



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14, 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

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

Police Chief Armando Guzman

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

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

3. **Agenda / Order of Business**

Mayor Mitchell introduced the newly elected County Commissioner for District 6, Kevin Cabrera. County Commissioner-elect Cabrera shared a few words and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support and looks forward to working together in the near future.

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) A) Recognition of the Artist of the Month for November 2022 Springview Elementary Fourth and Fifth Grade Art Students; inspired by French Artist Henri Rousseau's landscapes

Mayor Mitchell welcomed students from Springview Elementary art class and Art teacher, Abdiel Acosta. Mr. Acosta explained the art method assignment that is displayed in the City's lobby. He thanked the City Council and Administration for the opportunity of displaying the student's artwork.

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 24, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- B) October 27, 2022 – Special Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of October 24, 2022 Regular Meeting and October 27, 2022 Special 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:

- A) Advisory Board Update by Recreation Commission Board Member Fred Gonzalez

Board Member Gonzalez stated that the board is exploring new ideas and constantly looking for recreational opportunities. He stated that the last board meeting was scheduled, but ultimately canceled due to lack of quorum. Member Gonzalez thanked the Council for their continued support.

- B) Advisory Board Update by Board of Adjustment Chair Ernie Aloma

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria stated that Mr. Aloma will be at the December 12th Council meeting to report on the Board of Adjustment.

8. Public Hearings:

- A) **Ordinance – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending The City’s Comprehensive Plan By Adopting The Evaluation And Appraisal Report (Ear) Based Comprehensive Plan Amendments; Providing For Transmittal; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; 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.

City Consultant Eddie Ng, of the Corradino Group, provided a visual and oral presentation on the updates from the State on the City’s proposed amendments. Councilman Best moved to approve the Ordinance on second 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 – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Adopting An Amendment To The Water Supply Facilities Work Plan;**

Providing For Transmittal; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; 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.

City Consultant Eddie Ng, of the Corradino Group, provided a visual and oral presentation. Councilman Fajet 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.

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

Melissa Tapanes, Attorney for the applicant was present to answer any of the City Council’s questions. Councilwoman Bravo moved to approve the Ordinance on second 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.

D) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Tentative Plat Application By Enclave At Miami Springs, LLC For Property Located At 1101 Wren Avenue (Folio No. 05-3024-017-0010); Providing For Conditions; Providing For Violations; Providing For Authorization; 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 at this time.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Ordinance on second 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.

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

A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Selecting Superior Park Systems, Inc. For The Tennis Court Resurfacing Project; Authorizing The Execution Of A Construction Contract In An Amount Not To Exceed \$30,900; And Providing For An Effective Date

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Accepting A Statewide Surface Restoration And Wastewater Projects State Appropriation Grant In The Amount Of \$750,000; Approving A State-Funded Grant Agreement With The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Relating To The Hook Square Pump House Replacement Project; 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, Selecting F&L Fire And Electrical System, Inc. For Citywide Miscellaneous Electrical Services Pursuant To Request For Proposals No. 01-22/23; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Mayor Mitchell pulled item 9F for further discussion.

Councilman Best moved to approve Item 9A through 9C. 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: None at this time.**

12. **Other Business:**

A) Update on Annexation

City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that on November 1st the County Commission heard the City's item on the Annexation Application and Interlocal agreement, unfortunately the hearing did not go as expected. Mrs. Sera said that the County Commission denied approval of the City's request. She stated that the City will hopefully revisit the item at a later date.

B) Request to Fill the Vacancy Employee Pension Board

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria reminded the City Council that the General Employee Pension Board still has a vacancy and if there were any nominations to please forward them to the Clerk for Council approval.

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 donations for the Lotus House are still being accepted until Wednesday. Mr. Alonso stated that Ragan Park Playground installation will be completed soon and a ribbon cutting is forth coming. He also stated that it was a pleasure to work with Vice Mayor Vazquez the past eighteen months. Mr. Alonso wished Vice Mayor Vazquez the best of luck and thanked him for his service. He further announced all the upcoming City events and stated that more information is available on the City website.

C) City Council

Councilman Best appreciated and thanked Vice Mayor Vazquez for his service to the Council and the community. He further read his speech that he recited at the Veteran's Day event. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Bravo congratulated County Commissioner Elect Kevin Cabrera on his win. She thanked Vice Mayor Vazquez for his time served and contributions to the community. She thanked Board Member Gonzalez for his report. She also looks forward to seeing the Country Club a sports center and welcoming Pickle Ball to the City.

Councilman Fajet expressed his gratitude to Vice Mayor Vazquez for serving on the Council. He wished him much luck for what the future may hold. Councilman Fajet wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Vice Mayor Vazquez thanked everyone on Council for their continued support throughout the year and half that he has served. He shared appreciation for the community and the members of Council, City Staff and the board members. He stated it was an honor to serve the residents of Miami Springs and looks forward to serving in any capacity when needed. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Mitchell stated that it was an honor and privilege to serve and work with Vice Mayor Vazquez. She knows the Miami Springs residents appreciate his service and how approachable he is and making the community better. She is grateful to all member of the City Council and the support of the member of the Springs community. She wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 12th day of December, 2022.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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