B) City Manager

**City Manager William Alonso announced that OneBlood will be at the Community Center on September 30th. There is a scheduled Food Drive on October 13<sup>th</sup>, coordinated by Rep. Bryan Avila, and Senator Manny Diaz. He thanked the City Attorney's Office for all their work for getting the Runway Inn shut down, he also thanked the Chief and the Police Department as well. He thanked the City Council for approving and making the recent budget process smooth and easy.**

C) City Council

**Councilwoman Mitchell thanked City Manager William Alonso for making the budget process easy and being able to maintain same level of services at the same millage rate. She thanked the City Attorney's Office, Code Enforcement, and the Police Department for all their time and work on the Runway Inn issue. Councilwoman Mitchell requested that the "Animal Ordinance" be discussed at the next meeting.**

**Councilman Best thanked the Mayor and City Council for approving the new budget. He thanked all of those involved with the issues at the Runway Inn. He supported and reiterated Councilwoman Mitchell's request to discuss the Animal Ordinance at the next meeting.**

**Councilman Petralanda echoed previous comments, he thanked Police Chief Guzman, the police officers, and the staff involved with stopping the Runway Inn illicit activities.**

**Vice Mayor Fajet also thanked the coordinated efforts of Police and staff in response to the Runway Inn. He stated that Public Schools will be opening up little by little and is looking forward that everything normalizes soon.**

**Mayor Bain stated that the Runway Inn had to be shut down because of all the bad things occurring there and having it be a continuous issue for the City. He expressed his gratitude to everyone involved that made the Runway Inn shutdown happen. He recommended to the City Council to schedule a tour of the new Senior Center, he stated that it was a beautiful facility and will hopefully be opening soon.**

**14. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*



*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk*



*Adopted by the City Council on  
This 12th day of October, 2020.*



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*Billy Bain, Mayor*

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