



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 13, 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

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Planning and Zoning Director Chris Heid

Recreation Director Omar Luna

Golf Director Paul O'Dell

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Mayor Maria Mitchell
Pledge of Allegiance: Audience participated in leading the pledge.

- 3. Agenda / Order of Business:**

Mayor Mitchell requested that item 12A be heard following Item 4A, the City Council gave general consensus.

- 4. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Yard of the Month Award – December 2021 – 1184 Westward Drive – Rene and Pilar Barreras

Mayor Mitchell presented the Yard of the Month award to Mr. and Mrs. Barreras. The Barreras Family were present to accept the award, they thanked the Mayor and City Council for the recognition.

B) Recognition of City Hall Lobby December Artist of the Month – Woman's Club

and Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild

Mayor Mitchell recognized the Woman’s Club and Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild, who are currently displaying their artwork in the City Hall Lobby for the month of December.

- C) Update on annexation by Jose Fuentes of Becker

City Lobbyist Jose Fuentes of Becker, provided an update on the current status of the City’s application for annexation. He stated he application is under review in the Office of Budget and Management department, following the department’s review and report in February/March 2022 will then move forward to the County Commission, to the Chairman’s Policy Council who will vote and then, if approved, move to the full body of the Miami-Dade County Commission for a vote.

5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Luis Aram, 560 Curtiss Parkway; Steven Cejas. Virtual Speaker.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

- A) November 8, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of November 8, 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: None.

8. Public Hearings:

A) **Ordinance – Second Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Section 35-53, “Benefit Amounts And Eligibility,” Of The Police And Fireman Pension Plan Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances Pertaining To Retirement Benefits; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Ordinance by title.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Ordinance on second reading. 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.

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 One Vehicle For The Building And

Code Compliance Department From Alan Jay Automotive Management, Inc. in An Amount Not To Exceed \$24,554 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Sourcewell Contract No. 120716-Naf Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Declaring Certain Vehicles As Surplus Property; Authorizing The Sale Or Disposition Of Surplus Property; Providing For Implementation; 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 One Vehicle For The Parks And Recreation Department From Alan Jay Automotive Management, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$24,554 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Sourcewell Contract No. 120716-Naf Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Declaring Certain Vehicles As Surplus Property; Authorizing The Sale Or Disposition Of Surplus Property; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the item by title.

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.

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 Mutual Aid Agreement With The Village Of Virginia Gardens; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Fajet 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 A Settlement Agreement With Mr. Glass Doors And Windows, Inc. Relating To The Lawsuit Captioned Mr. Glass Doors & Windows, Inc. V. CG3 Group, LLC, Et Al. (Miami-Dade County Case No. 2020-018320-Cc-25); 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. 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 City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Agreement With Verizon Connect Inc. For Integrated Video And Reveal Services Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Sourcewell Contract No. 020221 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; 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.

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A First Addendum To The Continuing Professional Services Agreement With Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc. To Incorporate Federally Required Contract Clauses Relating To The American Rescue Plan Act; 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 Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

E) Discussion on use of ARPA funding

City Manager William Alonso read the Staff Memo and proposed projects for the record.

Councilman Vazquez moved to authorize the City Manager to move forward on proposing a project priority list with funding options and return to Council as projects come up. 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.

12. Other Business:

A) Discussion of City actions to date and future actions to address the noise coming from the City of Hialeah Venue at 4800 NW 37th Ave

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting. Mayor Mitchell stated that she met with Mayor Bovo, City of Hialeah, to discuss the noise issue created over the prior week by outdoor venue called “Factorytown.” City Attorney Jose Arango stated that

the City has contacted the business owner through a Notice of Nuisance letter addressing the City's concerns. The City Attorney requested authorization for any further litigation if needed. The City Council gave unanimous consensus for the City Attorney's request.

B) Request by Mayor Mitchell to have Council workshop in early 2022 to discuss City issues and projects

Mayor Mitchell requested that the City Council schedule a workshop to discuss upcoming projects and areas of discussion. City Clerk Erika Gonzalez, will reach out to the City Council to coordinate a date and time in January for the Council Workshop.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Jose Arango had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He gave an update on various grant writing opportunities coming up soon. He provided a verbal list of upcoming City meetings and events, which may also be found on the City's website.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Bravo requested a Golf course tour and will reach out to the City Manager to schedule the visit. She is excited to hear that we will be applying for a parking study through a grant. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and had no further report at this time.

Councilman Best announced that vaccination will be available hopefully every day in the next couple of weeks. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Fajet is proud to see that the City is receiving federal funding to cover much needed projects. He wished a happy holiday to all.

Councilman Vazquez mentioned the noise issue from the venue in Hialeah this past week and how many folks that it affected within Miami Springs. He thanked the City Attorneys, City Manager and Mayor for working swiftly on resolving the noise issue coming from the venue located in City of Hialeah. He mentioned that he attended a couple of the Business Task Force meetings and stated that there are great things happening on that board. He inquired about the scoreboards that were purchased by the Optimist Club for Prince Field. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Mitchell recognized how much the City has provided for services such as vaccination and testing sites. She stated that she is so impressed with the City's community events over the holidays starting in November all throughout December. She commended Miami-Dade County Mayor Levine-Cava for the municipal outreach and collaboration. Mayor Mitchell also recognized the Business and Economic Development Task Force and looking forward to their recommendations. She wished everyone Happy Holidays and also thanked City Staff and the residents.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 10th day of January, 2022.


Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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