



AGENDA INFORMATION
CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers – City Hall

201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs

Mayor Zavier Garcia

Vice Mayor George V. Lob

Councilman Bob Best

Councilman Dan Espino

Councilwoman Jennifer Ator

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden

City Clerk Magalí Valls



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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Decorum: "Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the City Council, shall be barred from further audience before the City Council by the Mayor, unless permission to continue or again address the City Council is granted by the majority vote of the City Council members present. In accordance with the foregoing, the City Council has determined that racial or ethnic slurs, personal attacks and comments unrelated to City matters or issues constitute prohibited comments from the podium".

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
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Council Chambers – City Hall
201 Westward Drive – Miami Springs

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Invocation:** Vice Mayor Lob

Salute to the Flag: Students from Miami Springs Elementary School will lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 3. Awards & Presentations:**
 - A) Officer of the Month – March 2012 – Officer Robert A. Evans
- 4. Open Forum:** Persons wishing to speak on items of general city business, please sign the register located on the speaker's stand before the meeting begins

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

- A) 04-09-2012 – Regular Meeting

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

- A) 04-11-2012 – Golf and Country Club Advisory Board – Minutes
- B) 04-12-2012 – Board of Parks and Parkways – Minutes
- C) 04-16-2012 – Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee – Cancellation Notice
- D) 04-17-2012 – Education Advisory Board – Minutes

7. Public Hearings: None

8. Consent Agenda:

- A) Discussion of Payments to Carivon Construction Co. Regarding the CMI Project

9. Old Business:

- A) Appointments to Advisory Boards by the Mayor and Council Members
- B) Discussion of Response from Miami-Dade County Elections Department Regarding Potential Withdrawal of Charter Questions from Election Ballot
- C) Red Light Cameras Status Report
- D) Recommendation for Council to Approve the Main Street America Group Term Sheet as a Replacement for the Previously Approved FTL Term Sheet Regarding the \$738,320 Curtiss Mansion National Historic Tax Credit Investment Transaction

10. New Business:

- A) Approval of Budget Transfers Within Departments
- B) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to the Florida League of Cities, the Lowest Responsible Quote, in an Annual Amount of \$226,830 for Workers Compensation Insurance, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code

10. New Business: (Continued)

- C) Resolution No. 2012-3542 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Establishing a City Youth Advisory Council; Providing for Council Membership, Appointment Procedures, Term of Membership, Meetings of the Council, Council Officers and Duties, City Support Services, School Support Services, Absences of Members, Applicable Law, Council Duties and Responsibilities; Continuity of Council; Effective Date
- D) Resolution No. 2012-3543 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending the Schedule of Golf Charges and Fees for the Operation of the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club; Reserving the Right and Authority to Amend or Supplement the Schedule of Charges; Effective Date
- E) Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Second Quarter Budget Status Report (Unaudited)
- F) Ordinance No. 1034-2012 – First Reading – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-011, Utility Shed, by Defining and Providing Regulations Governing the Location, Size and Maintenance of Portable Storage Modules; Providing an Exception to Regulation for Storage Containers; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date
- G) Discussion Regarding Advertising in the Conference Edition of the Quality Cities Magazine to Celebrate the Florida League of Cities 86th Conference in Hollywood, Florida to be Held During August 23-25, 2012
- H) Recommendation that Council Approve an Expenditure to Southeast Design Services, the Lowest Responsible Bidder, in the Amount of \$9,800.00, for Architectural and Design Services for the Westward Median Project, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (C) (2) of the City Code
- I) Ordinance No. 1035-2012 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-164, Northwest 36TH Street, by clarifying and Expanding the Principal Permitted Uses and Corresponding Qualifying Conditions; Correcting the Minimum Floor Area Ratio; Clarifying the Height Limitations of Structures; Revising the Required Materials for Construction of Pedestrian Walkways and Bike Paths; Establishing Applicability of Code Section 93-10 for Dumpster Enclosures; Clarifying Landscaping Requirements; Expanding the Defined Height of Parking Lot Lighting Fixtures; Expanding Prohibited Amenity Advertising; Providing a Substitute Exemption Provision from the Applicability of the District Boundary Regulations; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date

10. New Business: (Continued)

J) Report on PBA Contract Negotiations – Magistrate’s Decision

11. Other Business: None

12. Reports & Recommendations:

- A) City Attorney
- B) City Manager
- C) City Council

13. Adjourn

 If any person decides to appeal any decision of this Board with respect to any matter considered, s/he will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made (F. S. 286.0105), all of which the City does not provide.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk, 201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida 33166. Telephone: (305) 805-5006, no later than (7) days prior to the proceeding.

