



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2023 at 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 7:05 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell

Vice Mayor George V. Lob

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

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

Police Chief Armando Guzman

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Walter Fajet
Pledge of Allegiance: The audience participated in leading the pledge.
3. **Agenda / Order of Business: None at this time.**
4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation of City Seal to Florida State Representative Alex Rizo

Mayor Mitchell welcomed Florida Representative Rizo to the meeting. Representative Rizo thanked the Mayor and Council, City Administration and the residents for the opportunity of working together and their ongoing support.

B) Introduction of Miami Springs Airport Area Chamber of Commerce President Raul Pestonit

Mr. Pestonit was unable to attend the meeting at this time.

5. **Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Ralph Wakefield, Pelican Playhouse.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) December 12, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Lob, 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, Selecting R.J. Behar & Company, Inc. For Construction Engineering And Inspection Services For The South Royal Poinciana Stormwater And Roadway Improvements Project Services Pursuant To Request For Qualifications No. 02-22/23; Providing For Authorization To Negotiate; And Providing For An Effective Date

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Agreement With THA Consulting, Inc. For The Miami Springs Parking Analysis In An Amount Not To Exceed \$70,700; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Selecting Deco Surfaces, Inc. For The Aquatic Center Pool Deck Resurfacing Project; Approving A Construction Contract In An Amount Not To Exceed \$25,250.00; And Providing For An Effective Date

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida Providing For The Second Amendment To The Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds And Stormwater Enterprise Fund Budgets; And Providing For An Effective Date

E) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Seventh Amendment To The Settlement Agreement With Meridian Mgmt, LLC; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Mayor Mitchell pulled item 9B for further discussion.

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

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolution by title for Item 9B and the staff memo for the record. Councilman Fajet moved to approve Item 9B. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Lob, 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) Discussion on proposed Charter Amendments (Partial Terms of Office, Qualifying Period, and Vacancy Process)

City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that in recent conversations with City Staff and the upcoming City's General Election in April opens an opportunity for possible Charter Amendments. She suggested that in addition to the Charter Amendment referencing the term of office due to a vacancy brought up by Councilman Fajet previously, she stated the following items are under consideration for Council approval. City Attorney Haydee Sera stated that the following items are recommended for consideration:

City Attorney Haydee Sera explained the first item for consideration on the "Filling of Vacancies on the City Council"; to which the City Council considered a combination of Model 2 and Model 3 of the City Attorney's Staff Memo. The second item for discussion and further consideration is the "Qualifying Periods for Candidates"; which the City Council conceded that ten business days is sufficient for the candidates to qualify for running. These items will be drafted in Resolution for final consideration at the January 23, 2023 Council Meeting.

B) Announcing the City Council Town Hall meeting on January 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Mitchell stated this workshop will be rescheduled to another date in order to advertise the meeting in the Gazette for wider exposure for the public workshop and to encourage more participation by the public.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso thanked Councilman Bob Best for his introduction at the Eastern Airlines dedication event of December 29th. He stated that the event went flawless and thanked all the Departments that assisted with the events

production. He stated that the pool will be closed for maintenance this weekend. City Manager Alonso recognized the new Credit Union that opened at the circle this past week. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero gave a list of City events for the upcoming weeks. She stated that more information and details on the events are available on the City's official website.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Lob stated he was glad to be up in the dais again. He stated that "may the good news be yours."

Councilman Fajet reminded everyone that the Miami Springs Historical Museum will be sponsoring the First Annual Antique Car Show on January 29th including food trucks and entertainment for kids. He stated the proceeds will go towards the museum.

Councilwoman Bravo wished everyone a happy New Year. She stated that the Woman's Club Health Fair is this weekend. She also thanked the City Manager's Office for the recent additional information provided on a procurement item on the agenda.

Councilman Best gave his deepest condolences to the family of former Building Official Skip Reed. Eastern Airlines Dedication event really showcased the City and was a smashing hit. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Pelican Playhouse Opening of Mystery Night on January 21st-22nd and 27th-29th.

Mayor Mitchell extended her appreciation to the City's Departments that helped put the Eastern Airlines Dedication Memorial together. She stated the City shined and is impressed with all the festivities this season. She wished everyone a wonderful 2023.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on
This 23rd day of January, 2023.



Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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