



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 22, 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 Councilwoman Bravo

Pledge of Allegiance: The Boy Scouts Troop led in leading the pledge.

- 3. Agenda / Order of Business:**

Mayor Mitchell requested that the Council move up Item 12E to Presentations as 4E, the City Council all agreed on the order of business.

- 4. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Visit from the Honorable Senator Bryan Avila and Honorable Representative Alex Rizo

Mayor Mitchell stated that the Senator and Representative will be at a future Council meeting.

B) Recognizing the Miami Springs Students Silver Knight Award Nominees; Tyrell Carter, Maria Martinez, Isabella Delchiaro, Denise Romero, Britney Perez, Jordan Perez, Natalie Quintana, Maria Lorenzo, Britney Walkin, Lorena Hermelo

Mayor Mitchell recognized student nominees for the Silver Knight Award. Students were present to accept their awards from the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor thanked the students for attending and recognized their achievements for the prestigious the nomination.

C) Recognizing City Manager William Alonso's dedicated service of 17 years and 3 months to the City of Miami Springs

Mayor Mitchell called upon Mr. James Fulton, who then requested that the Eagle Scouts present Mr. Alonso an award for his service to the City. The Mayor then presented Mr. Alonso a plaque for his service and read a proclamation declaring May 31, 2023 William Alonso Day in the City. She thanked him for his service and stated that he will be greatly missed.

D) Yard of the Month Award for May 2023 – 1200 Ibis Avenue – Jakob Salom

Mayor Mitchell recognized the Yard of the Month. The resident was not available to accept the award; City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria stated that she will get the award to the resident.

E) Request by Vice Mayor Santin to have Clear Point Strategy present their demonstration on Strategic Planning services

Robert Messineo, ClearPoint Strategy, provided a visual and oral presentation to the City Council. He explained the services that the company provides on strategic planning by creating all frameworks from outlining the strategy to visualize progress through digital reporting. There was no further action on this item.

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

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) May 8, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Fajet moved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

7. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

A) Report by Historic Preservation Board on City Entry Signs for East Drive and Curtiss Parkway

Mayor Mitchell stated that Chairman Jim Watson will be presenting at the next Council meeting.

B) Report by Education Advisory Board Chair Lergia Olivo

Chair Olivo introduced herself and reported that the Board has agreed to meet during key points through out the school year. She stated that she is excited for the board meeting dates and having School Board Member Espino attend the meetings. She stated that the board is looking forward to acheiving many goals and accomplishments.

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 An Increase Of \$2,988.58 For The Purchase Of A Stormwater Pump For The Hook Square Stormwater Pump Station Replacement Project From Miami Dade Pump & Supply Company For A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$65,000.00; Providing For Implementation; Providing For Conflicts; 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 Shade Canopies And Related Installation Services For Prince Field From Industrial Shadeports, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$88,139 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of St. Johns County Master Contract No. 20-Mcc-Ind-12299 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 The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A First Amendment To State-Funded Grant Agreement No. Lpa0336 With The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Relating To The Hook Square Pump House Replacement Project; Providing For Authorization; 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 Interlocal Agreement With Miami-Dade County To Allow The City, Pursuant To Section 8cc-11 Of The Miami-Dade County Code Of Ordinances, To Enforce Various Provisions Of The County Code And Issue Civil Violation Notices; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Councilman Fajet made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Bravo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

10. Old Business:

A) Appointment of resident to the Pension and Retirement Board

Mayor Mitchell stated that recently she spoke to a resident of the City who agreed to participate in the General Employee Retirement and Pension Board. She stated that

she would recommend resident Jennifer Moon; Councilman Fajet made a motion to appoint Jennifer Moon to the Pension Board. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

11. New Business:

A) **Resolution** – Resolution – Approving a Contract with Calvin Giordano Associates for Planning and Zoning Services (Resolution and Agreement Forthcoming)

City Manager William Alonso provided a background on the planning services offered by Calvin Giordano and Associates. He stated it is an interim contract and through the budgeting process the City Council will have to determine if they would prefer an employee City Planner or a Planning firm.

Vice Mayor Santin made a motion to approve the Resolution as stated. Councilwoman Bravo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Santin, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

12. Other Business:

A) Request by Staff to discuss the City Manager interview process

Human Resource Director Bill Collins stated the highlights in the memo provided in the agenda. He stated that the dates in the memo are recommended dates by the Executive Search team. The City Council determined that the interviews would be conducted on June 29th followed by the regular Council meeting at 7pm that same night, on that Thursday, followed up with a selection at the Special meeting in July.

B) Request by Staff to determine the topic of discussion at the workshop on June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

After brief discussion, it was determined that the City Council would like to workshop the City's current Strategic Plan and determine how they would like to develop the current plan.

C) Request for discussion by Mayor Mitchell to promote Miami Springs businesses by providing information on the City's dining, retail and service establishments on the City's website and social media

Mayor Mitchell requested that the City post local businesses on the City website as an additional resource for visitors and residents. She stated it would be a webpage with a list of businesses in the City with the business website. City Staff stated they will look into creating something on the website that would promote local businesses.

D) Request by Mayor Mitchell to appoint Seth Bramson to the Centennial Committee as a non-voting member

Mayor Mitchell requested that this item be deferred to a future meeting.

E) Request by Vice Mayor Santin to discuss the creation of Community Vision Ad Hoc Committee; purpose of committee is to help with the Strategic Planning process

Vice Mayor Santin requested to defer this item to a future meeting.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera and City Attorney Roger Pou 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.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Santin thanked City Manager William Alonso for his hard work throughout the years and that he will be missed.

Councilwoman Bravo stated that she was thankful for William Alonso's help throughout the years. She said he made everything transparent, genuinely a good person and wished him luck.

Councilman Fajet thanked William Alonso for his loyalty, his commitment to the City and how better off the City is now more than ever. He also acknowledged the Miami Springs 18U Soccer team for advancing onto Regionals, he wished them much luck.

Councilman Vazquez stated that it was a great honor to have met William Alonso. He stated that Mr. Alonso is a person to emulate, his civic service, duty and dedication to his career with the City. He stated that it will be big shoes to fill.

Mayor Mitchell reminded the public that hurricane season is a couple of weeks away. She heeded the public to be prepared and take proper precautions around the house and check on the elderly neighbors as well during these times. She reminded anyone that swim lessons are available at the Aquatic Center, possible classes can be given at no cost. She reminded residents about the "Click & Fix" app available for reporting any concerns around Miami Springs, by submitting a request on an issue and following its progress throughout the process.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk*



*Adopted by the City Council on
This 12th day of June, 2023.*


Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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