



**City of Miami Springs, Florida**  
City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 20, 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 6:08 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. (via Zoom; joined at 6:50 p.m.)

City Manager Juan Carlos "JC" Jimenez  
Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero  
City Clerk Erika Gonzalez  
City Attorney Roger Pou  
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. Presentation of Recommendations for the Gateway District by Calvin Giordano and Associates (CGA)**

Mayor Mitchell open the meeting to public comments. There were none at this time.

Silvia Vargas, City Planner of CGA Consultant, was in attendance and presented the overview of the proposed Gateway revisions. Mrs. Vargas gave a brief presentation on the goals of the visual presentation and ultimately the needed direction from Council to revise the Gateway ordinance to fit modern standards and requirements. She also stated that she met with the Architectural Advisory Board and Board of Adjustment/Zoning & Planning Board in a joint workshop that provided positive insight in recommendations for the revisions as well.

Some of the current discussions needing guidance are boundary lines, design standards, architectural design, creative excellence standards, parking requirements, project review process, and the Board joint session resulted that more Board involvement in development review process is needed, increasing the value art in public places program and transit options.

The following individuals spoke; Orlando Lamas, Cesarina Beauchamps, and Carrol Gordon addressed the City Council.

#### **4. City Council Discussion**

After discussion, the following recommendations were all agreed among the City Council for revisions to the Gateway Overlay; exploring incentive for property assembly, expansion of the Gateway district, requirement of architectural design criteria, zoning clarification on the zoning map and the requirement of development agreements.

#### **5. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*

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*Erika Gonzalez, MMC  
City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on  
this 22nd day of April, 2024.*

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*Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor*

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