



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

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 8, 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 Vice Mayor at 7:05 p.m.

Present were the following:

Vice Mayor Jorge Santin

Councilwoman Jacky Bravo

Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

Councilman Victor Vazquez, Ph.D.

Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell (Absent)

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Roger Pou

City Attorney Haydee Sera (via Zoom)

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Public Works Director Lazaro Garaboa

Human Resources Director Bill Collins

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Vice Mayor Jorge Santin  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Boy Scouts Troop led in leading the pledge.

- 3. Agenda / Order of Business:**

**Vice Mayor Santin requested that the City Council consider an item to add two non-voting members to the Centennial Committee. There was general consensus to add the discussion item as Item 12D.**

- 4. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Visit from the Honorable Senator Bryan Avila and Honorable Representative Alex Rizo (postponed to Council Meeting on May 22nd)

**Vice Mayor Santin stated that the Senator and Representative will be at the next Council meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

B) Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Annual Report by Fire Chief Raied “Ray” Jadallah

**Mayor Mitchell asked Fire Chief Jadallah to the podium. Chief Jadallah provided a visual and oral report. He proceeded to report on the Annual Fire Department Service Delivery 2022 to the City. He stated that the MDRF responded to 2,214 emergency calls within the City, which 79% of the calls were primarily serviced by Station 35 located within the City limits. The remaining calls of service are spread out through various surrounding stations that responded to emergency City calls. He thanked the Council for their continuing support and that it is a privilege and an honor to serve the residents of Miami Springs.**

C) Beth Goldstien’s art students from Miami Springs Senior High is featuring Cardboard Relief Landscape Projects; Spaces and Places project from 1st year Two-Dimensional Design

**Mayor Mitchell recognized students from the Miami Springs Senior High School on the artwork displayed in the City Lobby. Ms. Beth Goldstein, the Miami Springs High School Art Department Chair, introduced herself and provided some background information on the exhibition and students presenting their artwork in the lobby. She thanked the City Council and City Administration for hosting the Art in City Hall program that provides artists in our community the opportunity to display their artwork while beautifying City Hall.**

**5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: No speakers at this time.**

**6. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) April 24, 2023 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Fajet moved to approve the minutes of April 24, 2023 Regular Meeting. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 4-0-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, and Councilman Vazquez 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, Approving The Purchase Of Additional Citywide Asphalt Patching Services On An As-Needed Basis From Ovas & Co, LLC For Fiscal Year 2022-23 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000; Providing For Authorization; 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 Additional Supply Services For Gasoline And Diesel Fuel For The City's Departmental Vehicles From Pro Energy LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$100,000 For Fiscal Year 2022-23 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Miami-Dade County Rtq-00676 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of A Dips Fusion Machine And Related Attachments For The Miami Springs Golf & Country Club Golf Course From Wesco Turf, Inc. (Formerly Hector Turf) In An Amount Not To Exceed \$15,005.54 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of City Of Mesa, Az, Contract No. 2017025 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Authorizing The City Manager To Issue A Change Order To The Construction Contract With A-1 Property Services Group, Inc. For Additional Roof Repair Construction Work Relating To The Miami Springs Golf And Country Club Roof Repairs Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$5,293.92; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

**Councilwoman Bravo pulled item 9D for further discussion.**

**Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 9A, 9B, and 9C. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, and Councilman Vazquez voting Yes.**

**City Attorney Roger Pou read pulled Consent Agenda Item 9D, Resolution by title. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero was available to answer the City Council's questions.**

**Councilman Fajet made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, and Councilman Vazquez voting Yes.**

#### **10. Old Business:**

A) Discussion of this year's Fourth of July parade route

**This item was heard earlier in the meeting. Recreation Director Omar Luna and Chief Armando Guzman were present to answer the Council's questions. After some discussion, the Council gave consensus to the new July Fourth Parade route provided by Staff recommendation in order to protect the ongoing renovations at the Golf Course.**

**11. New Business:**

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Appointing An Interim City Manager Effective June 1, 2023; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

**Councilwoman Bravo made a motion to appoint Tammy Romero as Interim City Manager. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion; after some discussion, Councilwoman Bravo withdrew her motion.**

**Discussion ensued, Councilwoman Bravo made a motion to appoint Tammy Romero as Interim City Manager with a salary of \$135,000.00. Due to a lack of second, the motion failed.**

**After some discussion, Councilwoman Bravo made a motion to approve the Resolution as stated, appointing Tammy Romero as Interim City Manager. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 3-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, and Councilman Vazquez voting Yes; and Councilman Fajet voting No.**

**12. Other Business:**

A) Request by James Fulton for funding for the troops summer camp

**This item was heard earlier in the meeting. Mr. Fulton requested City assistance for the summer camp planned for the Boy Scouts. Councilman Fajet moved to approve \$500 donation to the summer camp. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, and Councilman Vazquez voting Yes.**

**In addition to the first request, Mr. Fulton requested a donation towards a proposed Scout project that will consist of a memorial with plaque on Westward Drive honoring first responders. Councilwoman Bravo moved to approve \$500 toward the project. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, and Councilman Vazquez voting Yes.**

B) Request by Councilman Vazquez to discuss alternate funding for Police presence to hotels located on NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street

**Councilman Vazquez expressed his concerns with the amount of services required at the hotels on NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street along with Abraham Tract hotels by Miami Springs Police Department. He stated that it is important to address the issue and continue to pursue avenues of covering the costs in calls for services. It was the consensus of the Council to continue the pursuit of Bed Tax reimbursement, enforcement of Code Section 118 possibly, and look into rezoning the NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street on opening up the uses in the area.**

C) Request by Vice Mayor Santin to discuss the City joining and applying for Main Street America membership

**Vice Mayor Santin stated that he felt it was important for the City to have this membership in order to take advantage of the resources. He stated the cost is nominal and there are a variety of grants that the City can utilize. After further discussion, it was Council consensus to explore the membership further at the follow up workshop on Task Force recommendations. There was no further action on the item.**

D) Request by Vice Mayor Santin to add two non-voting members to the Centennial Committee

**Vice Mayor Santin stated that in order to help with the task at hand and the huge undertaking the board is responsible for, he wanted to add two non-voting members to help the board. He recommended that Jennifer Graham and Alex Aguiar be appointed. Councilman Fajet made a motion to approve the two new non-voting members to the Centennial Committee. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, and Councilman Vazquez voting Yes.**

### **13. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

**City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.**

B) City Manager

**Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided events taking place in the City. More information is available on the City's Official Website. She provided updates on the South Royal Poinciana Boulevard roadway improvements and beautification project.**

C) City Council

**Vice Mayor Santin stated at the last meeting the City Council decided to cancel the fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the final decision to not have fireworks was not based on money, but that to protect the golf course renovations.**

**Councilwoman Bravo had no report at this time.**

**Councilman Fajet requested that the City can possibly fund an extra event in lieu of the fireworks. He requested that City Staff look into an additional event for July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities.**

**Councilman Vazquez stated that he recently was at the Arbor Day event, and noted that there were quite a few palm trees and Royal Poincianas. He wished the City Attorney a wonderful pregnancy and maternity leave.**

#### **14. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on  
This 22nd day of May, 2023.

  
Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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