



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 28, 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

City Attorney Jose Arango

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Recreation Director Omar Luna (via Zoom)

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Mayor 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:**

A) Yard of the Month Award – July 2021 – 189 Morningside Drive – Ydelma Reyes

Ms. Reyes was unable to attend the meeting. City Clerk Erika Gonzalez advised the Mayor and City Council that she will make arrangements to have the award delivered to Ms. Reyes.

5. **Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Susan Hempstead, 924 Swan Avenue, Maria Mikluscak, 579 Hunting Lodge, Pamela Caneri, 1271 Quail Avenue, Neal Spangler, 541 Plover Avenue.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) June 14, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 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:

A) **Ordinance – Second Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Dissolving The Code Review Board, The Memorial Committee, And The Golf And Country Club Advisory Board By Repealing Articles III, IV, And XIV Of Chapter 32, “Boards, Commissions, Committees” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title. Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing; Richard Kropp, 1210 Redbird Drive, and Bill Tallman, 901 Falcon Avenue, addressed the City Council. The public hearing closed.

Councilwoman Bravo moved to approve the Ordinance as read. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 3-2 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes; Vice Mayor Best and Councilman Vazquez voting No.

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

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Selecting Greater Miami Caterers, Inc. For Congregate And Home Delivered Meals For The City’s Elderly Community Pursuant To Request For Proposals No. 01-20/21; Authorizing A Contract In An Amount Not To Exceed \$236,920.20 Annually; 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 Purchase Of A Stationary Automated License Plate Reader And Extended Maintenance Agreement From General Sales Administration, Inc. D/B/A Major Police Supply In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of The United States General Services Administration Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolutions by title in the Consent

Agenda.

Vice Mayor Best 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:

- A) Discussion of Senior Names for “Together We Can” Medley Monument

Barbara Sanchez and Lynn Brooks provided an oral presentation. City Manager William Alonso read the staff report for the record.

After some discussion, Councilman Fajet moved to table the item in order to finalize a list of names for the monument. 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.

11. New Business:

- A) **Ordinance – First Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Chapter 32 Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances By Creating Article Xvii, “Nuisance Abatement Board,” Authorizing The Creation Of An Administrative Board With The Authority To Impose Fines And Other Noncriminal Penalties To Abate Certain Activities Declared Public Nuisances Pursuant To Section 893.138, Florida Statutes; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance on first reading.

City Attorney Haydee Sera clarified the direction of the City Council, she stated that the Ordinance will be modified to reflect the creation of a separate board that members of Council will appoint qualified members to. Councilwoman Bravo moved to approve the Ordinance on first reading. 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) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending The Recreation Department Schedule Of Charges; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Vice Mayor 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 Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Cabana Covers For The City’s Aquatic Center From American Awning Services, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$14,400; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title. Recreation Director Omar Luna answered all of the City Council’s questions.

Vice Mayor 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 Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase And Installation Of Fence Equipment From Guaranteed Fence Corp. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$21,042 For The East Side Fencing Project; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Resolution 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.

E) Consideration of the Board of Parks and Parkways Recommendations for nominating the Yard of the Month Awards for July, August, and September 2021

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the board’s recommendation. 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.

12. Other Business:

A) Discussion by Councilman Vazquez on Board Procedures and tasks

Councilman Vazquez provided an oral presentation on the need to formalize a process and the creation of certain guidelines in order to have clear communication between the City Council and the Advisory Boards. There was a general consensus among the City Council to have all advisory boards report annually during a Council meeting and to encourage Council liaisons be a communication conduit between City Council and advisory boards. The City Council directed City Clerk Erika

Gonzalez, to advise the boards of the Council's request for annual reporting.

B) Request by Councilwoman Bravo to discuss crime watch and management/Chief's Report

Police Chief Guzman gave an oral presentation on the roles of various units within the Police Department, crime statistics, and crime prevention. He answered all of the City Council's questions and updated the Council with valuable information on the department.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso advised the City Council that Miami-Dade County Mayor Levine-Cava requested that all municipalities conduct an inventory, evaluate and report on structures forty years and older and that are five stories and above. He updated the City Council on the information gathered on the request. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided a list of upcoming City events.

C) City Council

Councilwoman Bravo had no report at this time.

Vice Mayor Best wished everyone a happy July 4th holiday.

Councilman Fajet thanked Councilman Vazquez for the recommendation on the advisory boards. He also thanked Councilwoman Bravo for her fresh ideas, Councilman Best for his continuous genuine commitment to things that are right for the City, and Mayor Mitchell for her steady leadership. He addressed the concerns of the proposed pedestrian bridge and stated that he will attend the informational session tomorrow night.

Councilman Vazquez requested an update on the recent FDOT public sessions that occurred recently relating to the NW 36th Street Corridor and "Iron Triangle" projects.

Mayor Mitchell expressed he deepest condolences to the City of Surfside, she stated that Miami Springs is available for anything that Surfside needs. Mayor Mitchell reminded the public that the Informational Session will take place tomorrow at the Senior Center at 6:00 p.m. and Budget workshops commence in August and encourages all residents to attend and provide input during the budget process. She encourages all residents, adults and children, to learn how to swim. The Aquatic Facility offers swimming lessons and if assistance is needed to pay for the sessions

to please reach out to Council or to staff. She reminded the public that the millage setting meeting will happen on July 22, at 5:01 p.m. Mayor Mitchell wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 23rd day of August 2021.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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