



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

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23, 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. (Absent)

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 Vice Mayor George Lob  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** The audience participated in leading the pledge.
3. **Agenda / Order of Business: None at this time.**
4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Yard of the Month Award for January 2023 – 912 Hunting Lodge Drive –  
Lisa Amodie

**Mayor Mitchell announced Yard of the Month for January 2023. The resident was not available to receive the award; City Clerk Erika Gonzalez stated that the award will be sent to the homeowner.**

B) Recognizing City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month – January 2023 – Miami Springs Senior High School Art Students; Level One Fine Crafts and Two-Dimensional Design; The History of Nierika Yarn Paintings

**Mayor Mitchell welcomed Miami Springs Senior High School Art Teacher Beth Goldstein. Ms. Goldstein stated that since there was no school today, the students did not attend. She further explained the assignment that the students were tasked with on the Oaxacan yarn artwork.**

5. **Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Michael Gavila, 223 N. Royal Poinciana Boulevard; Tomas Guillen, 537 Glen Way; Tomas Lopez, 101 Pinecrest Drive.

6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) January 23, 2022 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting. Councilwoman Bravo seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Lob, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, 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 Roadway Construction, LLC For Construction Of The South Royal Poinciana Stormwater And Roadway Improvements Project Pursuant To Invitation To Bid (ITB) No. 03-22/23; Authorizing Negotiation And Execution Of A Construction Contract In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,699,838.85; And Providing For An Effective Date

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of One Vehicle For The Building And Code Compliance Department From Alan Jay Automotive Management, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$31,114 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Sourcewell Contract No. 2023-091521-Naf Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; 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, Establishing The City’s 2023 Legislative Priorities And State Appropriation Requests; And Providing For An Effective Date

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Agreement With R.J. Behar & Company, Inc. For Construction Engineering And Inspection (CEI) Services For The South Royal Poinciana (SRP) Stormwater And Roadway Improvements Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$172,602.00 Pursuant To Request For Qualifications No. 02-22/23; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

E) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Appointment Of MRN Law PA And Dr. Jon Gurney, J.D., Ed.D. As Primary And Secondary Special Magistrates For Code Compliance Hearings;

Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date.

**Vice Mayor Lob moved to approve Item 9A through 9E. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Lob, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.**

**10. Old Business:**

**A) Memo – Golf Cart Update**

**Mayor Mitchell stated that this is an item that was brought by a resident to Council for consideration. She further stated that she requested that the City Attorney draft a memo expressing the specifics of Florida Law and regulations that govern low speed vehicles and golf carts, and that perhaps after reviewing the information a member of the Council might want to propose action at a future meeting. There were no questions on the item and no further action was taken at this time.**

**11. New Business:**

**A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Calling A Special Election On April 4, 2023 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Five Charter Amendments; Providing Requisite Ballot Language; Providing For Balloting And Election Procedures; Providing For Notice Of Election; Providing For Copies; Providing For Charter Amendment Election Procedures And Related Details; Providing For Inclusion In The Charter; Providing For Severability; Providing For Conflicts; And Providing For Effective Date**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Lob, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Bravo, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.**

**12. Other Business:**

**A) Annexation Update**

**City Manager William Alonso explained that our County Commissioner Kevin Cabrera requested that the County send a survey to the 805 commercial property owners in the proposed annexation area asking if they wanted to be annexed. Commissioner Cabrera requested that the City of Miami Springs pay for the County's survey and the City is only allowed to provide a 100-word statement to the property owners for inclusion in the County's survey. The City Manager stated that he will be providing our 100-word statement to Miami-Dade County, and we are trying to include as much information as possible for the business owners in 100 words. working with Miami-Dade County to developing the wording**

that will be included in the survey. Mayor Mitchell stated that the survey is non-binding as legally only residents can vote on an item before the County Commission and there are no residents in the annexation area, otherwise business owners who have more than one property would get many more votes than a resident. There was further discussion from all Council as to why annexation benefited both the residents of the Miami Springs and the property owners in the annexation area.

B) Announcing the City Council Town Hall/Workshop for February 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Mitchell stated there will be a public Town Hall Meeting to discuss the recommendations of the Business and Economic Task Force on February 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Miami Springs Adult Center. She stated that it is a public workshop and encourages everyone to attend. This is an opportunity for residents and business owners to hear the recommendations in the Miami Springs Business and Economic Task Force Final Report and to provide their input and vision for the future of Miami Springs.

### 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

Councilman Best reminded the audience of the upcoming theatrical presentation produced by the Pelican Playhouse. He encouraged all to attend.

Councilwoman Bravo had no report at this time.

Vice Mayor Lob had no report at this time and stated that "may the good news be yours."

Mayor Mitchell thanked the City Council, the audience and residents for their

**continuous participation in the community and for their valuable input. She noted that the Council Town Hall/Workshop is on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Adult Community Center and encourages residents to attend.**

**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 13th day of February, 2023.

  
Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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