



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting (Corrected)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 26, 2021 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers, 201 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 Maria Puente Mitchell

Vice Mayor Bob Best

Councilwoman Jacky Bravo

Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

Councilman Victor Vazquez, Ph.D.

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

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Walter Fajet
Pledge of Allegiance: Audience led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.
- 3. Agenda / Order of Business: None.**
- 4. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Miami Springs Police Department Swearing-in Ceremony for new Officer Natasha Hernandez

Police Chief Guzman swore-in Officer Natasha Hernandez, he congratulated Officer Hernandez. Officer Hernandez thanked the Chief, City Council and City staff for all their support.

B) Presentation by Lynn Brooks; Barbara E. Sanchez, President, Crime Prevention Alliance of Florida, along with Sculptor/Artist Mr. Julio Cesar Hernandez and Vice President Mr. Marcos Correao for the "Together We Can" project, first monument dedicated to Senior Citizens

Ms. Barbara Sanchez gave an oral presentation on the "Together We Can Project"

honoring local senior citizens in the community. She provided information on nominating members of the community and the requisites to be an honoree. She thanked the City Council for their time and is available to answer any questions throughout the process.

5. **Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Dan Wells, 1020 Quail Avenue; Martin Crossland, 900 Plover Avenue; Marcia Braun, 180 Iroquois Street; Kathy Doyle, 2085 Miami Springs Avenue; Connie Maldonado, 1451 Lenape Drive; Juan Hervis, 218 Miami Springs Avenue; and Kathleen Fleischman, 810 Pinecrest Drive.

6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

- A) April 12, 2021 – Special Meeting
- B) April 12, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2021 Special Meeting and April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell 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 An Agreement With Advanced Data Solutions, Inc. For Document Digitizing Services Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of The City Of Tamarac Contract Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

B) **Resolution** - A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Issuance Of A Work Order To Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. For Phase 1 Of The Oakwood Drive Stormwater Improvements Project Consisting Of Surveying And Preliminary Engineering In An Amount Not To Exceed \$69,916; And Providing For An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolutions by title.

Councilman Fajet moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell 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 35-53, “Contributions” Of The Police And Fireman Pension Plan Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances Pertaining To Monthly Retirement Benefits; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title.

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

B) **Ordinance – First Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Sunsetting And Dissolving The Code Review Board, The Memorial Committee, The Golf And Country Club Advisory Board, And The Architectural Review Board By Repealing Article III, Sections 32-10 Through 32-16; Article IV, Sections 32-20 Through 32-22; Article XIV, Sections 32-92 Through 32-98; And Article XVI, Section 32-100 Of Chapter 32, “Boards, Commissions, Committees” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances; Amending Article VII, “Charter Review Board,” Sections 32-50 Through 32-58 Relating To Appointments To And Procedures For The Charter Review Board; 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, this item was tabled to a future Council meeting.

12. Other Business:

A) Discussion on the Fourth of July celebration

City Manager William Alonso read the staff memo for the record. Omar Luna, Recreation Director, was available to answer all the City Council’s questions.

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the recommendations made by Staff to include the cancellation of the parade, pool party at the Aquatic Center in two sessions, allow for the fireworks display with a term in the contract to allow for cancellation two weeks prior to the event, and no virtual broadcast of the City’s fireworks display. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

B) Request by Mayor Mitchell on co-designating a portion of Park Street

between Westward Drive and Hibiscus Drive as “Miami Springs Woman’s Club Way”

Mayor Mitchell requested a consensus from the City Council to co-designate a portion of Park Street between Westward Drive and Hibiscus to honor the Miami Springs Woman’s Club for their service to the City. The City Council gave consensus for staff to draft a resolution for the next Council meeting.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso provided updated information on the upcoming vaccination site at the Recreation Center. He stated that the food share program continues every Thursdays up through May. He reminded the public that the Lions Club is a COVID-19 testing site and will commence services starting April 29th.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Best commented on the flags along Curtiss Parkway and #onenation. He also addressed the hedges issue brought up during public comment. He thanked City Manager William Alonso for providing an updated list of goals for the upcoming workshop.

Councilwoman Bravo also commented on the flags on Curtiss Parkway and and #onenation, and addressed the concerns of the public.

Councilman Fajet thanked the residents that voiced their concerns on the flag project down Curtiss Parkway and #onenation. He commended those that remained through to the end of the meeting. He addressed the concerns from both sides of the argument.

Councilman Vazquez also addressed the flags on Curtiss Parkway and #onenation. He encouraged that the folks that participated in the project to speak at a Council meeting. He also addressed the complaint on the hedges is at the City staff level.

Mayor Mitchell stated that public input is very valuable. She addressed the flags along Curtiss Parkway and #onenation. She also addressed the hedges on private property and the need to ~~regulate~~ enforce the current ordinance on the height of hedges due to safety issues.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 10th day of May, 2021.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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