



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Rebeca Sosa Theater, 1401 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida/ 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 7:00 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Billy Bain

Vice Mayor Xavier Garcia

Councilman Bob Best

Councilwoman Maria Mitchell

Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

Chief Armando Guzman

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:** Richard Block, Virginia Gardens Councilman; Victor Vazquez, American Legion Post 32.
6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**
 - A) December 14, 2020 – Regular Meeting

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

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

8. **Public Hearings:**

A) Ordinance – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Chapter 150, “Zoning Code” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances By Adding Section 150-145, “Vacation Rentals,” Within New Article Xiv, “Additional Regulations” To Provide Regulations For Such Uses; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title for the record and requested that this item be considered at the next meeting and deferred to January 25, 2021. Vivian Rey addressed the City Council on this item.

Vice Mayor Garcia moved to defer the item to January 25, 2021. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

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

A) Recommendation by the Building and Code Compliance Department that Council authorizes the issuance of a Purchase Order to Alan Jay Fleet, by utilizing Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Contract #2020-120716 NAF (attached), for the remainder of their contract term, including any extensions through 01/17/2022 in the amount of \$22,698.00 for one (1) 2021 Ford F-150 Regular Cab 2WD, as these funds are available in the FY 20/21 Budget, pursuant to Section § 31.11 (E)(5)(c) of the City Code

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the items by title.

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

10. Old Business: None at this time.

11. New Business:

A) Ordinance – First Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Section 34-15, “Holidays And Compensatory Leave” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances To Update The Policy On Employee Birthday Holiday Usage; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date.

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title.

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

12. Other Business: None at this time.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera confirmed that she will have the short-term rental ordinance for Council consideration at the next meeting.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso he thanked the City Council and to all those that participated and made the Adult Community Center Ribbon Cutting event a success on Saturday.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Garcia thanked the City Council for the confidence for appointing him to fill the vacancy in Group IV. He promises to do a great job as if he were elected to the position and looks forward to working with the Council diligently.

Councilman Fajet wanted to continue the bombardment of accolades on a wonderful event on Saturday at the new Adult Community Center. He said it is an absolute phenomenal building and cannot wait for the seniors in the community to enjoy the facility. He extended his warmest thanks to Charlie Leonard, Lysbeth Toro, Commissioner Sosa, Senator Diaz, and Rep. Avila.

Councilwoman Mitchell welcomed Mayor Garcia to the Council. She stated that it has been a difficult year for everyone, but quite impressed at the community getting through this time. She extended her condolences to Tammy Key for her loss of her husband, Mark Johnston. She announced that she recently submitted her papers to run for Mayor in the upcoming election, leaving her current seat, Group II available.

Councilman Best thanked Mayor Garcia for his time to help out the Council when they need him. The Adult Community Center opening was quite an event and thanked the City Manager for putting it all together. He said it is a beautiful facility. He thanked Charlie Leonard for his donations. He also thanked the City Manager for changing the route for trucks cleaning the clay pit near the high school. Councilman Best thanked Public Works for the tree trimming in the northwest end of the City.

Mayor Bain also welcomed Mayor Garcia to Council. He said the event at the new Adult Community Center was fantastic and Commissioner Sosa was taken aback with the facility. He requested that at some point he would like to see the War Memorial item come back for discussion when everything is ready and for a proposal to be considered by Council. He expressed his condolences to Tammy Key

for her loss, he said Mark Johnston was good person and avid golfer, he will be missed. Mayor Bain encouraged those who are able to receive the COVID vaccine to get it.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk*



*Adopted by the City Council on
This 25th day of January, 2021.*



Billy Bain, Mayor

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