



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

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 9, 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

Chief of Police Armando Guzman

Recreation Director Omar Luna (via Zoom)

Golf Director Paul O'Dell

Golf Superintendent Laurie Bland

Public Works Director Lazaro Garaboa

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Mayor Maria Mitchell

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The AIE Lady Aviators Softball Team participated in leading the pledge.

3. **Agenda / Order of Business**

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Recognizing the AIE High School Girls' Softball team, the Lady Aviators, finishing their season and ranking in the Top 10 in Miami-Dade County (Fajet)

**Councilman Fajet thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to recognize the AIE Girls Softball team. He introduced the Coaches, Alex Torres and Renee Gonzalez who then provided some background on the Softball program and recent games. All girls attending the meeting introduced themselves and thanked the Mayor and City Council for having them there.**

B) Yard of the Month Award for May 2022 – 101 Truxton Drive – The Schmidt

Family

**Mayor Mitchell announced the Yard of the Month for May 2022, the Schmidt Family at 101 Truxton Drive, the Schmidt Family was not present to receive the award. City Clerk Erika Gonzalez stated that she will make arrangements to deliver the award.**

C) Recognizing the City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month for May 2022 – Miami Springs Senior High School Students Digital Art Exhibition

**Mayor Mitchell recognized students from the Miami Springs Senior High School on the Digital Artwork in the City Lobby. Ms. Beth Goldstein, the Miami Springs High School Art Department Chair, introduced herself and provided some background information on the students presenting their artwork in the lobby. She thanked the City Council and City Administration for hosting the Art in City Hall program that provides artists in our community the opportunity to display their artwork while beautifying City Hall.**

**5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Nancy Jones, 255 Springs Avenue; and Jorge Santin, 1249 Heron Avenue.**

**6. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) April 25, 2022 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting. 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.**

**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 Purchase Of Microsoft Office 365 GCC G1 And G3 Licenses From Shi International Corp. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$9,025.25 For Fiscal Year 2022 And An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds For Future Fiscal Years Consistent With The Terms And Conditions Of The City Of Mesa, Arizona, Contract No. 2018011-02 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; 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 Purchase And Installation Of Whisperwave Acoustical Foam Panels For The Adult Community Center From Amion Enterprises International Corp. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$12,860.80; Providing For

Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

C) **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 Design, Bid, And Construction Services For The Miami Springs Golf And Country Club Golf Course Renovation Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$250,933.00; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Supply Services Of Diesel And Regular Fuel For The Miami Springs Golf And Country Club's Golf Carts And Maintenance Fleet From Tropic Oil Company LLC On An As-Needed Basis In An Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000; Providing For A Waiver Of Competitive Bidding; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

E) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The City's Title Vi Nondiscrimination Policy And Plan In Accordance With Title VI, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964 As Required To Receive Federal Pass-Through Funding; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

F) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Agreement With Metro Express, Inc. For Concrete Curbside/Sidewalk Construction, Milling, And Resurfacing Of Asphalt Concrete And Striping Services Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of The City Of Miami Beach Contract Awarded Pursuant To Itb-2018-033-Nd Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Authorizing The City Manager To Issue A Work Order To Metro Express, Inc. For The Citywide Sidewalk Completion And Ada Ramp Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$89,772.50; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.**

#### **10. Old Business:**

A) Update on the possible location of the pickleball/racquetball courts

**City Manager William Alonso introduced Paul O'Dell who answered the Council's questions and stated that in his career he had managed a golf course with a tennis and racquetball center, and felt it was a good fit. City Manager Alonso stated that the most ideal location for Pickle Ball would be the Golf and Country Club, but that plan would require a delay due to the golf course project and WADS projects that have to be completed first, he suggested that if the council wanted to proceed more quickly than the best location would be Stafford Park; he stated that the tennis and racquetball/pickleball center being moved to the Golf Course would be the best for the City but could not be immediate. Golf Director Paul O'Dell**

indicated that Miami-Dade County has not been able to complete the improvements of the pump stations at the Golf Course and until then it is not feasible to build pickleball, racquetball or move the tennis center there. City Manager William Alonso further stated that he will come back with several estimates at an upcoming Council meeting for Pickle Ball courts installation. Mayor Mitchell stated that building these courts at the Golf and Country Club would provide the community the opportunity to dine, drink and socialize before or after playing the sports and would support and invigorate the food and beverage operations at the County Club. She stated that selecting the best location within the city to build these courts was a long-term investment in the future of recreational opportunities and enhancements for the community, and that ultimately if the best location required delaying the start of the project, then that should take serious consideration.

