



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 25, 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 Jacky Bravo

Councilman Bob Best

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 Jose Arango

Recreation Director Omar Luna (via Zoom)

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Planning and Zoning Director Chris Heid

2. **Invocation:** Offered 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) Proclamation Presentation to the Puerto Rican Professional Association by Mayor Mitchell and City Council

Mayor Mitchell asked that Councilman Vazquez do the honor to read the proclamation. Councilman Vazquez further introduced Mr. Edwin Betancourt, Vice President of PROFESA, and Ms. Elizabeth Rodriguez, member of PROFESA, who were both present to accept the proclamation and thanked the City for the recognition. Mr. Betancourt stated that the PROFESA organization of nineteen years will be hosting a golf tournament at the Miami Springs Country Club this upcoming Friday and invited the Council to attend.

B) Presentation Daniel Romagnoli from Daromo Productions LLC re Miami Springs Motoring Weekend 2022

Mr. Romagnoli gave a visual and oral presentation on the Springs Motoring Weekend for April 30th to May 1st for their 10th Anniversary of the event. The request is closure of the Circle on Saturday, April 30th for a vintage and classic car exhibition. As the event draws closer, there will be further discussions on police services and closures.

5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: No speakers at this time.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) October 11, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

7. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

A) Board Update from Board Member Fred Gonzalez from the Recreation Commission

Board Member Gonzalez thanked the City Council, and stated that the Board's meeting was held on October 19th after a three-year hiatus. He further updated the Council with potential ideas and proposals for the Board and stated that he looks forward to serving.

B) Board Update from Chair Jim Watson Historical Preservation Board

Chairman Watson updated the City Council on the recent meeting held by the Historic Preservation Board. He listed certain proposed ideas that the Board is considering and hopefully will evolve in the near future. He thanked the City Council for their time and attention.

C) Board Update from Chair Elizabeth Fisher Disability Advisory Board

Chairwoman Fisher stated that the Disability Advisory Board typically meets to assign certain funding to various ADA compliance projects, but further expressed that the Board will meet often in order for the creation of awareness campaigns. She thanked the City Council for their time and support.

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 Issuance Of A Purchase Order For Rental Of Undercover/Unmarked Police Vehicles To Royal Rent-A-Car Systems Of Florida, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$39,341 By Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Miami-Dade County Contract No. Fb-01293 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

Councilman Best pulled Item 9B for further discussion.

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

B) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council approve an expenditure to Lawmen’s and Shooters’ Supply, Inc., utilizing Florida State Contract #46000000-21-STC in the amount of \$11,871.40, for firearms ammunition, as these funds were approved in the FY21/22 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

City Manager William Alonso read Consent Agenda Item 9B. After further discussion, Councilman Best moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 9B. Vice Mayor Bravo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, 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 an Agreement for Safe-School Officer Services with the Integrated Science and Asian Culture (ISAAC) Academy; 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 Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, 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, Approving An Amendment To The Banking Services Agreement With Truist (Formerly Known As BB&T Bank); Providing For A Waiver Of Competitive Bidding; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolution by title.

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

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Awarding Request For Proposals #04-20/21, “Capital Improvement And Equipment Acquisition Revenue Note,” To BCI Capital, Inc., A Subsidiary Of City National Bank Of Florida; Authorizing The Negotiation Of The Revenue Note In An Amount Not To Exceed \$645,000 At A Fixed Rate Of 1.50% For Five Years For The Purchase Of Two Side Loader Single Axel Garbage/Sanitation Trucks, A Ford F150 For Parks And Recreation, And Capital Improvements To The Community Center; Providing For The Note And Other Documents To Be Approved By Subsequent Resolution; Authorizing Other Documents Required In Connection Therewith; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero 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 Bravo, Councilman Best, 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 A Professional Services Agreement With The Corradino Group, Inc. For Development Of An Evaluation And Appraisal Report (“EAR”), Preparation Of Ear-Based Amendments To The City’s Code, And Updates To The City’s 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan In Accordance With State Law Requirements; Providing For A Waiver Of Competitive Bidding; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolution by title.

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

E) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Interlocal Agreement With Miami-Dade County To Allow The City, Pursuant To Section 8CC-11 Of The Miami-Dade County Code Of Ordinances, To Enforce Various Provisions Of The County Code Relating To For-Hire Transportation Regulations And Issue Civil Violation Notices Relating To The Same; 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. Vice Mayor Bravo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

F) Consideration of re-appointing Board Member Marlene Jimenez to the Code Enforcement Board

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez explained that Board Member Marlene Jimenez has expressed continued service on the Code Enforcement Board.

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

12. Other Business: None at this time.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Jose Arango announced that City Attorney Haydee Sera had her baby recently and everyone is safe and healthy. He had no further report.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso advised that the ribbon cutting ceremony for Ragan Park had to canceled due to inclement weather. He stated it will be rescheduled soon. He reported that the vaccination booster shots will be given out starting tomorrow for Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided a verbal list of upcoming City events, which may also be found on the City's website.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Bravo had no report at this time.

Councilman Best wished everyone a happy Halloween. He had no further report at this time.

Councilman Fajet expressed his gratitude towards the Board Members that reported an update on their Boards this evening. He thanked the City Manager and staff that red containers were placed around the City for clothing donations without any

permission from the City, and were removed immediately.

Councilman Vazquez thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation recognition this evening. He also stated that the Honor Flight that recently took place, although absent, he heard it was wonderful. Councilman Vazquez also provided an update on the War Memorial project. He stated that he attended the Witches of Westward VIP event on Friday, October 22nd and said it was an absolutely great event.

Mayor Mitchell mentioned FDOT reached out to meet with her and the City Manager as a follow-up. She stated that she will keep everyone informed. She wanted to invite business owners and residents to attend the Business and Economic Development Task Force on November 4th at 6:00 p.m. She thanked Sen. Ana Rodriguez and the Realtors Association for sponsoring the installation of the tiki hut at Ragan Park. She wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 8th day of November, 2021.


Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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