Pursuant to Sec. 2-11.1 (S) of the Miami-Dade County Code and Miami Springs Code of Ordinances Chapter 33 - §33-20, all persons, firms or corporations employed or retained by a principal who seeks to encourage the passage, defeat, or modifications of (1) ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the City Council; (2) any action, decision, recommendation of any City Board or Committee; or (3) any action, decision or recommendation of City personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process on such action, decision or recommendation which will be heard or reviewed by the City Council, or a City Board or Committee shall register with the City before engaging in any lobbying activities on forms prepared for this purpose and shall state under oath his or her name, business address, the name and business address of each person or entity which has employed said registrant to lobby, and the specific issue on which he or she has been employed to lobby. A copy of the lobbyist registration form is available from the Office of the City Clerk.



Miami Springs
Police Department

Memorandum

To: Officer Robert A. Evans
From: Peter G. Baan, Chief of Police
Subject: Officer of the Month, March, 2012
Date: 04/17/2012

Peter G. Baan

Agenda Item No.
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On 04/04/2012, Sergeant Thomas Kelly drafted a memorandum which recommends that you receive the Officer of the Month Award for March, 2012. The memo describes the details of an incident that you responded to, involving a man in cardiac arrest. Because of your efforts, the victim was revived and is alive today.

The Miami Springs Police Department Awards Committee has concurred with Sergeant Kelly's recommendation, and I agree. You are invited to attend the regularly-scheduled City Council Meeting on April 23rd, at 7:00 p.m., when this award will be publicly presented to you. You are invited to bring with you any family members, friends, or associates to share in this occasion.

I congratulate you for your outstanding performance, and compliment you on your professionalism. Your actions are a positive reflection on the professional reputation of the entire Miami Springs Police Department.

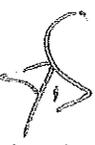
Attachments

- cc: City Manager R. Gorland
- Captain J. Kahn
- Lieutenant R. Walker
- Lieutenant S. Carlisle
- Lieutenant J. Mulla
- Sergeant T. Kelly
- CPO
- Personnel File
- Bulletin Board

MIAMI SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

*Revd 04/17/2012
P. Baan*

TO: Peter G. Baan, Chief of Police
THRU: Chain of Command
FROM: Sergeant Jimmy E. Deal 
SUBJECT: Officer of the Month Nomination
DATE: April 16, 2012

The Awards Committee reviewed the nomination submitted for Officer Robert A. Evans for the month of March, 2012. The awards committee concurs that the nomination meets the criteria for the prestigious Officer of the Month Award.

MIAMI SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rec'd 04/03/2012
P. Baan

MEMORANDUM

TO: PETER G. BAAN. CHIEF OF POLICE
THRU: CHAIN OF COMMAND
FROM: SGT THOMAS D. KELLY (MK)
SUBJECT: OFFICER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION - MARCH 2012
DATE: APRIL 4, 2012

On March 25, 2012, Officer Robert "Bob" Evans and Probationary Police Officer (PPO) Kyle Kegley were riding together reference training, when they received an emergency sick or injured person call at the Homestead Inn and Suites at 101 Fairway Drive, Miami Springs. The dispatcher advised of a w/m having a heart attack. They arrived within 1 minute of dispatch, and found the 40 year old victim unresponsive and not breathing in the driver's seat of his vehicle. The victim's wife and young child were there with him. It was later learned that the victim was playing tennis at the hotel property tennis court, near The Curtiss Mansion, and he parked his car in the rear parking lot of the hotel. The victim told his tennis partner and his wife that he did not feel well, and then decided to leave after resting a few minutes. As he reached the front driveway to exit onto the street, the victim suffered a heart attack. His wife ran into the hotel lobby requesting help. The hotel staff dialed "911". Numerous bystanders and hotel guests went outside, but no one assisted the victim, even though she begged for help. Moments later, Evans and Kegley arrived and immediately assessed the seriousness of this call. Due to his many years experience as a Police Officer and previous rescue training, Officer Evans directed PPO Kegley to retrieve the Automatic External Defibrillator (A.E.D.) from their patrol vehicle, and he removed the victim from the driver's seat and checked for pulse and breathing. Not detecting any vital signs, Evans began CPR and rescue breathing. When Kegley returned with the A.E.D., the pads were attached to the victim. The instrument advised there was no heart beat, and to deliver a charge. This restarted the victim's heart, and then the officers made sure his airway was open as he began to cough, and then breathe again. I had just arrived on the scene, along with MFD Rescue 35. Shortly thereafter, Engine 35 also arrived due to the seriousness of the call.

