



**City of Miami Springs, Florida**  
City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers at City Hall  
201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:05 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell  
Vice Mayor Jacky Bravo  
Councilman Jorge Santin  
Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph. D. (via Zoom)  
Councilman Victor Vazquez, Ph. D.

City Manager Juan Carlos "JC" Jimenez  
Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero  
Deputy City Clerk Juan Garcia  
City Attorney Haydee Sera  
Chief Jimmy Deal  
City Planner Silvia Vargas  
Public Works Director Lazaro Garaboa  
Assistant Public Works Director Lizette Fuentes

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance/Salute to the Flag:** Led by the audience.

- 3. Discussion on Parking Study – THA Consulting Presenting the Parking Study**

Mayor Mitchell open the meeting to public comments. The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Noel Gonzalez, 1101 Swan Avenue; Armando Ramirez, 233 La Villa Drive; Nery Owens, 169 Corydon Drive

Jim Zullo, President of THA Consulting and Vicky Galiano, Director of Parking Studies and Project Manager were in attendance representing THA Consulting. Ms. Galiano addressed the Council and presented the Parking Study. The study revealed that there are adequate parking for patrons that are in the downtown area along Canal Street. Ms. Galiano did mention that the study found that although there was enough parking, it would be beneficial to improve the signage and directions to patrons as to where public parking is located around the City.

Police Chief Jimmy Deal, Public Works Director Lazaro Garaboa and City Planner Silvia Vargas all addressed the City Council with their suggestions for parking around the City and how it related to the Parking Study.

City Manager JC Jimenez provided some ideas of what can be done immediately around the City to improve parking as it relates to the Parking Study. He proceeded to explain that depending on the cost that things like improving signage and restriping parking spaces along Canal Street may be able to be done immediately. City Manager Jimenez thought it would be important to add lighting to on Canal Street as well as on the crosswalk from the Apple Dental Office to the new Curtiss 1 Project.

Mayor Mitchell noted that some of these proposed improvements can be addressed by applying for grants. Mayor Mitchell added the through grants they were able to make significant improvements to Curtiss Parkway back in the 90s.

City Council determined with general consensus, that the parking study had some great ideas to improve the parking around the City and would like to further discuss this at the Council meeting following the workshop.

#### **4. Adjourn**

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

*Respectfully submitted:*

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*Juan D. Garcia, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on  
this 25th day of March, 2024.*

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*Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor*

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