



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

City Council Meeting

Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2020 6:00 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 Mara Zapata, Ph.D.

Councilman Bob Best

Councilwoman Maria Puente 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

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Recreation Director Omar Luna

Public Works Director Tom Nash

Golf Director Paul O'Dell

Senior Center Manager Tammy Key

Building Official and Code Enforcement Director Ulises Fernandez

### **2. Overview of Virtual Meeting Procedures – Emergency Order 20-01**

- Council Approval of Virtual Meeting Procedures and Ratification of Emergency Order 20-01

**City Attorney Haydee Sera read meeting and notice requirements for the record in order for the City Council to conduct virtual meetings according to the guidelines issued by Florida Governor DeSantis. She advised City Council that a an Emergency Order was issued by the City Manager on April 13, 2020 reflecting the City's ability to conduct virtual meetings. The City Attorney requested that the City Council ratify the Emergency Order and adopt it at this meeting.**

**Mayor Bain opened the item up for public comments. There were no speakers at this time.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve to ratify Emergency Order 20-01 on virtual meetings. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Mitchell, Councilman Best,**

## **Councilwoman Zapata, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain.**

### 3. COVID-19 Update

- City Manager William Alonso Overall Report

City Manger Alonso gave a brief report on the City's COVID-19 practices and State and County orders. He stated that City Hall has been shutdown due to mold remediation efforts, therefore, City Hall Offices and Police Department have been relocated to the Recreation Center and trailers, respectively. The following departments gave individual reports on departmental functions amid the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Tom Nash, Public Works Director, on Public Works and Sanitation Activities and Safety Measures
- Police Chief Armando Guzman, Police Activities and Manpower Safety Measures
- Omar Luna, Recreation Director, on Recreation Activities
- Tammy Key, Senior Center Manager, Update on Senior Center Operations and Food for Seniors
- Paul O'Dell, Golf Director, Golf Course Update
- Ulises Fernandez, Building Official and Code Enforcement Director, update of Building and Permitting Activities
- Council Comments/Questions

### 4. Public Comments – See Virtual Meeting Notice on how to provide Public Comments p.2-3

**Discussion on Miami-Dade County Mayor, Mayor Gimenez, potentially opening all golf courses ensued. City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that the City may impose stricter guidelines if the Council chooses to open the Golf Course in the wake of the County's announcement about opening golf facilities.**

**After much discussion, Councilman Best made a motion to not reopen the golf course until further discussion at the next Council meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Vice Mayor Zapata seconded the motion, discussion continued. Mayor Bain opened the item for public comment.**

**City Clerk Gonzalez announced there were speakers that would like to comment on the matter. The following individuals addressed the City Council, Darlene Epstein, 117 Whitethorn Drive, Individual's name/address not provided, and John Shapiro, 1110 Ibis Avenue.**

**The Mayor requested that the City Clerk state the motion again for the record; City Clerk Gonzalez stated the motion on the table is as follows, "motion to not reopen the golf course until further discussion at the next Council meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>"; The Mayor called for the vote. The motion passed 3-2 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes; Vice Mayor Zapata and Councilman Best voting No.**

**After some clarification, Councilman Best restated his motion to not reopen the golf course, notwithstanding the County's determination to reopen golf facilities, until the April 27<sup>th</sup>. Vice Mayor Zapata seconded the motion, which carried 4-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Zapata, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda voting Yes; and Mayor Bain voting No.**

5. Virtual Meeting schedule for future Council Meetings

- **Next Virtual Council Meeting scheduled for April 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

6. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on  
This 27th day of April, 2020.

  
Billy Bain, Mayor

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