



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 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 7:02 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 Haydee Sera

Recreation Director Omar Luna

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Victor Vazquez
Pledge of Allegiance: Audience participated in leading the pledge.

3. **Agenda / Order of Business:**

Mayor Mitchell requested that Items 4C, 4D and 4G be moved up in the agenda, after Item 4A for consideration, the City Council gave general consensus to consider the items as requested.

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Post Session Presentation by State Representative Bryan Avila; State Representative Alex Rizo and Senator Manny Diaz

Mayor Mitchell introduced Representative Avila and extended a warm welcome to the Representative and staff. Representative Avila expressed a list of State funded projects for the City of Miami Springs. He stated that he is proud to serve the City and looks forward to serving in some capacity in the future and doing more for the community. Representative Rizo took a moment to introduce himself and stated that he will be running for Representative Avila's seat in the upcoming election.

B) Presentation of Certificate of Sincere Appreciation Plaque to Maria Hernandez-Peraza in Recognition of Five Years and Ten Months of Dedicated Service to the City of Miami Springs (Postponed/Deferred)

This item will be heard at the April 11th Council Meeting.

C) Presentation of a proclamation to Milam Family recognizing their contributions to the community

This item will be heard at the April 11th Council Meeting.

D) Proclamation presentation to the Miami Springs Procurement Department for “Public Procurement Month” for the month of March 2022, for the delivery of goods and services for the City

Mayor Mitchell read the proclamation for Procurement Month, Ms. Zuzell Murguido was present to receive the award.

E) Introduction of Judge Meisha Darrough, who is a recently appointed (2019) County Court Judge

Mayor Mitchell welcomed the Honorable Judge Darrough, who then thanked the City Council for the opportunity to be a part of the meeting, she stated how much she has enjoyed being a part of the judicial system and looks forward to future visits to the community.

5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Jorge Santin; and Livio Dominguez.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) March 14, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 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: None at this time.

8. Public Hearings: None at this time.

9. Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted): None at this time.

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 Purchase Of Cloud Hosting Services From RecTrac, LLC D/B/A Vermont Systems In An Amount Not To Exceed \$20,250.00 Over A Three Year Period; 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 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 City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Establishing Rates For Collection Of Garbage, Trash And Recycling For Residential And Commercial Customers Effective October 1, 2022; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Best 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.

C) Recommendation by Recreation that Council approve an increase of \$2,500.00 to the City's current open purchase order with the Village of Virginia Gardens to reimburse the Village of Virginia Gardens for soccer referee fees relating to the shared soccer program, for a total amount not to exceed \$14,500.00

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the recommendation by title.

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the recommendation 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.

12. Other Business:

A) Request for discussion by Mayor Mitchell regarding reducing use of polystyrene (styrofoam) containers in City and other sustainability initiatives

Mayor Mitchell requested that the City Council consider a resolution encouraging businesses to participate in limiting the use of single use plastics to support the environmental resiliency initiative. The City Council gave general consensus on the

item. She also requested that the City look into an awareness campaign through the City website and Social Media on this initiative.

B) Request by Troop 334 Scoutmaster James Fulton for a City contribution towards Camp Powhatan tuition in the amount of \$550

This item was heard earlier in the meeting. Scout Leader Victor Vinzio addressed the City Council on behalf of Scout Master James Fulton who was unable to attend. Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the request. 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.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera updated the City Council on the FactoryTown lawsuit.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso had no report at this time. 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 thanked the City Attorney on the FactoryTown issue. She stated that at some point she would like to bring Recreation Director Omar Luna to discuss additional outdoor accessible recreational activities for residents. She also stated it is nice to have the option to use Resolutions for intent and encouraging purposes and a great tool to have for a variety of things. She reminded the public it is duckling season, to not feed the ducks. She thanked Representative Avila for all his time and efforts of service to the community, she said it is very admirable to see him committed to his job and the City.

Councilman Best had no report at this time.

Councilman Fajet inquired if the Recreation Center will be closed and when the improvements for the Golf Course are to commence. He thanked staff on posting the citations online for information purposes.

Councilman Vazquez thanked the City Attorney for their hard work on the FactoryTown issue. He stated that there are numerous AirBnb's and is happy that the City is on top of them on becoming compliant to the rules and regulations. He stated that at a later date he will bring up Golf Carts within the City for Council consideration. He thanked the Honorable Judge Darrough for attending the meeting.

Mayor Mitchell thanked Honorable Judge Darrough for introducing herself to the community. She thanked Representative Avila and Senator Diaz for the support on the City's projects and funding. She also thanked Representative Rizo as well for his support to the community. Mayor Mitchell thanked the City Attorney for all their work on the FactoryTown issue.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 11th day of April, 2022.


Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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