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As the Fire Department personnel took over the care of the victim, Officer Evans accurately explained the chain of events that had occurred up to that point, and they began to prepare for immediate transport to Palmetto General Hospital. Although the victim's heart was beating, he had not regained consciousness yet, and was determined to be in extremely critical condition. Shortly thereafter, Rescue 35 Supervisor, Lieutenant Eric Hernandez, along with Fire Fighter Medics David Echenique and Contique Willcot, all stated that due to Officer Evan's actions, the victim was given a second chance to live if the rescue transport to the hospital was successful. F.F. Captain Donald Marshall from Engine 35 also commented that Officer Evans saved the victim's life due to his quick response and actions. Officers Evans and Kegley followed the Rescue and Engine to the hospital, and stood by until Emergency Room Physicians could advise on the victim's status.

Prior to the end of our shift, Officer Evans was able to get an update from the E.R. Staff who advised that the victim had a blockage in one of his heart valves, that a stent was implanted to correct the problem, and that he was still in extremely critical condition. Several days later, this supervisor contacted his wife and inquired as to how her husband was doing. She and her family were overjoyed and happy to report that the victim is expected to make a full recovery, and return home this week. She was extremely grateful to MSPD and The Fire Department personnel who worked to save her husband's life during the incident. Note: At the scene, she was kept advised of what was going on at all times, and allowed to go with her husband in the rescue vehicle to the hospital. A family friend arrived to take the child home.

It is my honor and pleasure to nominate Officer Robert Evans for Officer of the Month for March, 2012, in recognition of his life saving feat, and officially commend him and PPO Kegley for an excellent job well done. It's often said that Police Officers are never in the right place at the right time, but thankfully for the Juvvadi Family, Officers Evans and Kegley WERE! I would also request a copy be placed into PPO Kegley's file, as he did an excellent job also and gained valuable training during this incident.



City of Miami Springs, Florida

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The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, April 9, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

The following were present:

Mayor Xavier M. Garcia
Vice Mayor George V. Lob
Councilwoman Jennifer Ator
Councilman Bob Best
Councilman Dan Espino

Also Present:

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
Asst. City Mgr./Finance Director William Alonso
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
Chief of Police Peter G. Baan
Building & Zoning Office Director Harold "Tex" Ziadie
City Clerk Magali Valls

2. Invocation: Mayor Garcia offered the invocation.

Salute to the Flag: Students from the Academy for International Education Charter School led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Garcia presented baseball caps to the students who participated.

3. Awards & Presentations:

3A) Certificate of Sincere Appreciation to Margaret Watson for Thirty-Six Years of Dedicated Service to the City

Margaret Watson was not present.

4. Open Forum:

No speakers.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

5A) 03-26-2012 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the March 26, 2012 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Best moved the item. Councilman Espino seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 03-19-2012 – Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee – Minutes

Minutes of the March 19, 2012 Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee meeting were received for information without comment.

6B) 03-20-2012 – Education Advisory Board – Minutes

Minutes of the March 20, 2012 Education Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6C) 03-27-2012 – Ecology Board – Minutes

Minutes of the March 27, 2012 Ecology Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6D) 04-02-2012 – Zoning and Planning Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the April 2, 2012 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6E) 04-02-2012 – Board of Adjustment – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the April 2, 2012 Board of Adjustment meeting was received for information without comment.

6F) 04-03-2012 – Code Enforcement Board - Minutes

Minutes of the April 3, 2012 Code Enforcement Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6G) 04-04-2012 – Architectural Review Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the April 4, 2012 Architectural Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.

7. Public Hearings:

7A) Second Reading – Ordinance No. 1033-2012 – An Ordinance of The City Council of The City Of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-025, Awnings and Canopies in All Zoning Districts, To Provide Clarifying Language to Better Differentiate and Describe Portable and Permanent Self-Supporting and Free-Standing Canopies; Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Location, Placement, and Installation of Self-Supporting and Free-Standing Canopies on Properties In the Single-Family Residential Zoning Districts of the City; Repealing All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date (First Reading: 03-26-2012 – Advertised: 03-29-2012)

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that this is the second reading and public hearing. Changes were made to Section N (2) (c) dealing with portable and free standing canopies, so that they cannot be placed closer than 5-feet from any side or rear property line.

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing to those persons wishing to speak. There were no speakers, and the public hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Lob moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8. Consent Agenda:

8A) Approval of the City Attorney's Invoice for March 2012 in the Amount of \$12,885.75

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda. Councilman Espino seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8B) Recommendation that Council Approves the Renewal of the Contract with Severn Trent Services for an Additional One Year Ending on April 24, 2013

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda. Councilman Espino seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8C) Recommendation that Council Approve a Change Order to Wrangler Construction, Inc., in an Amount not to Exceed \$4,400.00 for Lime Rock and Top Soil for Road Base, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (F) (11) (b) of the City Code

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda. Councilman Espino seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

9. Old Business:

9A) Appointments to Advisory Boards by the Mayor and Council Members

Councilman Best (Group I) **re-appointed** Tammy Johnston to the Board of Parks and Parkways for a full 3-year term ending on April 30, 2015.

