



## ***City of Miami Springs, Florida***

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 24, 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 (via Zoom)

City Attorney Haydee Sera (via Zoom)

Deputy City Clerk Juan D. Garcia

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Victor Vazquez  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Audience participated in leading the pledge.
3. **Agenda / Order of Business: None at this time.**
4. **Awards & Presentations: None at this time.**
5. **Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Martin Crosland, 900 Plover Avenue.
6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**
  - A) January 10, 2022 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022 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) Report by Chair Ernie Aloma of the Board of Adjustment/Planning and Zoning Board

**Chairman Aloma updated the City Council on the board's meetings. He stated they convene when applications for commercial or residential developments require board review and recommendations, which are then reviewed and approved by the City Council. He thanked the City Council for their time and attention.**

- B) Report by Chair Marlene Jimenez of the Code Enforcement Board

**Chairwoman Jimenez updated the City Council on the recent meeting held by the board. She stated that the board reviews Code Citations on a monthly basis and the board as a whole provide remedies to correct the Code violations. She thanked the City Council for their time and attention.**

**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 Purchase And Installation Of A Replacement Generator Motor For The City's Aquatic Center From All Power Generators Corp. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$14,213 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Miami-Dade County Contract No. Fc-00418 Pursuant To Sections 31-11(C)(2) And 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Declaring Certain Equipment 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 Issuance Of A Work Order To Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. For Phase 2 Of The Oakwood And East Drive Stormwater And Roadway Improvements Project Consisting Of Design Development And Construction Documents, And Coordination And Permitting With Regulatory Agencies, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$276,930; 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, Co-Designating A Portion Of Swan Drive Between Albatross Street And Cardinal Street As “Jake Casiano Drive”; 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. 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, Supporting The Miami-Dade County Public School Board’s 2022 State Legislative Priorities And Program; 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.**

C) **Resolution** - A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Authorizing The Submission Of A Grant Application To The Florida Department Of Transportation (FDOT) Relating To Transportation Services; Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Grant Award From FDOT, If Awarded; Authorizing The Purchase Of Vehicles And/Or Equipment And The Expenditure Of Grant Funds Pursuant To A Grant Award; 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.**

**12. Other Business:**

A) Update from Mayor Mitchell on the FDOT NW 36<sup>th</sup> St Corridor Project and Iron Triangle

**Mayor Mitchell update the City Council on both projects, she stated that since the update at the last Council meeting she said Representative Bryan Avila wrote a letter**

to the State Secretary in reference to the project and in response FDOT explained that they will not move forward with the NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street project at this time. The NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor project will stay in the study phase so that new consultants take a look at the project with fresh eyes. However, the Iron Triangle project will be moving to the PD & E, development and environmental phase, which will be extending the 112 extension. At this point, FDOT will conduct public sessions and she encourages the residents and members of the public to participate in these important sessions.

**13. Reports & Recommendations:**

**A) City Attorney**

**City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that the City filed a lawsuit against FactoryTown Holdings, she said that she will keep the City Council apprised of any new issues that come up.**

**B) City Manager**

**City Manager William Alonso stated that he looks forward to Dade Days with most of the members of the City Council. 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**

**Vice Mayor Bravo requested that the audio improve during the advisory board meetings. She agrees with Chair Jimenez, that awareness campaigns on social media and the City website may help residents and business owners to be more informed on City Code.**

**Councilman Best mentioned that the All Angels school officially closed last week and wished all the students much luck. He also wished the Council members heading up to Dade Days good luck.**

**Councilman Fajet shared that he has had several people express good things on the Council's performance. He stated that the outreach efforts, staff performance and the direction of the City in general has been positive. He said that it is a pleasure working with all of the Council and thanked them for a job well done.**

**Councilman Vazquez stated that he received a call from Max Milam stating that a donation area is available at Milam's Market for contributions toward to the proposed War Memorial. He thanked the Councilman Best for his efforts on the project as well. Secondly, he said that he agrees about looking into an outreach campaign on social media about Code issues and compliance as it would be quite beneficial. He stated that All Angels school will be greatly missed and hopes to see a return of an educational institution.**

**Mayor Mitchell stated that at the recent Council workshop, it was stated that the “Bed Tax” should be pursued. She spoke to the President of Miami Dade County League of Cities, Joe Corradino, and the “Bed Tax” issue will be brought up as an item at the next Board Meeting. She also stated that pedestrian safety was brought up during the workshop as well, and she reached out to Miami Dade County, Assistant Director of Transportation and Public Works to assist with looking into improving safety measures in the downtown area. She stated that a Council workshop will be scheduled to discuss the Gateway ordinance. She also welcomed the new addition to the City Clerk’s Office, Ms. Sandra Duarte, Assistant to the City Clerk to the team.**

#### **14. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on  
This 14th day of February, 2022.

  
Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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