



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024 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

Deputy City Clerk Juan Garcia

City Attorney Haydee Sera

City Planner Silvia Vargas

2. **Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Jorge Santin
Pledge of Allegiance: The audience led in the pledge.

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

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation by Jesus Fuentes, Senior Project Manager at EXP for FDOT, on the NW 67th Avenue Corridor

Mr. Fuentes shared a few words and presented a visual slideshow on the NW 67th Avenue Corridor project. The Mayor thanked Mr. Fuentes for his time and looks forward to receiving updates on the project in future.

5. **Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council:
Maurits Acosta, (address on file).

6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) January 8, 2024 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2024 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: 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 One 2024 Chevy Colorado Crew Cab 4WD Vehicle For The Parks And Recreation Department From Alan Jay Automotive Management, Inc. D/B/A Alan Jay Fleet Sales In An Amount Not To Exceed \$37,610 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of City Of Tallahassee Agreement No. 5179 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Declaring A Certain Vehicle As Surplus Property; Authorizing The Sale Or Disposition Of Surplus Property; Providing For Implementation; And Providing For An Effective Date

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Agreement With First Vehicle Services, Inc. For Fleet Management And Maintenance Services Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Sunrise Florida Contract Awarded To Pursuant To RFP No. 23-01-01-WI Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Implementation; 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:

A) **Ordinance – First Reading** – An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Amending Chapter 52, “Water,” Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances By Adding Section 52-14 To Incorporate Applicable Miami-Dade County Permanent Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Restrictions And Provide For Enforcement By The City; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the Ordinance by title and provided some information on the item. After some discussion, Vice Mayor Bravo moved to approve the Ordinance. 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.

B) Discussion on revisions to the Gateway Ordinance; discuss scheduling workshop date

After some discussion, the Council requested for the Zoning & Planning Board and Architectural Review Board to have a joint meeting to review the proposed revisions to the Gateway Ordinance.

12. Other Business:

A) Mayor's Message: Celebrating 2023 and Welcoming 2024

Mayor Mitchell provided a report of the City's accomplishments in 2023 and insight on upcoming projects in 2024. In her report Mayor Mitchell highlighted achievements of the City Council & City Administration by each department.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera provided an update to the Council on the Form 6 litigation and stated that the law sue is moving forward and that there are currently 12 additional municipalities that have also joined the law sue.

B) City Manager

City Manager JC Jimenez stated that the City received an FDOT grant in conjunction with the Rotary Club for a new bus for the Senior Center. He informed the Council that the tennis courts will be resurfaced but the resurfacing will be done to one court at a time and the other court will remain open for use. City Manager Jimenez added that the Wreck Camp Out event was sold out and that it will be taking place on January 26 and 27th, and that the Daddy Daughter Dance was going to be held on February 10th and tickets are on sale at the Rec Center.

C) City Council

Councilman Vazquez had no report at this time.

Councilman Fajet thanked Mayor Mitchell for her message to close out the year and added that he believed it was a great way to start the new year.

Vice Mayor Bravo thanked Mayor Mitchell for her report of all the City Council & City Administration's accomplishments in 2023. She stated that she has been in communication with Miami Dade County Transit to coordinate an effort to get the bus stop cleaned in the City. Vice Mayor Bravo added that with the County creating new routes in efforts to encourage more people to use public transit, she would like for them to clean the bus stops.

Councilman Santin mentioned he attended the award ceremony for Miami Springs/ Virginia Gardens Youth Soccer program and he wanted to thank Parks and Recreation Director Omar Luna and his staff for all their work to make the program happen. He also wanted to thank the Dino family and Jimmy Carter of Virginia Gardens for all the work they do with the Youth Soccer program as well.

Mayor Mitchell asked the City Manager to get some information on what is going on with the bus routes. She noted that the County has changed routes County-wide and that some of the previous routes are no longer in service. Mayor Mitchell congratulated Nick Acosta, a Miami Springs Senior High teacher that has been nominated for the Miami Dade County Public Schools for teacher of the year. Mayor Mitchell stated that the Council's recent trip to Tallahassee was productive and hopefully leads to appropriation for the City.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Juan D. Garcia, CMC
Deputy City Clerk City Clerk*

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

Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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