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**CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

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Councilman Victor Vazquez, Ph. D.**

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**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Council Chambers, 201 Westward Drive**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Invocation:** Councilman Victor Vazquez  
**Salute to the Flag:** Audience participation
- 3. Workshop on City Council Goals and Strategic Planning**
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Adjourn**

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**Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at**  
**City Hall, Council Chambers, 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida**  
**(Physical Meeting Location)**

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1 (346) 248 7799) then input the Meeting ID: 863-9512-4146, followed by #.*

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last 4-digits of your telephone number.

During the meeting, when your name or the last 4-digits of your telephone number is called, you will be unmuted and you may deliver your comments.

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A time limit may be imposed for each speaker during public comment.  
Your cooperation is appreciated in observing the time limit.

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**CITY MANAGER'S SHORT/LONG TERM PLANNING INITIATIVES**

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INITIATIVE	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	CURRENT STATUS	FUNDING SOURCES	PROJECTED TIMELINE
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
1) Oakwood/Forrest Drive/Stafford Park/East Drive Stormwater (flooding) Project	Funding is requested to address the safety and flooding issues on the East side of town from Stafford Park to Oakwood, including Forest Drive. Additionally, stormwater drains/pipes would be added on East Dr from Stafford Park to the new Oakwood pump station on Oakwood Dr.	\$1,700,000 (estimated)	City Engineers are currently working on survey, background/data collection and a preliminary design so that when funding is in place we can quickly complete the design plans that will be issues with the RFP for bidding on construction	We have two potential funding sources for this project: 1) State appropriation request for FY21-22 and 2) the \$5.8 million from the American Rescue Plan	Depending on funding timeline we could potentially commence project during FY21-22.
2) East Drive Road Improvement Project	Funding is requested to address the safety and flooding issues on East Drive between South Royal Poinciana and NW 36th Street. This design involves adding a traffic circle at the intersection of Oakwood Dr. and East Dr. which includes adding a green area to absorb rainwater to reduce flooding in the area. Additionally, sidewalks will be added on East Dr. by Stafford Park, milling and paving of East Dr. from SRP to NW 36th St , bike lanes and landscaping along Stafford Park	\$1 Million (estimated)	City Engineers would need to develop design plans so that when funding is in place we can quickly issue an RFP for construction	We have two potential funding sources for this project: 1) State appropriation request for FY21-22 and 2) the \$5.8 million from the American Rescue Plan	Depending on funding timeline we could potentially commence project during FY21-22.
3) South Royal Poinciana Median Project	Funding is requested to address the safety and flooding issues on South Royal Poinciana Blvd. A traffic study recently conducted by RJ Behar, concluded that vehicles traveling on these lanes drove an average of 10 miles over the speed limit posing a hazard to pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition, we worked with the County to reduce the speed limit from 35MPH to 30MPH, to be consistent with all other speed limits within the City. This design not only reduces the number of lanes on S. Royal Poinciana Boulevard from four lanes to one lane in each direction, but also adds bike lanes and green median to absorb rainwater in order to reduce flooding in the area. Additionally, these alterations provide an added benefit by allowing bicyclists to ride safely.	\$800,000	Pending funding approval so we can initiate plans and design development	We have two potential funding sources for this project: 1) State appropriation request for FY21-22 and 2) the \$5.8 million from the American Rescue Plan	Depending on funding timeline we could potentially commence project during FY21-22.
4) Canal Bank Restoration	Phase II & III of erosion control & stabilization of the collapsing Esplanade Canal banks (North Side); engineering study states within 5 years adjacent roads, mature trees, curb, and gutter could collapse, causing road closure, property damage and loss of resident & emergency vehicle access to adjacent homes. Erosion is causing sedimentation & impaired water quality in this tributary to Everglades Watershed. City was funded for Phase I (which completed the stabilization of the canal banks on Esplanade from NRP to Westward Dr.) in 2015-2016	\$1,500,000	Pending funding approval so we can continue with Phases II and III	We have two potential funding sources for this project: 1) State appropriation request for FY21-22 and 2) the \$5.8 million from the American Rescue Plan	Depending on funding timeline we could potentially commence project during FY21-22.
5) Parks and Recreation	There are three main priorities at this time: 1)construction of a new racquetball court; 2) painting the exterior of the Community Center; and 3) replacing the cabanas at the Aquatic Center. Another consideration that prior councils have discussed is relocating the tennis courts/racquetball court to another location e.g.: the golf course property.	\$250,000	Pending approval of funding so we can begin bid process.	These projects would be funded from the General Fund through direct funding from city or via a bank loan in the upcoming FY21-22 budget.	Depending on funding timeline we could commence project during FY21-22.

