



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 22, 2021 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 7:02 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 (via Zoom)

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

Recreation Director Omar Luna

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:**

A) Retirement presentation by Police Chief Guzman to K-9 Officer Shadow accepting on his behalf is handler Officer Darryl Cates

Chief Guzman presented a plaque to honor K-9 Officer Shadow's years of service, the plaque was accepted by Officer Darryl Cates on Shadow's behalf.

B) Retirement presentation by Police Chief Guzman to K-9 Officer Darryl Cates for his years of service

Chief Guzman thanked Officer Darryl Cates for his years of service and presented him with his Retired Police identification.

C) Retirement presentation by Police Chief Guzman to Executive Assistant to the Police Chief Leah Cates for her years of service

Chief Guzman thanked Leah Cates for her years of service and presented her with her Retired civilian identification.

D) Introduction by Police Chief Guzman of Ari Quintana, the new Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief

Chief Guzman introduced Ms. Quintana and stated that he is thrilled to have her on board and looks forward to working with her.

E) Miami Springs Police Department Swearing in Ceremony for new Officer Lazaro D. Rodriguez

Chief Guzman swore-in Officer Lazaro Rodriguez, he stated that prior to becoming an officer, Officer Rodriguez worked at the Recreation Center for a few years before going to the police academy. Officer Rodriguez thanked the Chief, City Council and City staff for their support.

F) Recognition by Mayor Bain, Vice Mayor Garcia, and City Council along with Addy Lee Garcia to Officer Jorge Capote and Officer Janice Simon for their educational presentation on the DARE program at ISAAC Academy in Miami Springs

Mayor Bain along with ISAAC Academy student Addy Lee Garcia presented plaques to Officers Capote and Simon for their DARE educational program. Ms. Garcia thanked them on behalf of the students of ISAAC and appreciated their program.

G) Recognizing Recreation Staff members for their service during the FEMA COVID-19 Vaccine Event at the Community Center; Caitlin Smith, Denise Bedenbaugh, James Dean, Joel Watts, Danny Valdes, Marcus Martin, Anthony Fernandez, and Joe Diaz

Mayor Bain presented the Recreation Staff for their assistance and coordination of the FEMA vaccine event. He stated that they are appreciated and well deserving of the recognition.

5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: George Lob, 860 Plover Avenue.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) March 8, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2021. 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.

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

8. **Public Hearings: None at this time.**

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

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Police Uniforms From Lou’s Police Distributors In An Amount Not To Exceed \$25,000; Providing For A Waiver Of Competitive Bidding; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date *(This item requires a 4/5 vote of Council per Section 31-11(E)(6)(g) of the City Code)*

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero 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 Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Authorizing The Retirement Of Police K-9 Shadow; Approving An Agreement For Transfer Of Ownership Of K-9 Shadow; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the recommendation by title.

Vice Mayor Garcia moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Best 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.

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Lease Agreement With Peterson’s Harley-Davidson Of Miami, LLC For Four Police Motorcycles In An Amount Not To Exceed \$115,200 Over A 36 Month Term; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the recommendation by title.

Vice Mayor Garcia moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Best 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:**

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A First Amendment To The Professional Services Agreement With Brenda Knight, A Licensed Franchisee Of Jazzercise, Inc.; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. 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.

11. New Business: None at this time.

12. Other Business: None at this time.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera thanked the City of Miami Springs for taking the lead on the vaccination efforts. She has heard wonderful things from folks in the community about the high level of service and coordination of getting the vaccine accessible to all.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso reminded the Council and residents that FEMA vaccination site will be in the City from April 1st to April 7th. He also stated that the American Rescue Plan has allocated funding to the City in the amount of \$5.8 million and will be available shortly for earmarking by the City Council.

C) City Council

Councilman Best thanked Mayor Bain for his years of service. He said that Mayor Bain will be greatly missed and that it was an honor to sit on the Council with him. He thanked Omar Luna, Recreation Director, and his staff for their coordination of the FEMA COVID Vaccination site at the Recreation Center.

Councilwoman Mitchell thanked the City Manager and senior center staff for all of their help with senior vaccinations in the community. She announced that the Lions Club was hosting a food drive on Friday for anyone in need. She thanked Mayor Bain for his years of service to the City, she said it was a true honor to sit with him on Council. She presented him with a personalized gift she made.

Councilman Fajet thanked Mayor Bain for his service as well. He stated that Mayor Bain has selflessly served the City for many years and will be truly missed. He appreciates everything has done for the community.

Vice Mayor Garcia stated that the members that ran unopposed are genuinely appreciated by the community. He stated that residents are happy with the work that they do and it shows.

Mayor Bain thanked the Council members for their kind words and looks forward to the last meeting.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 12th day of April, 2021.


Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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