



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

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 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 Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

Councilman Bob Best

Councilwoman Jacky Bravo

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 Bob Best

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Girl Scout Troop 1857 participated in leading the pledge.

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

**Mayor Mitchell requested that Items 12B be moved up in the agenda, the City Council gave general consensus to consider the items as requested.**

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) 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 presentation has been postponed indefinitely.**

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

**This presentation has been postponed indefinitely.**

C) Yard of the Month Award for April 2022 – 249 Hammond Drive – The

Stewart Family

**Mayor Mitchell recognized the Stewart Family for their efforts in making their yard standout in the community. She announced that the family was awarded the Yard of the Month Award for April, the Stewart Family were not present to receive their award.**

D) Presentation by Lily Azel and Charlie Bibb on Pickle Ball at the Tennis Courts

**Recreation Director Omar Luna introduced Lily Azel and Charlie Bibb who then spoke on the advantages of Pickle Ball in the City. They stated that they will return to speak at the next meeting to discuss proposed costs to the City.**

E) City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month – April 2022 – Four Miami Girls

**Mayor Mitchell introduced Carmen Spanenberg, Edith Lozano, and Marcia de Mello Bueno and Mayor Mitchell who completes the “Four Miami Girls” spoke on the artwork available for sale and all proceeds would go to the proposed War Memorial in Miami Springs.**

**5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: There were no speakers at this time.**

**6. Approval of Council Minutes:**

- A) March 28, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- B) March 30, 2022 – Board of Appeals

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 Regular Meeting and March 30, 2022 Board of Appeals meeting. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, 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 An Interlocal Agreement Between Miami-Dade County And The Co-Permitees Named In The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. Fls000003 For Pollution Identification And Control Services In Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Ms4s); 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. Councilwoman Bravo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, 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 The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Contract And Contract Addendum With Fireworks Displays Unlimited, LLC/Fireworks Displays Unlimited, Inc. For The City’s 2022 Fourth Of July Fireworks Display In An Amount Not To Exceed \$18,500.00; Waiving Competitive Bidding Procedures; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date *(Note: Item requires 4/5 vote of Council)*

**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 Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, 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 An Interlocal Agreement With The Village Of Virginia Gardens Related To Shared Transportation Services; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.**

**Vice Mayor Fajet 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 Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.**

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Invoking The Zoning In Progress Or Pending Ordinance Doctrine For The Adoption Of Amendments To The City’s Land Development Regulations Pertaining To Murals; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Resolution by title.**

**Vice Mayor Fajet moved to prohibit murals. Councilwoman Bravo seconded the motion, after some discussion and clarification Vice Mayor Fajet withdrew his motion.**

**Vice Mayor Fajet moved to create a framework to allow mural regulations in the NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street business district, directing staff to create a public input campaign on social media for feedback. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.**

**Vice Mayor 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 Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.**

D) Recommendation by Recreation that Council approve an increase of \$9,000.00 to the City's current open purchase order with Miami Springs Little League to reimburse Miami Springs Little League for baseball umpires fees relating to the shared baseball program, for a total amount no to exceed \$22,500.00

**Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the recommendation by title.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the recommendation as read. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.**

## **12. Other Business:**

A) Reappointment of Board Member Lynne Brooks to the Parks and Parkways Advisory Board

**Vice Mayor Fajet moved to approve the recommendation to reappoint Lynne Brooks to the Parks and Parkways Advisory Board. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.**

B) Request by Girl Scout Troop Leader Jamell Perez for Girl Scout Troop 1857 donation toward a summer camp trip

**Councilman Best moved to approve a donation for \$550.00 towards the trip. Vice Mayor Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.**

C) Request by Councilwoman Bravo to discuss the recreational outdoor sports and location options

**Councilwoman Bravo stated she would like the City to explore other ways to incorporate outdoor activities for children and adults. She also would like to see**

the City explore to acquiring other areas for greenspace opportunities. It was the general consensus of the City Council to recommend that this topic be forwarded to the Recreation Commission for further discussion and recommendations.

D) Request by Councilman Best to discuss City staff to draft a Resolution expressing the City's support for the Ukrainian people

Councilman Best requested that this item be considered for the City's support in the Ukrainian efforts. City Attorney Haydee Sera recited a possible resolution that would indicate the City's support towards the Ukrainian War effort and condemning the attacks led by Russia. Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as stated by the City Attorney for the record. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Fajet, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

**13. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.

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

Councilman Best wished everyone a Happy Easter and had no further report at this time.

Councilwoman Bravo wished everyone a Happy Easter and congratulated Mayor Mitchell for the dedication of the Miami Springs dedication at the library.

Vice Mayor Fajet wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilman Vazquez also wished everyone a Happy Easter. He also announced that his daughter, Sophia, will be graduating shortly with her Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality Management in May.

Mayor Mitchell recognized the Woman's Club and Emily Ordinsky and Juan Calvo who put together a replica of the Woman's Club building on display at the library. She expressed her deepest condolences to the Michael Finney family for their loss.

#### **14. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*

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*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on  
This 25th day of April, 2022.*

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*Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor*

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