



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 11, 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 7:03 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 Councilman Walter Fajet
Pledge of Allegiance: The audience led in the pledge.

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

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Police Promotion Ceremony from Sergeant to Lieutenant as presented by Police Chief Guzman

Chief Guzman swore in Sgt. Albert Sandoval as the new Lieutenant for the Police Department. Lt. Sandoval thanked the Chief, his department and the City Council for their constant support throughout the years.

B) Presentation by Dr. Ned Murray, Associate Director of the Jorge M. Perez Metropolitan Center at FIU Economic Development Overview

Dr. Ned Murray provided an oral and visual presentation on what the FIU Metropolitan Center can do to help City's in developing an economic development plan and strategy. He further answered the City Council's questions.

C) Presentation by FDOT SR 953/NW 42 Ave, SR 948/NW 36 St, SR 25/US 27/Okeechobee Rd PD&E Study (Iron Triangle)

Dayana Sanjurjo, Julieta Rivero Manso and Kira Leon provided an oral and visual presentation on the planning and development stage of the FDOT project called the “Iron Triangle” which affects NW 36th Street corridor. They answered all of the City Council’s questions and concerns; and stated that they look forward to working with the City during this process.

D) Yard of the Month Award for December 2023 – 474 Falcon Avenue – Esteban Hernandez

Mayor Mitchell announced the Yard of the Month and encouraged everyone to pass by the Hernandez home; Mr. Hernandez was not available to attend the meeting to receive the award.

E) City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month – December 2023 – Mr. Fernando Jaramillo

Mayor Mitchell announced the City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month, Mr. Jaramillo. Mayor Mitchell presented Mr. Jaramillo with a certificate of recognition for his excellent skill in artwork.

5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Carlos Lumpuy, 181 Hammond Drive; Vincent Medel; Tom Hutchings, 151 Hibiscus Drive; Jacob Delvnile, 585 Curtiss Parkway.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

A) November 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting. 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.

7. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

A) Update from Recreation Commission Chair Fred Gonzalez

Chair Gonzalez was not able to attend the meeting and will provide an update at a future Council meeting.

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 Automotive Parts And Repair Services

For The City's Departmental Vehicles From Bachrodt Ft, LLC D/B/A Palmetto Ford Of Miami In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Miami-Dade County Itq-01264-02 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; 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 Automotive Parts And Repair Services For The City's Departmental Vehicles From Sunbelt Hydraulic & Equipment Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of City Of Miami Invitation For Bid (IFB) No. 708382 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 City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Automotive Parts And Repair Services For The City's Departmental Vehicles From TPH Holdings LLC D/B/A The Part House In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of City Of Miami Invitation For Bid (IFB) No. 708382 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; 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, Co-Designating The Portion Of Cross Street Between Westward Drive And Hibiscus Drive As "Carole Coons Way"; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

E) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Additional Toro Golf Course Maintenance Equipment And Irrigation Parts From Wesco Turf, Inc. D/B/A Hector Turf In An Amount Not To Exceed \$16,000; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

F) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Second Amendment To A Pool Maintenance Services Agreement With Supreme Chemical And Pool Supply, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$33,500.00; Providing For Authorization; Providing For A Waiver Of Competitive Bidding; 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 A First Amendment To The Professional Services Agreement With Greens Grade Services, Inc. For Golf Course Maintenance Labor Staffing Services; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Councilman Santin pulled Item G for further discussion.

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

City Attorney Haydee Sera read Item G for the record. After some discussion, Councilman Fajet moved to approve Item G 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:

A) **Ordinance – First Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Chapter 150, “Zoning Code,” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances To Update Accessory Structure And Swimming Pool Regulations; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title. City Planner, Alex David provided some information on the item. After some discussion, Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the Ordinance. 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.

12. Other Business:

A) Request by Girl Scout Troop 2564 for the Holiday Trolley Event, requesting to block off a portion of Park Street from Westward to Hibiscus (by the Woman’s Club)

Ms. Kahnee Rodriguez addressed the City Council and indicated that the event will not interfere with the City’s Golf Cart Parade.

B) Request by Councilman Fajet to discuss CGA’s prioritization and timeline for the approved project that was to address code revision in the city’s business areas

Councilman Fajet introduced the item; Silvia Vargas, City Planner addressed the City Council and answered their questions. The City Council determined that a discussion at the next Council meeting should be added to the agenda in order to decide the priority level for NW 36th Street or the Abraham Tract.

C) Request by Councilman Fajet for an update on the recent Parking Study

Councilman Fajet inquired on the completion of the City-wide Parking Study. City Manager JC Jimenez stated that the draft parking report is expected December 15th and will be sent to the City Council for their information. The City Council determined that they will schedule a workshop addressing the Parking Study recommendations and having the consultants available for any questions.

D) Request by Councilman Vazquez for an update on the roadway improvements for East Drive and Oakwood Drive

Councilman Vazquez inquired on proposed roadway improvements for East Drive and Oakwood. City Manager JC Jimenez explained that at the last meeting the contractors were selected through the bidding process and now it is in the contract negotiation stages. He stated once that the contract is finalized the construction should begin shortly thereafter.

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 is waiting for the contract for the War Memorial remodel. He updated the Council that the additional lighting on Westward Drive is almost finished. The City Manager recommended that the Council visit and meet with the Senator and Representative before the Dade Days event. He stated that in January the legislative session is underway, whereas Dade Days is at the tail end of session. His recommendation was around January 15th to the 17th. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided a list of upcoming City events. She stated more information on City events can be found on the City's official website.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Bravo requested for a tour of the Golf Course to check on the recent renovations. She inquired on the following: Freebee Services here in the City and theTree Ordinance that was reviewed by the Parks and Parkways Board. She wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

Councilman Santin stated that Nicolas Acosta, Miami Springs Senior High School teacher, was nominated as the 2025 Francisco R. Walker District Teacher of the Year and 2024 Rookie Teacher of the Year. He congratulated Mr. Acosta on the achievement. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Fajet wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Vazquez also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Mitchell thanked the City Staff for a wonderful Santa at the Gazebo event on Saturday and also thanked Commissioner Cabrerra for coming by the event. She thanked the City Council, City Administration for their hardwork over the past year. She wished everyone a safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on
This 8th day of January, 2024.*

Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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