



## **City of Miami Springs, Florida**

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 12, 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

Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

Councilman Victor Vazquez, Ph.D.

Vice Mayor Jacky Bravo (Absent)

Councilman Jorge Santin (Absent)

City Manager JC Jimenez

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez

City Attorney Roger Pou

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

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

4. **Awards & Presentations:**

A) Yard of the Month Award – February 2024 – 1160 Quail Avenue – Daniel and Katherine Perez

**Mayor Mitchell announced the Yard of the Month for February 2024; the Perez Family was not available to received the award. City Clerk Erika Gonzalez stated that she will deliver the award to the Perez Family.**

B) Announcement of the City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month for February 2024 – Mayor Maria Mitchell, Carly Mitchell Kellar, and Edie Kellar; displaying acrylics and watercolors

**Mayor announced the February City Hall Lobby Artist; she stated that she, her daughter and granddaughter are currently displaying artwork this month. Mayor Mitchell displayed acrylic on canvas and her daughter, Carly, displayed artwork with watercolors, Edie displayed fun.**

**5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Shand Booher, 1170 Quail Avenue; Robert Shultz, 100 Sunset Way; Captain Nihal Perera, 217 Duval Drive; A Aguila, 901 Oriole Avenue; Matthew A Gonzalez, 1101 Swan Avenue; Rosa Korse, 120 South Drive; Lourdes Anton, 1040 Redbird Avenue; Chris Montello, 241 Pocatella Street.**

**6. Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) February 12, 2024 – Regular Meeting

**Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 3-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.**

**7. Reports from Boards & Commissions:**

A) Update and Review of 2023 Centennial Committee Report by Chair Julie Arias

**Chair Julie Arias was not able to attend the meeting. Vice Chair Captain Nihal Perera, Committee Member Kathy Doyle and Committee Member Jaime Petralanda presented the 2023 Centennial Report on behalf of the Committee. The Committee Members answered all of the City Council’s questions.**

B) Update by Chair Fred Gonzalez on the Recreation Commission

**Chair Fred Gonzalez presented the City Council with the results of a recent survey conducted by the Commission over the summer. Chair Gonzalez answered the City Council’s questions.**

C) Update by Chair Jim Watson on the Historic Preservation Board

**Chair Jim Watson presented the City Council the new guide on Historic Preservation on the City’s Official website. Chair Watson answered the City Council’s questions.**

**8. Public Hearings:**

A) **Ordinance – Second 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

**Councilman Fajet moved to approve the Ordinance on second reading. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 3-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: 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, Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute An Interlocal Agreement With Miami-Dade County For Film And Photo Permitting Services; 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 A First Amendment To The Professional Services Agreement With Match Point Enterprises, LLC To Extend The Term Of The Agreement On A Month-To-Month Basis Beyond The February 29, 2024, Expiration Date; 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 Additional 419 Bermuda Sod From Sunset Sod, Inc. For General Landscaping At The Miami Springs Golf And Country Club In An Amount Not To Exceed \$13,000; 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 An Agreement With Trane U.S. Inc. For HVAC Maintenance And Repair Services In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Racine County, Wisconsin, Contract No. 3341 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. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 3-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: 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: None at this time.**

**13. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

**City Attorney Roger Pou had no report at this time.**

B) City Manager

**City Manager JC Jimenez stated that the Police Chief's last day is February 28<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the tennis bid is out and due February 21<sup>st</sup>. The War Memorial renovations**

**bids are due February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Hook Square improvements will be advertised this week. The East Drive and Oakwood Drive roadway improvements recently started construction and a groundbreaking will take place March 11<sup>th</sup> with Senator Avila present. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided upcoming City events.**

**C) City Council**

**Councilman Fajet thanked all the volunteers on the advisory boards and providing valuable feedback to the Council and Administration consistently.**

**Councilman Vazquez had no report at this time. He did state that he is concerned with ongoing sentiments on democracy and the criticism on the current state of the nation. But that he reassured that those critiques are not possible without a free country and a system that allows the population to voice their concerns.**

**Mayor Mitchell asked the City Council to proclaim the month of March as “Problem Gambling Awareness Month,” she stated that the information will be given to the City Clerk for preparation and presentation at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. She also announced the Blessed Trinity annual festival is happening this weekend to please go out and support the event. She announced that the City’s Social Media accounts are requesting restaurants to promote their venue and as free advertisement to invite patrons to their locale.**

**14. Adjourn**

**There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted:*

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*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on  
This 26th day of February, 2024.*

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*Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor*

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