



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 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 (left the physical meeting at 8:45pm and joined via Zoom)

Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

Councilman Victor Vazquez. Ph.D.

Vice Mayor Jacky Bravo

Councilman Jorge Santin

City Manager JC Jimenez

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez

City Attorney Haydee Sera

City Attorney Roger Pou (via Zoom)

Chief of Police Jimmy Deal

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) Promotion Ceremony by Chief Jimmy Deal – Police Sgt. Matthew Castillo to Police Lieutenant

Chief Deal took a moment to share some background information on Sgt Castillo; he proceeded to swear-in Sgt. Nickerson as Lieutenant. Lt. Castillo thanked the Chief and Administration, his family and friends for the support and looks forward to continuing to serve the community.

B) Announcing City Hall Lobby Artist of the Month for March 2024 – Shannen Jaser, Public Information Officer, International Women’s Day Art at City Hall Project

Ms. Shannen Jaser was not able to attend the meeting; City Manager JC Jimenez read a statement prepared by Ms. Jaser thanking the City for the opportunity to recognize the women that work for Miami Springs.

5. **Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Steven Owens, 525 Cardinal Street; Michael Gavila; Enrique Aguerreveras, 240 Lenape Drive; Ehren Palacios; Alex Guillamont, 1095 Raven Avenue; Ken Amendola, 454 Hunting Lodge Drive; Estefania Quinones, 999 Ibis Avenue; Tom Webb, 961 Ibis Avenue; Carlos Gueits, 636 Eldorn Drive.**

6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

- A) February 28, 2024 - Workshop
- B) March 11, 2024 – Regular Meeting

Councilman Vazquez moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2024 Workshop and March 11, 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, Ratifying The Issuance Of A Work Order To Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. For Preconstruction Design, Bidding Assistance, And Project Management Services For The Hook Square Pump House Replacement Project In The Amount Of \$200,000; Authorizing The Issuance Of A Change Order To The Work Order With The Consultant For FPL Utility Coordination, Design, Project Management, And Construction Management Services Relating To The Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$13,000; 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 Police Uniforms From Lou’s Police Distributors, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$25,000; Providing For A Waiver Of Competitive Bidding; 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 Toro Golf Course Maintenance Equipment And Irrigation Parts From Tesco South Incorporated D/B/A Hector Turf In An Amount Not To Exceed \$5,000 For Fiscal Year 2023-24; 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, Approving The Purchase Of Medium Grade Topdressing Sand For The Miami Springs Golf & Country Club From Florida Superior Sand, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$5,000 For Fiscal Year 2023-24 Utilizing The Terms And Conditions Of Miami-

Dade County Rtq-01039 Pursuant To Section 31-11(E)(5) Of The City Code; 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:

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Selecting Deviceful Sports Solutions LLC D/B/A Valiente Tennis Academy For Professional Tennis Management And Operation Services For The Miami Springs Tennis Center Pursuant To Request For Proposals No. 01-23/24; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the item by title.

Mayor Mitchell requested that this item be heard at a future Council meeting in order to hear from the top three submitters to the RFP. The City Council gave consensus to direct staff to notify the submitters on presentation guidelines in order to have presentations.

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Second Amendment To The City Of Miami Springs Country Club Food And Beverage Concessionaire Agreement With HRS MGMT Group, LLC; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Attorney Haydee Sera read the item by title. Yannick Kamanche was available to answer the Council's questions.

Councilman Fajet moved to approve the second amendment to the agreement with the revision to extend the agreement for five one-year extensions with prior Council approval for each yearly extension. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 4-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Santin, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes; Vice Mayor Bravo voting No.

12. Other Business: None at this time.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera addressed the concerns for Factory Town noise

disturbances. She stated that she has been in contact with the legal counsel for Factory Town in order to determine what has changed since the last concern two years ago. The City Attorney advised the City Council that a letter has been sent to Factory Town in order to abate the nuisance, it is a precursor to litigation, and is a requirement. She stated at this point, tonight she would need authorization to pursue litigation and file suit if needed.

Vice Mayor Bravo moved to approve the request by the City Attorney to file suit if needed if there is no resolution to the noise disturbance from Factory Town. 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) City Manager

City Manager JC Jimenez thanked the City Council for attending the ribbon cutting at the new pickleball courts at the Tennis Center today. He stated the Golf Course is officially open, and stated that he will schedule a ribbon cutting for that shortly and will coordinate with the City Clerk to make that happen. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero provided dates of upcoming City events.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Bravo had no report at this time.

Councilman Santin thanked the Vice Mayor for her endeavors on the items that she is passionate about and concerned with. He then wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilman Fajet thanked the Vice Mayor for bringing forward valid concerns and scrutiny on items ultimately allowing the City Council to make better decisions. He wished everyone a Happy Easter as well.

Councilman Vazquez stated that he appreciates the Vice Mayor's due diligence on matters that are important to the Council and the community. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mayor Mitchell stated that she is looking forward to the Tennis presentations and that she recognizes how extremely important committee recommendations. She encourages the City Council to follow the process and listen to the community as well to hear what they are voting on. The Mayor expressed the importance of making difficult decisions and ultimately voting on what is best for the community. She then closed with wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk*

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

Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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