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6) Parks and Recreation	The following are other projects that Parks and Recreation recommend be funded: 1) Walking Path on Stafford \$120,000; 2) Playground surface at Stafford Park \$80,000; 3) Renovation of Peavey / Dove large field \$150,000; 4) Expanding Prince South and Peavey /Dove to 70ft bases \$15,000; 5) Adding new batting cages to Stafford and Prince Fields \$50,000; 6) Shade canopies at Prince ball fields \$60,000; 7) New exercise equipment at Stafford Park \$100,00; and 8) Installing 6 exercise stations along Curtis Parkway walking path \$10,000 per station or \$60,000.	\$625,000	Pending approval of funding so we can begin bid process.	These projects would be funded from the General Fund through direct funding from city or via a bank loan in the upcoming FY21-22 budget.	Depending on funding timeline we could commence project during FY21-22.

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7) Golf Course	The Golf Course turns 100 years old in 2023 the funds requested are needed to continue the path to prominence that we have enjoyed over the past few years, and continue our increasing revenue stream/cash flow to the City of nearly \$2mil in FY 20/21 Budget. Revitalizing the golf course playing surfaces by adding new and resizing current tee surfaces for more teeing rotations to accommodate increasing rounds of golf. Converting the greens to USGA spec greens to allow for appropriate drainage. Flooding fairways surfaces to allow for proper drainage during the rainy season. This project will also address any infrastructure needs such as, but not limited to, roof repairs, repainting of the buildings, golf cart storage facility, golf course bridges, etc. Project anticipated start date April 2022 and completion in October 2022. This investment to the facility, if properly maintained, can last over 30 years.	\$5 Million (Estimated)	Pending approval of funding so we can begin bid process.	This projects would be funded from the General Fund through direct funding from city or via a bank loan in the upcoming FY21-22 budget.	Depending on funding, project could be started in April 2022 and completed in October 2022. This investment to the facility if properly maintained can last over 30 years.
8) New City Hall/Police Complex	Construction of a new City Hall/Police/Fire station complex to replace the current facility. This project would involve selection and acquisition of a new location and once the new facility is constructed the current City Hall can be sold and proceeds used to offset cost of new building	\$10-\$15 Million	Pending approval of funding so we can begin bid process.	This project would be funded via a long term bank note.	Depending on project approval and funding
9) Citywide sidewalk installation	Installation of sidewalks with ADA accessibility in all areas of the city which currently do not have them. One major challenge of this project is getting residents to support this project on their particular streets since this may involve tree removal and cutting through existing driveways.	\$2.2 Million	Pending approval of funding so we can begin bid process.	This project can be funded through the General Fund, Grants, or bank financing.	Depending on project approval and funding
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY (CRIME, TRAFFIC)</b>					
1) Increase number of Police Officers from the current 45 uniformed officers	The city spends significant manpower resources dealing with hotel calls, the city currently has 21 hotels. These calls reduce the number of officers that can patrol the other areas of the city as well as perform traffic enforcement. We have increased the number of officers from 43 to 45 in the past two years, we would recommend adding additional officers as budget permits in the coming years.	Each officer has a cost of approx. \$100,000 which includes benefits, equipment and training	Can be implemented quickly once funding is approved.	This would be funded from the General fund, however the city continues to pursue getting its fair share of Bed Tax funding from hotels.	Depending on funding
<b>COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT-DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT</b>					
1) Attracting new business to Downtown District	Currently there are two major projects now underway in the Circle /Downtown area. The Miami Springs Town Center project and the renovation of the old Barry's Cleaner building into retail shops. The city is also speaking to a group that is in the process of purchasing the SunTrust Building on the Circle with plans to bring in a national brand food restaurant.	N/A	Both projects are underway at this time.	N/A	Ongoing
2) Parking garage for downtown area	As new projects and businesses come into the downtown area, we will be looking at locations where a municipal parking garage can be built in order to provide additional parking to our downtown area.	\$3 to \$5 million	This is a long term goal and once the need arises we will begin discussions with Council	This can be done through a bank loan. If parking fees are charged, the revenues collected can be used to offset debt service costs.	Long term

