



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 10, 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 Victor Vazquez, Ph.D. (via Zoom)

Councilman Bob Best

Councilwoman Jacky Bravo

Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Planning Director Chris Heid

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

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

3. **Agenda / Order of Business**

Mayor Mitchell requested that Item 11A be heard after Awards and Presentations; it was the general consensus of the City Council to move up the item.

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation by Assistant Principal Desiree Gonzalez-Martinez from the Miami Springs Adult & Community Education Center on new educational programs

Mayor Mitchell welcomed Ms. Gonzalez-Martinez to the meeting. Ms. Gonzalez-Martinez offered information on new programs in the Adult Educational Center at the Miami Springs Senior High School, including manicures and facials, citizenship programs, and ESOL classes.

B) Yard of the Month Award for October 2022 – 550 Hunting Lodge Drive – Olga Garcia-Moreno

Mayor Mitchell announced the Yard of the Month for October 2022, Mrs. Garcia-Moreno at 550 Hunting Lodge Drive, Ms. Garcia-Moreno were present to receive the award; she thanked the Mayor and Council, and the City for the recognition.

C) Recognizing Artist of the Month City Hall for October and November 2022 Miami Springs Senior High School Students from Ms. Beth Goldstein's art classes

Mayor Mitchell recognized students from the Miami Springs Senior High School on the artwork displayed in the City Lobby. Ms. Beth Goldstein, the Miami Springs High School Art Department Chair, introduced herself and provided some background information on the exhibition and 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: James Fulton, 406 Forrest Drive; and Arlene Esperon, 549 Payne Drive.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) September 26, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting. Vice Mayor Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Vazquez, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet 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, Authorizing The Negotiation And Execution Of A Sixty-Six Month Lease With DLL Finance, LLC For The City's Golf And Country Club Golf Cart Fleet From Club Car, LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$404,960.16 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of An Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Approving An Early Lease Termination Of The City's Existing Golf Cart Lease; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

B) Recommendation by Golf that Council approve an expenditure to Acushnet, as a sole source provider, on an "as needed basis" in the amount of \$40,000, for purchasing Titleist and Foot Joy merchandise to be re-sold in the golf pro shop as there is only one source (proof attached) for the required materials and as funds were budgeted in the FY22/23 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

C) Recommendation by Golf that Council waive the competitive bid process in

the best interests of the City because of the installation of the free satellite tank monitors which has lowered the overall fuel costs to the city by an estimated \$15,600 in comparison to previous years and approve an expenditure to Tropic Oil, on an "as needed basis" in the amount of \$50,000, for fuel supply services of diesel and regular fuel at Miami Springs Golf & Country Club as funds were budgeted in the FY22/23 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code

D) Recommendation by Golf that Council approve an expenditure to Hector Turf, as the sole distributor within the Southeast Florida region, as a sole source provider, on an "as needed basis" in the amount of \$35,000, for parts needed to repair our Toro golf equipment and for irrigation supplies as there is only one source (proof attached) for the required supplies and as funds were budgeted in the FY22/23 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

E) Recommendation by staff that Council authorize the issuance and/or execution of a Purchase Order with Toshiba American Business Solutions, Inc., utilizing the State of Florida Alternate Contract Source Number 44000000-NASPO-19-ACS- led by the State of Colorado's ASPO Value Point Master Agreement number: 140604 (attached), in an amount not to exceed \$31,500.00 which includes the City's currently leased 9 Toshiba copiers citywide (\$18,705.00 annually) and the Managed Print Services for the maintenance and replacement of ink cartridges for citywide desktop printers under NASPO Value Point Program (\$10,870.00 annually), and \$1,925.00 for any overages for excessive copies over our monthly allowances as funds were budgeted in the FY22/23 departmental budgets pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

Councilman Best moved to approve Item 9A through 9E. Councilwoman Bravo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Vazquez, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

10. Old Business: None at this time.

11. New Business:

A) **Ordinance – First Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment To The City's Future Land Use Map (FLUM) From "Public Facility" To "Single Family Residential" For A 37,751 Square Foot (±0.86 Acre) Parcel Of Property Generally Located At 1101 Wren Avenue; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title.

