



## **City of Miami Springs, Florida**

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 22, 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 7:02 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

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Planning Director Chris Heid (via Zoom)

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Vice Mayor Walter Fajet  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** The audience participated in leading the pledge.
3. **Agenda / Order of Business**
4. **Awards & Presentations:**

- A) Rotary Club's "Dining Out for A Year" Raffle Drawing by Mayor Mitchell

**Mayor Mitchell welcomed members of the Rotary Club. Anastasia Yecke Gude, of the Rotary Club, introduced herself and explained the Club's fundraiser "Dining Out for a Year," and its contributions will be used for community-based assistance. Mayor Mitchell randomly drew the winner's name, Jacob del Valle, as the winner of this year's raffle.**

- B) Recognizing Mr. Carlos Gomez and organizers for placing and displaying of the American flags along Curtiss Parkway

**Mayor Mitchell recognized Mr. Carlos Gomez, Patrick Kemmache, and Roger Jarman for their contributions of placing the American Flags along Curtiss Parkway each year. Mr. Gomez, Mr. Jarman, and Mr. Kemmache thanked the Mayor**

**and City Council for their continued support.**

C) Presentation by FPL on the Status of the City-wide Underground Wiring Project

**Mayor Mitchell welcomed members of FPL Ms. Addys Kuryla Office of External Affairs with FPL, who then introduced Javier Prado, FPL Project Manager, for the underground program within the City. Mr. Prado further shared an oral and visual presentation on the program's initiative and progress. Mr. Prado answered a variety of questions from the City Council.**

D) Yard of the Month Award for August 2022 – 290 Morningside Drive – Jorge and Marta Veizaga

**Mayor Mitchell announced the Yard of the Month for August 2022, Mr. and Mrs. Veizaga at 290 Morningside Drive, the Veigazas were not present to receive the award. Mr. and Mrs. Veizaga thanked the Mayor and Council, and the City for the recognition.**

**5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Laura Martinez, 1015 Hunting Lodge Drive; Jorge Santin 1249 Heron Avenue; and Charlie Leonard.**

**6. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) August 8, 2022 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting. 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.**

**7. Reports from Boards & Commissions:**

A) Request by Historic Preservation Board for Installation of Markers for Bridges on Canal Street

**Chairman Jim Watson provided information on the markers for the bridges within the City. The City Council stated that they will consider the allocation of funds during the budget workshops for the upcoming fiscal year. In addition to having the Historic Preservation Board consider placing historic markers at the Curtiss Mansion, Golf Course and other buildings within City limits.**

**8. Public Hearings:**

A) **Ordinance – First 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.**

**Eddie Ng, Technical Vice President, Planning of The Corradino Group provided an oral and visual presentation on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments that will be updated and reviewed by the State. Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing, there were no speakers at this time.**

**Councilwoman Bravo moved to approve the Ordinance on first reading. 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) Ordinance – First 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.**

**Eddie Ng, Technical Vice President, Planning of The Corradino Group provided an oral and visual presentation on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments that will be updated and reviewed by the State. Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing, there were no speakers at this time.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Ordinance on first reading. 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.**

**C) Ordinance – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Section 150-070.1, “Miami Springs Gateway Overlay District” Within Article Vii, “Business District” Of Chapter 150, “Zoning Code,” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances To Revise The Creative Excellence Standards And Available Maximum Floor Area Ratio, To Clarify The Parking Review Process And Fee Applicability, And To Provide Additional Clarifications On The Overall District Project Review Process; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date**

**City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title. The City Attorney further explained the changes from first reading to second reading. Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing, there were no speakers at this time.**

**Councilman Vazquez 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.**

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

A) **Recommendation** – Recommendation by Golf that Council waive the competitive bid process in the best interest of the City and approve an increase (of \$10,000.00) to the City's current open purchase order # 220199 with Tropic Oil, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for supply services of diesel and regular fuel for the golf carts and maintenance fleet at the Miami Springs Golf & Country Club as funds were budgeted in the FY21/22 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code. Requires 4/5 vote by Council

B) **Recommendation** – Recommendation by Golf that Council approve an increase to the City's current open purchase order with Aeration Technology, as a sole source provider, in an amount not to exceed \$3,400, for aeration services during the summer months as there is only one source for the required service(s) as funds were budgeted in the FY21/22 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

C) **Recommendation** – Public Works requests Council to approve an increase to the open purchase order #220116 in the amount of \$15,000 to Expert Diesel, utilizing MDC contract FB 00399 (attached), for the remainder of their contract term, including any extensions through 02/28/2023, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for parts for all city vehicles and equipment as funds were budgeted in the FY 21/22 Budget pursuant to Section §31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code

D) **Recommendation** - Recommendation by Staff that Council approve an expenditure under our current contract with Humana, utilizing our option to extend our contract, for an additional one (1) year period, for the City's annual premium for Group Medical Coverage for Employees and their Dependents (HMO Silver, HMO Gold and POS Plan) based on the number of current employees, with an effective date of October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023, as funds are currently being budgeted in the FY22/23 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code.

E) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Twenty Ballistic Shields And Related Equipment From Manufacturing Protective Solutions, LLC For The City's Police Department In An Amount Not To Exceed \$19,780 Utilizing The City's Law Enforcement Trust Funds (LETF); Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

F) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Additional Concrete Curbside/Sidewalk Repair Services From Metro Express, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$100,000; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

G) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Accepting A Resilient Florida Program Grant In The Amount Of \$174,600; Approving A State-Funded Grant Agreement With The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection (FDEP) For The Development Of A Vulnerability Assessment

And Adaptation Action Plan; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

H) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Issuance Of A Work Order To Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. For The Development Of A Vulnerability Assessment And Adaptation Action Plan In An Amount Not To Exceed \$174,600; And Providing For An Effective Date

I) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A One-Year Extension To The Professional Services Agreement With Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. For Consulting And Lobbying Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$45,000; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

J) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Authorizing The Submittal Of An Application For A Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant From The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection (FDEP) For The City's Curtiss Parkway Fitness Trail; And Providing For An Effective Date

K) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Pump And Motor Parts And Related Pump Repair Services For The City's West Irrigation Pump Station From Sullivan Electric & Pump, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$37,689.15 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Miami-Dade County Bid No. 6819-5/17-5 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

**Mayor Mitchell pulled Item 9F and Councilwoman Bravo pulled Item 9J.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Consent Agenda except for pulled Items 9F and 9J. 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.**

F) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Additional Concrete Curbside/Sidewalk Repair Services From Metro Express, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$100,000; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.**

**After some discussion, Vice Mayor Fajet moved to approve Item 9F. 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.**

J) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Authorizing The Submittal Of An Application For A Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant From The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection (FDEP) For The City’s Curtiss Parkway Fitness Trail; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.**

**After some discussion, Councilwoman Bravo moved to approve Item 9J. 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.**

**10. Old Business: None at this time.**

**11. New Business: None at this time.**

**12. Other Business:**

**13. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

**City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that the City is still waiting from the Miami-Dade County Attorney’s office on any finalized annexation Interlocal Agreement documents for consideration. She stated that she will keep the City posted as soon as something comes about.**

B) City Manager

**City Manager William Alonso explained that recently he was joined by the Mayor in a series of annexation workshops. He stated that the last workshop is this Wednesday; he said that after past meetings with many of the proposed annexed area businesses that a lot of the misinformation has been cleared up and explained thoroughly. He stated the main concern of the business owners is the tax bill and potential tax increases, he is confident that the message is getting out about the positive impacts of annexation. 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 thanked the City Manager for his work through the annexation process; he had no further report at this time.**

**Councilwoman Bravo also thanked the City Manager for his hard work on the annexation issue, she stated that it he is very transparent and extremely professional. She said that she is quite concerned with the issue on Hunting**

Lodge Drive, as described by one of the residents that live in the area; and in general, with the level crime affecting the NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. She stated that the City should engage with the hotel owners to discuss on improving the elimination of crime.

Vice Mayor Fajet thanked the City Manager for his work and updates on the annexation process; he stated that the City Council and Administration is always working hard to clarify any misinformation out there. He stated that he is proud to work with the current Council on all these matters that help the City.

Councilman Vazquez stated that tomorrow are the Primary elections, he encouraged the public to go out and vote. He is amazed that a lot of folks do not want to participate in the election process, but hopes that they do for a better turnout.

Mayor Mitchell mentioned that as a City Council had discussed earlier in the year that the City would make an effort to get more awareness to the inequity of the Tourist Destination Tax (TDT) "Hotel Bed Tax" issue. Toward that effort she has joined the Florida League of Cities Policy Committee this year. 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 and propose an amendment to the TDT legislation at the state level. Mayor Mitchell stated that there is another budget workshop on August 29<sup>th</sup>; she also stated that she will have a Meet the Mayor and chat on Saturday from 9:30am-11:00am on Curtiss Parkway, she invited anyone who would like to come out and speak with her about any concerns or recommendations for the City.

#### 14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 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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