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<b>COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT-NW 36TH ST</b>					
1) Improving the NW 36th St Corridor	We currently have a major project which was approved by Council at the 4600 block of NW 36th St., which involves a mixed use building with rooftop restaurant and includes a parking garage. The Airport Diner property is currently scheduled for the Miami Dade County Unsafe structures Board and is accumulating daily fines as assessed by the Code Enforcement Board. Currently fines exceed \$40,000. The Runway Inn Hotel remains closed. We continue our strict Code Enforcement and Police activity in the area in order to ensure a clean and safe environment.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Ongoing

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<b>OTHER CITY BUSINESS</b>					
1) Revision of City Code	This project would involve revising our entire code to bring it up to 2021 legal standards. This would be a major undertaking that would require hiring a consultant to assist in making these revisions. We could also consider doing a piecemeal approach in which case we would begin with the sign code, which we consider a top priority, and work from there to other areas.	Depends on which approach we take-entire revision or piecemeal	Pending approval of funding so we can begin bid process.	This projects would be funded from the General Fund.	Depends on funding availability
<b>CURRENT ONGOING CITY INITIATIVES</b>					
1) Annexation	Annex area west of the FEC tracks	N/A	Pending County Commission Action	N/A	Pending County Commission Action
2) Bed Tax	This would allow the City to receive a portion of the Bed Tax collected from hotels in order to fund more police.	N/A	City is pursuing this both at the County and State levels	No cost to city, this would generate revenues	City is pursuing this both at the County and State levels
3) FPL Underground Wiring Project	The initial project will do 47 laterals (this represents 49% of the total laterals in the city) which affect 1,042 customers and replaces approx. 6.5 miles of existing overhead wiring.	No cost to city or residents	As of today they have completed 21 laterals, 4 are in active construction and the remaining 22 laterals are scheduled for 2022.	FPL covers cost of this project	As of today they have completed 21 laterals, 4 are in active construction and the remaining 22 laterals are scheduled for 2022. FPL advised that their content is to do the entire city however as of now they only have set plans up to 2022.
4) Pedestrian Bridge by the Metro Station on North Royal Poinciana	Pedestrian bridge from NRP to the Metro Station on Okeechobee	N/A	Pending FDOT and County MPO approval of funding	Pending FDOT and County MPO approval of funding	Pending FDOT and County MPO approval of funding



**CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS  
CITY PROJECTS AND ISSUES CURRENTLY ONGOING**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
Prince Drainage Project	Approved by Council and will involve installation of drains to alleviate flooding at the Prince South ballfield	Commence June 2021 completion July 2021
Prince Field Swale	Project involves the area on Apache from Westward south to the end of the fence, and we will be putting compacted gravel along that swale. This project will be done by Public works staff in-house.	Commencing after the Prince Drainage Project is completed in July 2021 project should take one week
Crosswalk on Curtis Parkway	Project involves adding missing sections of crosswalk from sidewalk to the walk path on the median in Curtiss Parkway at two intersections, Morningside Dr. and Pinecrest Dr., which currently do not have connectivity for pedestrians to use.	Project should be completed in late April-May 2021
Prince Field Concrete Spectator Areas	Project involves installing three concrete pads that spectators can use to set up umbrellas and chairs and watch baseball games. Eventually we plan on adding shade canopies to the three areas.	Completion date June-July 2021