



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 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 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)

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Planning Director Chris Heid

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilwoman Jacky Bravo

Pledge of Allegiance: The audience participated in leading the pledge.

3. **Agenda / Order of Business**

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Recognizing Charles Hill for Eighteen (18) Years of Service on the Historic Preservation Board

Mayor Mitchell welcomed

5. **Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Kristopher Fernandez.

6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) August 29, 2022 – Workshop Meeting

B) September 12, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2022 Budget Workshop and August 22, 2022 Regular 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:

A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Adopting The Final Millage Rate For The Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2022 And Ending September 30, 2023 In The Amount Of 6.9100 Mills, Which Is 4.14 % Higher Than The Roll-Back Rate Of 6.6352 Mills; Announcing The Percentage Increase In Property Taxes; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Resolution by title.

Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing; there were no speakers. The public hearing closed.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution adopting the final millage rate. 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.

B) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Adopting A Final Budget For The Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2022 And Ending September 30, 2023; Providing For Expenditure Of Budgeted Funds; Providing For Budgetary Controls; Providing For Grants And Gifts; Providing For Budget Amendments; Providing For Encumbrances; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Resolution by title.

Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing; there were no speakers. The public hearing closed.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution adopting the final budget. 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.

C) Ordinance – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Section 31-11, “Purchasing, Procurement, And Sale Procedures” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances To Update The City’s Procurement Provisions; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For

Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title.

Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing; there were no speakers. The public hearing closed.

Councilwoman Bravo moved to approve the Ordinance on second reading. 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.

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, [Approving/Denying] A Variance Application By Juan A. Calvo For Property Located At 400 Park Street To Provide A 10'8" Front Yard Setback Where Section 150-060(E) Of The Code Requires A Minimum Required Front Yard Of Not Less Than 30 Feet Or The Average Depth Of The Front Yard Of The Lot Or Lots Next Adjacent Thereto On Either Side, Whichever Is The Lesser Of The Two; Providing For Conditions; Providing For Violations; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Resolution by title and provided a statement on quasi-judicial matters. City Clerk Erika Gonzalez swore-in those that were present to speak on the application. City Planner Chris Heid gave his oral report on the applicant's request. Mr. Juan Calvo addressed the City Council and answered their questions.

Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing; there were no speakers. The public hearing closed.

Councilman Best moved to approve 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.

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 Three Vehicles From Duval Ford, LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$172,693.57 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of The Florida Sheriffs Association Contract Nos. FSA 20-Veh18.0 And FSA 20-Vel28.0 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Declaring Certain Vehicles As Surplus Property; Authorizing The Sale Or Disposition Of Surplus Property; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Best moved to approve Item 9A. 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 City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Selecting Amerant Bank, N.A. For Banking Services Pursuant To Request For Proposals No. 05-21/22; Approving A Treasury Management Master Agreement; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title and the staff memo for the record.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution. 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.

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Selecting Downtown Towing Company, Inc. For Citywide Towing Services Pursuant To Request For Proposals No. 01-21/22; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title. Police Chief Armando Guzman was present to answer any of the City Council’s questions.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution. 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) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Establishing The Centennial Committee; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

After some discussion, Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Resolution. 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.

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Extending The Term Of The Business And Economic Development Task Force From September 30, 2022, Through November 30, 2022; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that the Resolution was amended to reflect an extension to November 30, 2022. Councilwoman Vazquez moved to approve the Resolution. 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.

12. Other Business: None at this time.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that in the upcoming week or so, it is expected that the City will receive a proposed Interlocal Agreement from Miami-Dade County on the annexation. She explained that as soon as the agreement is received and reviewed it will come to the City Council for consideration.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso stated that the Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero had just lost her father and had to leave the Council meeting. He gave his deepest condolences to her and her family. He announced all the upcoming City events and stated that more information is available on the City website.

C) City Council

Councilman Best requested for a moment of silence for Assistant City Manager's recent loss of her father. He recognized Judge Charles Hill for his service to the Historic Preservation Board. He also stated that the proposed War Memorial funding continues to be underway and hopes to see more fundraising in the upcoming months. He wished everyone a Happy Rosh Hashanah.

Councilwoman Bravo sending her prayers to west coast Florida for the impacts of Hurricane Ian. She expressed that she has someone in mind for the Centennial Committee, she stated that Michael Gavila would be her choice for the board.

Vice Mayor Fajet expressed his condolences to Tammy Romero and family for her recent loss. He stated that the City Council did a great job on the budget and were able to allocate funds to the community for continued City services with a reduction in the millage rate.

Councilman Vazquez also expressed his condolences to Tammy Romero for the loss of her father. He stated that there are disaster relief efforts for Puerto Rico due to the devastation of Hurricane Fiona, if anyone is interested to please reach out to him for more information. He stated that it is Hispanic Heritage Month and

recognizes that Hispanics are differ from country to country, and appreciates the national recognition this month.

Mayor Mitchell mentioned that the appointments for the Centennial Committee should be submitted to the City Clerk as soon as possible in order to coordinate the first meeting. She stated that the free breast cancer mobile service in conjunction with Senator-elect Bryan Avila for assisting the City in coordinating this service for the community. Mayor Mitchell reminded the public that the Farewell Evening for Commissioner Sosa is Wednesday, September 28th at the Curtiss Mansion at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Mitchell expressed her deepest condolences to Tammy Romero and her family of the unexpected loss of her father.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 10th day of October, 2022.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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