



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 10, 2022 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 7:00 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 Haydee Sera (via Zoom)

Police Captain Jimmy Deal

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Bob Best
Pledge of Allegiance: Audience participated in leading the pledge.

- 3. Agenda / Order of Business:**

Mayor Mitchell requested that the City Council consider items for discussion for the upcoming Council Workshop.

- 4. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation of Certificate of Sincere Appreciation Plaque to Police Detective David A. Bente in Recognition of 29 Years and 2 months of Dedicated Service to the City of Miami Springs

Mayor Mitchell presented a plaque on behalf of the City Council and City Administration. All members thanked Detective Bente for his years of service and wished him much luck. Captain Jimmy Deal presented Detective Bente with an award for his tenure and thanked him for his service. Detective Bente thank the City Council, City Administration and the residents for the recognition.

B) Yard of the Month Award – January 2022 – 800 Oriole Avenue – Victoria

Martinez

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

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

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) December 13, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 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 at this time.

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 Work Order To Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. For Phase 2 Of The South Royal Poinciana Boulevard Stormwater And Roadway Improvements Project Consisting Of Design Development And Construction Documents, Regulatory Agencies Coordination And Permitting In An Amount Not To Exceed \$175,849; 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 Vehicle From Duval Ford, Llc In An Amount Not To Exceed \$45,154 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of The Florida Sheriffs Association’s Contract Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the item by title.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.

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 The Opioid Settlement Interlocal Agreement With Miami-Dade County Governing The Use Of Opioid Settlement Funds Allocated To The Miami-Dade County Regional Fund; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; Providing For Transmittal; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Resolution as read. 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) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Florida Memorandum Of Understanding With The State Of Florida And Other Participating Local Government Units For The Allocation And Use Of Opioid Settlement Funds To Abate And Resolve The Opioid Epidemic; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; Providing For Transmittal; 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 The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Agreement With The State Of Florida, Office Of The State Attorney For The Eleventh Judicial Circuit Of Florida To Reimburse The State For The Cost Of The State Attorney Prosecution Of Certain Criminal Violations Of The City Code Of Ordinances; 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.

12. Other Business:

A) Mayor Mitchell providing an update after meeting with FDOT Regional Director on the NW 36th Street Corridor Project

Mayor Mitchell updated the City Council that the City Manager and herself sat and

met with Regional Director Stacey Miller at length how this project will affect a residential community. After further discussion, she stated that FDOT will continue to be in the study stage and will not move forward at this given time. Mayor Mitchell will continue to monitor the project and keep the City Council and the public apprised of any new developments in the project.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that she is happy to be back and continues to ease into the work life after maternity leave. She expressed her condolences to the Councilwoman Jennifer Ator's family for their loss.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso stated that the Omicron variant has hit heavily on staff, within three to five days staff members return back to work. He stated that the COVID testing is available at the Community Center and vaccinations are also available at the Aquatic Center. He expressed his deepest condolences to Bill Tallman and family on Councilwoman Ator's passing. He also expressed condolences to Christina Robaina's family, the City's 103 year old resident who also passed. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided a verbal list of upcoming City meetings and events, which may also be found on the City's website.

C) City Council

Councilman Best mentioned that the omicron variant will come and go quickly hopefully and he had no report at this time.

Vice Mayor Bravo expressed her condolences to the family of Councilwoman Ator. She stated that she was contacted by a resident about workers from the downtown development leaving trash behind. She also requested that the City reach out to the owner of 232 Westward Drive, to have the business seal up the windows by drawing the blinds once a business has left the property in order to avoid break-ins and squatting.

Councilman Fajet stated that the City is making COVID testing and vaccinations readily available to residents. He also expressed his deepest condolences to Bill Tallman and family for Councilwoman Ator's passing.

Councilman Vazquez mentioned parking issue and perhaps to discuss it in detail at the workshop. He also led the Council in wishing the City Clerk, Erika Gonzalez, Happy Birthday.

Mayor Mitchell reminded everyone about the Council Workshop on January 18th at 6pm. She expressed her condolences to the family of Councilwoman Ator and

Christina Robaina. She thanked the City Manager and City Staff for maintaining City services and community events over the holidays.

14. Adhourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 24th day of January, 2022.


Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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