



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers, 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida

In-Person/Virtual Council Meeting

- 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 Jacky Bravo

Councilman Jorge Santin

Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

Councilman Victor Vazquez. Ph.D.

City Manager JC Jimenez

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

City Attorney Roger Pou (via Zoom)

City Planner Alex David

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Vice Mayor Jacky Bravo
Pledge of Allegiance: The audience led in the pledge.

- 3. Agenda / Order of Business:**

- 4. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation by Mr. Rob Gordon awarding the City of Miami Springs the STEM City of the Year Award for the City's consistent support of STEM activities at the Recreation Center over the last 10 years

Mr. Rob Gordon presented the Mayor, City Council, and Recreation Director Omar Luna with an award thanking them for the years of support for the robotic building competition community, on behalf of Bots for All.

B) Proclamation Presentation to PFC Bruce W. Carter MOH Young Marines Executive Officer, Romina Tripichio for Red Ribbon Week (October 23rd – October 31st)

Mayor Mitchell requested that Councilman Vazquez read the proclamation. Mayor Mitchell and City Council presented the troops and Ms. Tripichio the proclamation for Red Ribbon Week.

C) Announcing the City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month for October 2023 - Isabella Benitez

Mayor Mitchell announced the City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month, Ms. Isabella Benitez. Mayor Mitchell presented Ms. Benitez a certificate of recognition for her talent in artwork.

5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Alberto Gomez, 1985 Westward Drive.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) October 9, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Vice Mayor Bravo moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Santin, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

7. Reports from Boards & Commissions: None at this time.

8. Public Hearings:

A) **Ordinance – Second Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Small-Scale Amendment To The City's Comprehensive Plan, Changing The Future Land Use Map Designation From "Religious Institution" To "Single Family Residential" Of A Certain ±0.22 Acre Parcel Of Land Located At The Intersection Of Esplanade Drive And Hibiscus Drive At Hypothetical 425 Esplanade Drive (Folio No. 05-3119-020-0015); Providing For Authorization; Providing For Transmittal; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title. City Planner, Alex David of CGA was available to address the City Council's question. Javier Vazquez, representing the applicant was available to address any questions from the City Council. The Mayor opened the public hearing, there were no speakers at this time. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Ordinance on second reading. Vice Mayor Bravo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Santin, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

B) **Ordinance – Second Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Rezoning From P-2 Church Use To R-1B Single Family Residential Of A Certain ±0.22 Acre Parcel Of Land Located At The Intersection Of Esplanade Drive And Hibiscus Drive At Hypothetical 425 Esplanade Drive (Folio No. 05-3119-020-0015); Providing

For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title. City Planner, Alex David of CGA addressed the City Council. Javier Vazquez, representing the applicant, addressed the City Council. The Mayor opened the public hearing, there were no speakers at this time. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Ordinance on second reading. Vice Mayor Bravo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Santin, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

C) Ordinance – Second Reading – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Section 150-070.1, “Miami Springs Gateway Overlay District” Within Article VII, “Business District” Of Chapter 150, “Zoning Code,” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances To Amend The List Of Uses Permitted On First Floor Levels Along Road Rights-Of-Way; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title. The Mayor opened the public hearing, Frank Espinosa, addressed the Council. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilman Fajet moved to approve the alternate Ordinance with the amendment of changing the square footage on line 91 from 2,000 to 2,500 square feet. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Santin, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

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 Local Printing Publication Services From The River Cities Gazette, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds; 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 Taser 10 Bundles And Related Training And Software Services From Axon Enterprise, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$199,800; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; Authorizing The Sale Or Disposition Of Surplus Property; And Providing For An Effective Date

C) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of One 2023 Dodge Charger Police RWD V8 Vehicle From Garber Ford, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$46,792.00 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of The Florida Sheriffs Association Contract No. Fsa23-Vel 31.0 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Declaring Certain Vehicles As Surplus Property; Authorizing The Sale Or Disposition Of Surplus Property; 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, Approving The Selection Of Ae Engineering, Inc. For Construction Engineering And Inspection (CEI) Services For The Oakwood Drive And East Drive Stormwater And Roadway Improvement Project Pursuant To Request For Qualifications No. 06-22/23; Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The Consultant Relating To The Same In An Amount Not To Exceed \$569,547; And Providing For An Effective Date

E) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Selecting Roadway Construction, LLC For Construction Of The Oakwood Drive And East Drive Stormwater And Roadway Improvement Project Pursuant To Invitation To Bid (ITB) No. 08-22/23; Authorizing Negotiation And Execution Of A Construction Contract In An Amount Not To Exceed \$5,749,419.84; And Providing For An Effective Date

F) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Providing For The First Budget Amendment To The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund, Special Revenue, And Capital Projects Fund Budgets By Re-Appropriating Reserved Fund Balances To Fund Open Encumbrances Through September 30, 2023; And Providing For An Effective Date

G) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving Amendment No. 1 To The Professional Services Agreement With Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP For The City's Annual Financial Audit Services; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

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

10. Old Business: None at this time.

11. New Business: None at this time.

12. Other Business:

A) Request to Cancel the second meetings in November (November 27th) and December (December 26th)

Vice Mayor Bravo moved to approve the request to cancel the second meetings in November and December. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bravo, Councilman Santin, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

B) Update on FDOT October 30th (In-Person/Virtual) Public Meeting at Miami Springs Aquatic Center regarding FDOT NW 36th Street and NW 67th Ave projects

Mayor Mitchell announced that next week FDOT will host an important public meeting in reference to the NW 36th Street and NW 67th Street projects that will negatively affect the City of Miami Springs. She encouraged the public to attend and participate in the meeting through virtual attendance at noon or in-person starting at 6:00 p.m. the same day.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera had no report at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager JC Jimenez stated that the Tennis Center program contract will be reviewed and possibly prepared as a bid in the future. He stated that there is a tentative FOP agreement coming back for formal approval at a future Council meeting. He informed Council that he will be reaching out to each of them to go over next year's legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided a list of upcoming City events and stated more information on City events are on the City's official website.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Bravo had no report at this time.

Councilman Santin announced that the Rotary Club is looking to organize a celebration for the Golf Course's grand re-opening which coincides with the golf's 100th birthday.

Councilman Fajet stated that he is glad to have done something with the Gateway Overlay Ordinance and looks forward to reviewing the entire Ordinance in the future.

Councilman Vazquez announced that the War Memorial renovation project is set to have its groundbreaking ceremony on November 11th immediately following the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Mayor Mitchell stated that she will be hosting a meeting with Miami Springs Hotels on October 25th along with the City Manager and Police Chief. She stated that the purpose of the meeting is for the hotels and the City to work together in improving the image of the area of NW 36th Street and Abraham Tract. She said that she will report back on the outcome of the meeting and keep everyone posted on the matter.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on
This 13th day of November, 2023.*

Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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