



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 24, 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.

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

City Attorney Candice Balmori (via Zoom)

Police Chief Armando Guzman

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Vice Mayor Victor Vazquez

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

3. **Agenda / Order of Business**

Mayor Mitchell requested that Item 12A and 11B be heard after Open Forum; it was the general consensus of the City Council to move up the items.

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation by Chief Armando Guzman – Officer of the Month Award for the month of September 2022 - Officer Brian Nickerson

Mayor Mitchell welcomed Chief Guzman to the podium. Chief Guzman introduced Sgt. Fetters who then addressed the Council on his recommendation for nominating Officer Nickerson as the recipient of the Officer of the Month for September. Officer Nickerson thanked the City Administration, Mayor and City Council for the recognition and for their continued support.

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

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

- A) October 10, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- B) October 13, 2022 – Special 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:

A) **Ordinance – Second 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. Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing. There were no speakers at this time.

Vice Mayor Vazquez moved to approve the Ordinance on second reading. 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.

9. Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted):

A) Recommendation by staff that Council approve an expenditure to River Cities Gazette, as a sole source local print publishing provider, on an "as needed basis" in the amount of \$32,200.00. The River Cities Gazette provides for expanded access reaching every residential home and including local businesses within City limits through mailed or delivered publishing newspaper. In addition, the City fulfills its publishing requirements for legal notices in the generally circulated Daily Business Review and the Miami Herald, additionally on its Official Website. The City utilizes the Gazette for courtesy notices, City's events, and local City updates. Funds were budgeted in the FY22/23 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

B) Recommendation by Public Works that Council authorize the issuance and/or execution of a purchase order to Petersen Industries, a sole source provider, as there is only one source (proof attached) for the required in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.000 for the hydraulic parts for the cranes, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City

Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A First Amendment To The Agreement With Metro Express, Inc. To Extend The Term Of The Agreement; Authorizing The City Manager To Issue A Purchase Order To Metro Express, Inc. For Concrete Curbside/Sidewalk Construction, Milling, And Resurfacing Of Asphalt Concrete And Striping Services On An As-Needed Basis For Fiscal Year 2022-23 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$200,000; 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 One Vehicle For The Parks And Recreation Department From Alan Jay Automotive Management, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$31,379 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Sourcewell Contract No. 091521-Naf Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

E) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida Providing For The Fourth Amendment To The Fiscal Year 2021-22 General Fund Budget; And Providing For An Effective Date

F) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Accepting A Municipal Grant Program Award In The Amount Of \$50,000; Approving A Grant Agreement With The Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization For The City Of Miami Springs Parking Analysis; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

Mayor Mitchell pulled item 9F for further discussion.

Councilman Best moved to approve Item 9A through 9E. 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.

City Manager William Alonso read Consent Agenda Item 9F by title. He provided background information on the parking study grant. Councilman Fajet made a motion to approve the Resolution as read. 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.

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, Declaring City Manager William Alonso, Controller Moira Ramos, And Chief Of Police Armando Guzman As Authorized Signatories For The City's Amerant Bank, N.A. Bank, Savings, And Trust Accounts; Authorizing Amerant Bank, N.A. To Accept Either Two Manual Signatures Or Two Facsimile Signatures From Any Combination Of The City's Authorized Signatories For The City's Bank, Savings, And

Trust Accounts; Providing For Implementation; Providing For Conflicts; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. 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.

B) Update on Golf Carts

This item was heard earlier in the meeting. City Attorney Candice Balmori provided some vital background on the current State legislation for the regulation of Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles. She provided information on the difference between golf carts and low speed vehicles and specific requirements on allowing either one within the City. It was the consensus of the City Council for the City to provide a fact sheet on the current State regulations and place on the December agenda to discuss further with the residents.

12. Other Business:

A) Request by Dennis Caicedo for a donation from Miami Springs Middle School PTSA

This item was heard earlier in the meeting. Mr. Caicedo requested a donation towards the Miami Springs Middle School PTSA to kick-off the fundraising season. Vice Mayor Vazquez moved to approve a donation of \$250.00 towards the Miami Springs Middle School PTSA. Councilman Best 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) Request to Cancel the second meetings in November (November 28th) and December (December 26th)

Vice Mayor Vazquez moved to cancel the second meetings in November and December. 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.

C) Update on Annexation Application

City Manager William Alonso provided an update on the status of the City's annexation application. He stated that he and the City Attorney have been in touch with the County Attorney's Office on the negotiations for the Interlocal Agreement. He mentioned that the legal description will be updated soon and will be included in the new legal description in the final interlocal.

D) Update on the Vacancy Process

City Attorney Haydee Sera provided an update on the upcoming process to fill the vacancy coming up on November 22nd for Group IV. She explained that the City's charter requires a special election within thirty days of the vacancy which does not comply with County legislation and State statutes. She stated that she and the City Clerk are in communication with the County Elections to coordinate a possible special election or to explore other possibilities until the City's regularly scheduled General Election in April 2023.

E) Update on November 9th Farewell Event at Curtiss Mansion for Commissioner Sosa's Years of Service

Mayor Mitchell reminded the public that the event commemorating Commissioner Sosa's years of service is quickly approaching and that tickets are still available through Eventbrite or through RSVPing to the City Clerk. She stated that the event will take place on Wednesday, November 9th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the historic Curtiss Mansion.

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 groundbreaking event for the Realtors Association headquarters will take place on October 26th at 10:00 a.m. The groundbreaking is the kickoff event for the Realtors Association new building that will house one of the largest realtor associations nationwide. 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

Councilman Best reminded that the Halloween events are happening this year around the Circle and surrounding neighborhoods, he advised trick or treaters to be aware of vehicles when crossing the street. He wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Councilwoman Bravo had no report at this time.

Councilman Fajet had no report at this time.

Vice Mayor Vazquez

Mayor Mitchell stated that she recently attended the Miami Airport Chamber of Commerce meeting and event on Thursday night at Woody's. She looks forward to a long-term relationship with the Chamber to promote businesses in the Springs, and encourage potential businesses to making the City their new home. She stated that Early Voting started today and encourage everyone to go out and vote.

14. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted:

Erika Gonzalez

Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



*Adopted by the City Council on
This 14th day of November, 2022.*

Maria Puente Mitchell

Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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