



City of Miami Springs, Florida
City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

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 6:00 p.m.

Present were the following:

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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 (via Zoom)
Public Works Director Lazaro Garaboa
Administrative Assistant to Public Works Director Lizzette Fuentes
Planning Director Chris Heid
Code Compliance Officer Rosemary Novo
IT Director Jorge Fonseca
Building Official Ulises Fernandez
Recreation Director Omar Luna
Elderly Services Director Tammy Key

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Mayor Maria Mitchell
Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

- 3. Workshop on Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget**

- I. Opening Remarks by City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

City Manager Alonso introduced the upcoming workshop and stated that the upcoming budget discussions offers Council various options and decisions required to finalize the FY2022-2023 budget. He presented a statement based on the proposed millage rate of 6.9900, revenues of \$20,139,931.00. The proposed budget reflects at the recommended millage rate a surplus of \$191,522.00. There are no reduction in services and no new outsourced services. The new proposed budget includes a proposed COLA increase of

4% for all General Employees and 3% for Police; includes adding a new code compliance officer and chemical applicator for the Golf Maintenance Dept. Health Insurance is increasing by 9%; includes the City Attorney annual increase of \$12,000.00. In this budget, also included is \$45,000 for the City Lobbyist and \$36,000 for grant writing services. The 2022-2023 includes \$50,000 for City-wide tree planting and \$100,000 for tree trimming services. Council budget includes a \$35,000 funding request from CMI for next fiscal year, \$14,000 for the River Cities Festival, \$29,000 for Pelican Playhouse and \$12,620 request from the Historic Museum for storage and fence installation costs.

II. City Council

City Manager/Finance Director Alonso stated that the budget shows a decrease in the Council proposed budget. Council budget includes \$35,000 for the Curtiss Mansion, \$14,000 for the River Cities Festival and \$12,620 for the Historic Museum's museum storage costs and the installation of a new fence.

Presentation made by Juliana Arias for River Cities Festival, she requested the funds including the \$14,000 for this year. Former Mayor Richard Wheeler provided an informative oral and visual presentation on the Curtiss Mansion and the request for \$35,000. There were no further actions taken at this time. Former Councilman and Current Historical Society Museum President Jaime Petralanda addressed the City Council on requests for storage costs, a new fence and assistance with the purchase of new onsite classroom container unit. Further discussion ensued, and the City Council requested more information on the fence installation.

III. City Clerk

The City Clerk's budget is \$10,553 more than last year. The increase is mainly due to the 2023 City Election. There were no further changes to the Clerk budget.

There were no other questions or comments on this portion of the budget.

IV. Code Compliance

Mr. Alonso commented that the Code Compliance Department is a separate department from Building. He stated that the budget is \$36,036 higher than last year due to an additional Code Enforcement Officer. The budget also includes \$15,000 for Special Magistrate services.

There were no further changes to this section.

V. Building Department

Mr. Alonso stated that the Building Department is \$15,299 lower than the current year. The Building Department budget is a separate Special Revenue fund.

Building and Code Compliance Director Ulises Fernandez answered questions from Council. There were no further changes in the budget.

VI. IT Services

The budget is \$9,305 higher than the current year, according to Mr. Alonso. I.T. Director Jorge Fonseca answered Council's questions and there were no changes to the proposed budget.

VII. Planning

Mr. Alonso stated that the proposed budget is \$3,536 higher than the current year. Zoning and Planning Director Chris Heid addressed the Council's questions. There was no further discussion on this portion of the budget.

VIII. Parks and Recreation

i. Administration

The total budget includes an increase of \$32,377 this upcoming fiscal year. This portion of the budget, Administration is \$73,182 lower than the previous year. The budget includes the State's minimum wage increase to \$11.00/hr. for all part time staff, health costs, and COLA. In addition, the budget includes office renovations and multi-purpose room; includes \$25,000 for a pick-up truck. The Pelican Playhouse will receive a subsidy of \$31,600 for the upcoming year.

Parks and Recreation Director Luna and Finance Director Alonso answered the Council's questions.

ii. Pool

Mr. Alonso stated that the proposed budget for the Pool is approximately \$71,531 higher for the new fiscal year. Increase is due to the minimum wage increase state-wide to \$11.00/hr., health costs, and COLA. The budget includes \$30,000 to renovate the pool deck.

Parks and Recreation Director Omar Luna and City Manager Alonso answered Council's questions.

iii. Tennis

Finance Director William Alonso stated that the Tennis operation is \$5,000 higher; budget includes \$25,000 for resurfacing of two tennis courts. There were no questions regarding this budget.

iv. Park Maintenance

The Park Maintenance budget is approximately \$29,029 higher than the current year. Budget includes \$25,000 for laser-grading Peavey and Stafford Parks. There were no further actions on this portion of the agenda.

IX. Elderly Services

City Manager/Finance Director Alonso stated that the Elderly Services budget is approximately \$187,221 or 18.5% higher than the previous year. This includes costs for the additional staffing, health, fitness and art instructors. The Center will be receiving \$750,000 is LSP funding which was approved by the State.

Elderly Services Manager Tammy Key answered Council's questions to their satisfaction. There were no further discussions on this section of the budget.

X. Finance

City Manager/Finance Director Alonso stated that there was a 7% increase due to COLA and health insurance costs for the department. This section of the budget also includes the Professional Services budget. He explained that the budget is lower this year, \$63,300 or 20% approximately; grant writer continues to be outsourced.

There were no further changes to the budget.

4. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
this 12th day of September, 2022.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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