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

B) **Ordinance – First Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Section 32-68, “Mitigation Of Fines,” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances To Establish Procedures And Guidelines For The Mitigation Of Code Enforcement Fines, Penalties And Liens; Providing For Codification; Providing For Severability; Providing For Conflicts; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title.

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

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Providing For The First Budget Amendment To The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund, Special Revenue, And Capital Projects Fund Budgets By Re-Appropriating Reserved Fund Balances To Fund Open Encumbrances Through September 30, 2022; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

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

12. Other Business:

A) Vote of Confidence for the City Manager as Required by Section 4.02 (2) of the City Charter

Mayor Mitchell stated that there was a member of the public to speak on the item; James Llewellyn, 81 Carlisle Drive addressed the City Council.

Councilman Best made a motion to give City Manager William Alonso a vote of confidence. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Vazquez, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

B) Request by Councilman Fajet to discuss reviewing parking requirement ordinances in the City

Councilman Fajet explained that in the last Council meeting it was brought to his attention that the City’s current parking ordinance may not meet the needs of the City at this time. Councilman Fajet requested that with the help of staff, to explore and provide parking requirement analysis specifically in the residential zoning area, which includes for duplexes and multifamily units in other municipalities. He stated that once that information is gathered he will present it to the City Council

at a future meeting.

- C) Update on Annexation Application

City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that Miami-Dade County attorney has provided the City with a draft Interlocal Agreement for annexation. She explained the City is currently reviewing the Interlocal Agreement and will meet with County Commissioners in the upcoming weeks to discuss the agreement further. She requested that the City Council make a motion to allow the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate the terms of the agreement further.

Vice Mayor Vazquez made a motion to authorize the City Attorney, City Manager and Mayor to negotiate the terms of the Interlocal Agreement on annexation with the County. Councilman Best seconded the motion; the motion carried by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Vazquez, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Best, Councilman Fajet, 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 thanked the City Council for the vote of confidence this evening. He stated that the new Miami Springs sign is up on the south end of Curtiss Parkway; he stated that it is planned to be landscaped and lighting will be installed shortly. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero announced all the upcoming City events and stated that more information is available on the City website.

- C) City Council

Vice Mayor Vazquez that there are disaster relief efforts for Puerto Rico due to the devastation of Hurricane Fiona and relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Ian on the Florida's west coast, if anyone is interested to please reach out to him for more information.

Councilman Fajet thanked the City Staff for the collaborative effort for the collection of goods for those affected by Hurricane Ian.

Councilwoman Bravo stated that she would be getting together with City staff to go over the special events application process and clarify the steps to grant special event permits, as a resident stated in Open Forum.

Councilman Best gave his condolence to Assistant City Manager's recent loss of her father. He also reminded the City Council to not to lose sight of the "Bed Tax"

initiative and how important it is to not only Miami Springs, but other municipalities with similar situations.

Mayor Mitchell stated that she recently joined the Florida League of Cities Legislative Policy Committee. In order to create more awareness to the inequity of the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) "Hotel Bed Tax" issue. She explained that one of the focuses of the committee is taxation, this would be a way to gather statewide attention on the Bed Tax issue. Mayor Mitchell announced that the Miami Springs Woman's Club Witches of Westward event is taking place on October 20th through October 23rd. She stated that the event is a family-friendly fun experience with stories, crafts and games. Recently, she said there were some noise complaints on Thursday night, at 4:30 a.m. that was emanating from a facility in the unincorporated Miami-Dade County area with loud music and the complaints flooded Miami Springs Police Department. She updated the City Council and residents that she and the City Manager spoke Commissioner Sosa, Miami-Dade County Mayor Levine Cava's Office and Commissioner Montestime office, as the location of the event resided in his district, and were reassured that if there were ever any future noise disturbances that the City is able to communicate with the Miami-Dade Police Chief in charge of that area and the noise would be stopped.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 24th day of October, 2022.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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