



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

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 27, 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 7:00 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 (via Zoom)

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

Public Works Director Lazaro Garaboa

Human Resources Director Bill Collins

Recreation Director Omar Luna

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Bob Best

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

3. **Agenda / Order of Business:**

**Councilman Fajet requested to add under New Business a discussion on the support of the five referenda on the City's April 4, 2023 Election related to Charter amendments. By consensus the Council chose to add Councilman Fajet's request as Agenda Item 11A.**

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Boy Scouts Troop 334 – Project Presentation

**Mr. James Fulton, Scout Master for Troop 334 attended via Zoom, introduced Life Scouts Tyler Diaz and Matthew Mejia, who further detailed their proposed Scout projects. City Council conceded that both proposed projects were well thought out and would be a great asset to the community. The Council encouraged the Scouts to keep in communication with the City Manager and continue their great work and looking forward to the final product.**

B) Proclamation by the Mayor and City Council of Miami Springs proclaiming April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as “Arbor Day” in the City of Miami Springs

**Mayor Mitchell read the Proclamation for the record. She requested Public Works Director Lazaro Garaboa and Administrative Assistant Liz Fuentes to receive the proclamation. She further announced that the City will celebrate Arbor Day at the Miami Springs sign on Curtiss Parkway on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Ken Amendola; MaryJo Mejia; and Dalvis Velasco.**

**6. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) March 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2023 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:**

A) Report by the Education Advisory Board Chair

B) Report by the Centennial Committee Chair Julia Arias

**City Clerk Erika Gonzalez provided an update on the Education Advisory Board and the Centennial Committee. She stated that both boards will provide updates at a future Council meeting.**

**8. Public Hearings: None.**

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

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving a Contract and Contract Addendum with Firework Displays Unlimited, LLC/ Fireworks Displays Unlimited, INC. for the City’s 2023 Fourth of July Fireworks Display in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000.00; Waving Competitive Bidding Procedures; Providing for Authorization; and Providing for and Effective Date

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving the purchase of a Stormwater Pump for the Hook Square Stormwater Pump Station Replacement Project from Miami-Dade County Pump & Supply Company in an amount not to exceed \$62,011.42; 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 Adopting a Revised City Employee Pay Plan; Proving for Implementation; and Proving for an Effective Date

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida, Authorizing the Preparation of Documents for the Issuance of a Taxable Capital Improvement Revenue Note with SouthState Bank in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000.00 at a Fixed Rate of 6.0% For Up To 15 Years for the Miami Springs Golf Course Revitalization Project; Proving for a Supplemental Resolution Setting Forth the Details of Said Note; Providing for Implementation; and Providing for an Effective Date.

**City Manager William Alonso pulled item 9A for an update and further discussion.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve Item 9B through 9D of the Consent Agenda. Councilman Fajet 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.**

**City Manager William Alonso read Item 9A, Resolution by title. He stated that there were some corrections in the contract that were recently clarified by the vendor. He also stated that due to the Golf Renovations project set for April 1<sup>st</sup>, the fireworks display for July 4<sup>th</sup> cannot be done at the Golf Course as in past years. He stated that a suggested location for the fireworks display is Springview Elementary. Recreation Director Omar Luna was present and addressed the Council's questions. After further discussion and certain concerns with the suggested location, the City Council conceded to defer the item to a future Council meeting in order for Staff to gather more information on alternative locations to have the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks celebration.**

10. **Old Business: None at this time.**
11. **New Business: None at this time.**
12. **Other Business: None at this time.**
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 Golf Course Renovation Project Groundbreaking Ceremony will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. He stated that recently there was an incident that occurred at the Aquatic Center over the weekend that required the quick actions of the City lifeguards and Fire Rescue. He**

recognized Aquatic Center Supervisor James Dean and his staff for their quick response and life-saving training. provide an update the City Council on the search for the Finance Director position. He wished all the candidates good luck on the upcoming elections on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Lob stated that it was with great pleasure to serve on the Council temporarily and would be willing to do it again if needed. He thanked the entire City Council for their support. He then stated that “may the good news be yours.”

Councilman Fajet thanked everyone for a great meeting. He had no further report.

Councilwoman Bravo stated that it is a pleasure to serve her City. She stated that this past term has been gratifying and a great learning curve. She thanked Councilman Best for his service and his views on the dais.

Councilman Best stated that is will be tough to leave the Council, it has been a long time, it has been fun and he truly feels the pulse of the community. He said that it has been a wonderful experience and would not trade it for the world. He thanked the former managers, and mostly the current one, William Alonso, he thanked the City Council past and present, he thanked Tammy Romero and Erika Gonzalez. He recognized Mayor Mitchell for her continued leadership as Mayor. Councilman Best expressed his gratitude to the residents of Miami Springs, he says it was an absolute honor to serve the City.

Mayor Mitchell wished all the candidates good luck in the upcoming City Election. She thanked them for wanting to serve on the City Council and that they are committed to the community. She said that Councilman Best has been absolutely invaluable to the Council and to the Community even behind the scenes through his speeches and availability to speak for the citizens and that the past six years have been a pleasure to work with him. The Mayor then reminded the community that The Woman’s Club will have a visit from the Easter Bunny Event on Saturday for the community and that all are invited to attend.

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 10th day of April, 2023.

  
Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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