



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 13, 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 Mayor Maria Mitchell
Pledge of Allegiance: The audience led in the pledge.

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

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation by Police Chief Guzman Unit Citation Award for October 2023

Chief Guzman introduced the item to the Council and then turned it over to Lt. Perez. Lt. Perez further presented the Unit Citation Award to the unit of officers. Chief Guzman announced that Police Officer Quiroga will be receiving the Officer of the Month Award by the Chiefs Association in the next coming days. Mayor Mitchell and City Council recognized and thanked all of the officers for their hard work and support for the City.

B) Yard of the Month Award for November 2023 – 629 Pinecrest Drive – Sergio Guzman

Mayor Mitchell announced the Yard of the Month. Mr. Guzman was present to receive the award, he thanked the City Board and City Council for the recognition.

C) City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month – November 2023 – Seniors from the Adult Community Center exhibiting acrylic paintings; their art teacher is Pablo Contrisciani

Mayor Mitchell announced the City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month, Seniors from the Adult Community Center. Mayor Mitchell presented the Seniors with a certificate of recognition for their talent in artwork.

5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Frank Shonberger, 140 Morningside Drive; Jaime Petralanda; Carlos Lumpuy, 181 Hammond Drive.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

- A) October 23, 2023 – Workshop
- B) October 23, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Fajet moved to approve the minutes of October 23, 2023 Workshop and 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: 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 A First Amendment To A Ground Lease Agreement With MetroPCS, Florida, LLC, To Extend The Term Of Agreement And Increase The Base Rent; 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 A Land Lease Agreement And Memorandum Of Land Lease Agreement With CellCo Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless Relating To The Installation, Maintenance, And Operation Of Communications Equipment Upon The Property Located At 25 S Hook Square, Miami Springs, Florida 33166; Providing For Authorization; 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, Co-Designating The Portion Of East Drive Between LaBaron Drive And Oakwood Drive As “Yvonne Shonberger Way”; 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, Setting The City Council Meeting Schedule For The Period

Commencing January 2024 And Ending December 2024; Accommodating The Meetings To City Holidays; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For An Effective Date

E) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Accepting A State Appropriations Grant In The Amount Of \$150,000; Approving A Grant Agreement With The Florida Department Of Commerce Relating To The City's War Memorial Cenotaph Monument Project On Curtiss Parkway; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

F) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Establishing The City's 2024 Legislative Priorities And State Appropriation Requests; And Providing For An Effective Date

G) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Ratifying A First Amendment To Grant Agreement No. 22PLN51 With The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Relating To The City's Vulnerability Assessment And Adaptation Action Plan; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

H) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Gasoline And Diesel Fuel For The City's Vehicles From Pro Energy Fleet Fueling LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of The Florida Department Of Management Services State Term Contract No. 15100000-19-1 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

I) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Tires For The City's Departmental Vehicles From Tiresoles Of Broward, Inc. D/B/A Miami Tiresoles In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Miami-Dade County Contract No. FB-01140 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

J) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Hydraulic Parts From Petersen Industries, Inc. For The City's Cranes For Fiscal Year 2023-24 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$30,000; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

K) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Additional Golf Products From Acushnet Holdings Corp. For The City's Golf Club Pro Shop For Fiscal Year 2023-24 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$51,000; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

L) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Diesel And Regular Fuel For The Miami Springs Golf And Country Club's Golf Carts And Maintenance Fleet From Tropic Oil Company LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$40,000 For Fiscal Year 2023-24; Providing For A Waiver Of Competitive Bidding; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An

Effective Date

M) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)/Original Equipment (OE) Parts And Miscellaneous Fleet Shop Supplies For The City's Departmental Vehicles From KVP Enterprises, Inc. D/B/A Expert Diesel In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Miami-Dade County Contract No. EVN0000469 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

N) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Firearm Ammunition From Lawmen's & Shooters' Supply, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of The Florida Department Of Management Services (FDMS) Contract No. 46000000-21-Stc Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

O) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Selecting Superior Park Systems, Inc. For Installation Of A New Batting Cage At Prince Field; Authorizing The Negotiation And Execution Of A Construction Contract In An Amount Not To Exceed \$37,150; And Providing For An Effective Date

P) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Authorizing The City Manager To Issue A Purchase Order To F&L Fire And Electrical System, Inc. For The Westward Drive Tree Lights Receptacles Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$36,800; And Providing For An Effective Date

Q) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Addendum To The Professional Services Agreement With F&L Fire And Electrical System, Inc. To Incorporate Federally Required Contract Clauses; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

R) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Agreement With The State Of Florida, Office Of The State Attorney For The Eleventh Judicial Circuit Of Florida To Reimburse The State For The Cost Of The State Attorney Prosecution Of Certain Criminal Violations Of The City Code Of Ordinances; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

S) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Urban Qualification Cooperation Agreement With Miami-Dade County For The City's Participation In The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (Home), And Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs For Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, And 2026, As Part Of Miami-Dade County's Entitlement Jurisdiction; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

T) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of

Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Collective Bargaining Agreement With The Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order Of Police, Inc. On Behalf Of The City Of Miami Springs Police Officers And Sergeants Collective Bargaining Unit Covering Fiscal Years 2023-2024 Through 2025–2026; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date.

U) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Amendment To The Collective Bargaining Agreement With The Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order Of Police, Inc. On Behalf Of The City Of Miami Springs Police Lieutenants Collective Bargaining Unit Covering Fiscal Years 2021-2022 Through 2023–2024; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Mayor Mitchell pulled Item E for further discussion.

Councilman Fajet moved to approve the Consent Agenda except Item E. 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.

After brief discussion, Councilman Fajet moved to approve Item E on the Consent Agenda. 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.

10. Old Business: None at this time.

11. New Business: None at this time.

12. Other Business:

A) Request by Mayor Mitchell to discuss the Tennis Center

Matthew Gonzalez, 1101 Swan Avenue, addressed the City Council on this item.

Mayor Mitchell stated that the tennis community would like to see some improvements in the conditions of the tennis center. She explained that the tennis center is an integral part of the recreational amenities in the City that is home to tennis, racquetball and pickleball. She further stated that there will be a tennis request for proposal in the works in the upcoming year. There was light discussion on the matter and it was the general consensus of the City Council to wait for the bidding process to take place and see what the best viable option will be.

B) Request by Councilman Santin to discuss the co-designation of a portion of Cross Street between Westward Drive and Hibiscus Drive as “Carole Coons Way”

Councilman Santin requested consensus from the City Council to co-designate the street in front of Cozy Corner to commemorate the diner’s owner, Carole Coons. The City Council agreed that it would be a great way to recognize a resident and business owner in the local community.

C) Request by Mayor Mitchell to discuss parking of recreation vehicles, trailers and heavy trucks in yards

This item was pulled at the beginning of the meeting by Mayor Mitchell.

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 he attended the Veterans Day event. He thanked the Parks Department, Public Works, and Professional Services for their hard work. He informed the Council he recently attended the Centennial Committee meeting and is looking forward to some great things and collaborations moving forward. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided a list of upcoming City events. She state more information on City events can be found on the City's official website.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Bravo thanked the Police for finalizing the union agreement. She attended the Veterans Day event and was thankful to all those who attended the event. She looks forward to the holiday season and the tree lighting along the median.

Councilman Vazquez thanked all those who attended the Veterans Day event and groundbreaking ceremony immediately following the Veterans Day Ceremony. He attended the Lions Club Veterans Day dinner that same evening. He also thanked the Pickleball Tournament that took place on Veterans Day, where the tournament donated \$2,000 to the War Memorial renovations. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Fajet stated that it was a productive meeting and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Santin thanked the Police Department for a successful agreement. He stated that the Rotary, Lions, Optimist and Woman's Clubs have collaborated in purchasing Christmas Trees for the Westward Drive median for the holiday season. He visited Hammondsport, NY recently and took a tour of the Glenn Curtiss Museum, which he noted that the Museum is excited to possibly collaborate with the City on the Centennial celebration in 2026.

Mayor Mitchell thanked the City Employees for their hard work and dedication for making the City run on a daily basis. She also thanked the City Council on their hard work over the year, making some tough decisions and attending many meetings over the last several months. She wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on
This 11th day of December, 2023.*

Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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