



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 9, 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 7:05 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

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Vazquez
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 – August 2021 – 372 Minola Drive – Gladys & Carmelo Cuenca

B) Presentation by Miami-Dade County Office of Resilience Chief Resilience Officer Jim Murley, on the Resilient305 Strategy

Ms. Reyes was unable to attend the meeting. City Clerk Erika Gonzalez advised the Mayor and City Council that she will make arrangements to deliver the award 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) July 22, 2021 – Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the minutes of July 22, 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, 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 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, Approving The Issuance Of A Work Order To Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. For Phase 1b Of The East Drive Stormwater And Roadway Improvements Project Consisting Of Surveying And Preliminary Engineering, Including A Draft Stormwater Management Plan And Conceptual Landscape Design, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$92,248; 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 South Royal Poinciana Boulevard Stormwater And Roadway Improvements Project Consisting Of Surveying, Stormwater Management And Conceptual Design In An Amount Not To Exceed \$115,136; 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: None at this time.

11. New Business:

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A One-Year Extension To The Professional Services Agreement With Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. For Consulting And Lobbying Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$45,000; 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, Accepting A State Appropriation Of \$1,000,000; Approving A State-Funded Grant Agreement With The Florida Department Of Transportation (FDOT) Relating To The South Royal Poinciana Roadway Improvement Project; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Authorizing The City Manager To Submit A CDBG-MIT Grant Application For Funding Relating To The Canal Bank Stabilization Project; 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.

12. Other Business:

A) Request by Mayor Mitchell to provide an update on City's actions after Surfside building collapse

B) Request by Mayor Mitchell to discuss Metrorail pedestrian bridge

C) Request from Mayor Mitchell to discuss the Rapid Transit Zone (RTZ) Ordinance being proposed by Miami-Dade Commission Vice Chair Oliver Gilbert

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 liaison be a communication conduit between City Council and advisory boards.

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 evaluate and report on the structures that are five stories and above, and are beyond the forty years.

C) City Council

Councilwoman Bravo had no report at this time.

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

Councilman Fajet thanked the

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.

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 9th day of August 2021.*



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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