**11. New Business:**

A) Request by Lt. Claire Gurney for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Stafford Memorial Golf Tournament Donation Request

**City Manager William Alonso read the staff memo for the record. Lt. Claire Gurney was present to answer the City Council's questions.**

**Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the request for \$4,000.00. Councilwoman Bravo seconded the motion. 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.**

**Lt. Gurney thanked the City Council for their support and hopes to see them at the event on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

**12. Other Business:**

A) Request by Girl Scout Troop Leader Kahnee Rodriguez for Girl Scout Troop 2564 for Summer Trip (Vazquez)

**Councilman Best moved to approve the request for \$500.00 towards the summer trip. 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.**

**13. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

**City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.**

B) City Manager

**City Manager William Alonso stated that the City received \$174,000.00 Resiliency grant for a study that will assess various vulnerability issues including sea level rise and flooding within City limits. He also stated that the City will host a Food Drive in conjunction with Representative Bryan Avila's Office and Virginia Garden's Mayor Spencer Deno and Village Council on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am. 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 Fajet reminded the public that the Sebastian Strong 5k is available to pre-register online for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> event. He stated that he and his wife attended the Woman's Club event, "Queen for a Day – A Mother's Day Celebration" on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, he gave extra thanks and expressed his admiration to his wife Adriana for her dedication and leadership conducting the event.**

**Councilman Vazquez reported that he attended the Woman's Club event, "Queen for a Day – A Mother's Day Celebration" on Saturday, his wife participated in the fashion show and stated it was an extremely classy event. He gave a shout out to Adriana Fajet for leading a wonderful event and making it such a success. He stated that he has discussed the sidewalk connectivity is underway and is getting done. Councilman Vazquez also confirmed his understanding that the Business and Economic Development Task Force that all of their recommendations will be gathered and then disseminated in a final report at the conclusion of the board's term.**

**Councilman Best stated it was great to see the AIE Softball team tonight. He recognized the Miami Springs High School Boys Baseball and Girls Softball teams reaching the regionals tournament. He also reminded that the Pelican Playhouse production kicks off this weekend and hopes to see everyone there.**

**Councilwoman Bravo announced that she will purchase two tickets and donate them to anyone who would like to attend, she is not available to attend due to prior engagements. She stated that she participated in the Woman's Club fashion show event, "Queen for a Day – A Mother's Day Celebration" on Saturday. She said she had lots of fun and thanked Adriana Fajet for putting the event together; and recognized the Woman's Club for the involvement and dedication to the City.**

**Mayor Mitchell gave her condolences to the family of former Councilwoman Helen Gannon. She stated that Mrs. Gannon served on the Council for several years, and was a driving force in the community and various civic organizations in the City. She recognized Jorge Ferrer of B&A Architects, for helping the City achieve the State's Resiliency grant, that will place the City on the path of becoming a resilient community and identify critical infrastructure, address flooding and sea level rise. The grant will also allow the City the ability to apply for additional resiliency grants to address our city's future needs. Mayor Mitchell stated that she had participated in the wonderful Woman's Club fashion show event, "Queen**

**for a Day – A Mother’s Day Celebration” on Saturday and thanked all of the organizers and the many sponsors and businesses who made it such a huge success She encouraged Miami Springs residents to get involved with one of the City’s many civic organizations, such as the Woman’s Club, Lions, Rotary, Optimist and Scouting , that always have a positive impact on the community and make lifelong friends along the way.**

**14. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on  
This 23rd day of May, 2022.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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