Councilman Best (Group I) **re-appointed** John Shapiro to the Recreation Commission for a full 3-year term ending on April 30, 2015.

Councilman Best moved to confirm the re-appointment John Shapiro to the Recreation Commission. Councilwoman Ator seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Vice Mayor Lob (Group III) **re-appointed** Clark Rinehart to the Recreation Commission for a full term 3-year term ending on April 30, 2015.

Vice Mayor Lob moved to confirm the re-appointment of Clark Rinehart. Councilwoman Ator seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote

Councilman Espino (Group II) **re-appointed** Lynne V. Brooks to the Board of Parks and Parkways for a full 3-year term ending on April 30, 2015.

Mayor Garcia **re-appointed** Eric Richey to the Board of Parks and Parkways for a full 3-year term ending on April 30, 2015.

Vice Mayor Lob moved to confirm the re-appointment of Eric Richey. Councilwoman Ator seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mayor Garcia **re-appointed** Wendy Anderson-Booher to the Ecology Board for a full 3-year term ending on April 30, 2015.

9B) Resolution No. 2012-3541 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Calling for the Holding of a Special Election for the City on Tuesday, August 14, 2012; Delineating the City Charter Questions for the Election Ballot; Providing Authorizations and Directions to the City Clerk; Effective Date (Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2012-3539)

Attorney Seiden explained that this is the same exact resolution that was passed at the last meeting. Charter amendments cannot be over 75 words and since question No. 2 was 80 words, as opposed to the permitted 75 words, it was amended to comply with the requirements in order to avoid any problems.

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the resolution by title.

Vice Mayor Lob moved to adopt the resolution. Councilwoman Ator seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Lob wondered what would happen if Councilman Espino takes longer than necessary to submit his resignation and asked if the questions could be removed from the ballot, once the resolution is submitted. He does not want to incur any additional expense.

City Attorney Seiden said that the question is whether or not the City can remove questions from the ballot. The Elections Department is very conservative in regard to answers to questions and there is probably a date that would allow the City to remove a question from the ballot without penalty. The City Clerk can check with the Elections Department before forwarding the resolution. He understands that Vice Mayor Lob wants to save the duplicate cost of an election and he would handle it administratively.

The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mayor Garcia introduced Senator René Garcia who was in the audience.

Senator René Garcia presented an update of what transpired during the recent legislative session. He explained that local governments were not hurt too much, especially in regard to the occupational license fees.

Senator Garcia reported that this is a redistricting year and the house maps were approved by the Supreme Court, although the senate maps were not approved. He said that Miami Springs remains intact in both maps and will not be separated. The Legislature approved a bill authorizing local governments to pass homestead exemptions up to the value of the home for senior citizens based on certain criteria. There is \$1BB more for education that will recover funds that were cut last year.

Senator Garcia wants to make sure that Miami Springs knows he is available and will help move forward the City's agenda in Tallahassee. He looks forward to working with the City and submitting future requests for funding. He feels that the economy is turning around and things should be better in the future.

The Mayor and Council thanked Senator Garcia for everything he has done for the City.

Agenda Item 9C discussed after Agenda Item 10B.

9C) Consideration of Proposed Term Sheets Received from FTL Capital, LLC and FOSS Historic Preservation Funding, LLC; Discussion Led by Erik Wishneff and Robert Chaves

Nery Owens of 332 Payne Drive stated that she read the proposed term sheet and would like clarification on a couple of questions in regard to the 32-year term referenced in Attachment "B" and the 10% interest for the Master Tenant provided for in Attachment "A".

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that this is consideration of proposed term sheets received from FTL Capital L.L.C. and FOSS Historic Preservations Funding L.L.C. and the discussion will be led by Erik Wishneff and Robert Chaves. Additionally, CMI President Jo Ellen Phillips and Project Manager Roy Rodriguez are present to answer questions.

City Manager Gorland explained that Mr. Wishneff was engaged to bring Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit investment offers to the City for which there are two term sheets. Robert Chaves, the City's tax advisor for the transaction and Mr. Wishneff have been working together and will make the presentation to Council.

City Manager Gorland stated that the key issues to be addressed, but are not limited to the transaction, include: legal structure; estimated cash flow and time line; potential downside issues (including costs if market acceptable deal is not approved by Council after term sheet agreement); potential tax issues (either directly related to the tax credit sale and/or deal structure) and ongoing costs.

City Manager Gorland noted that the revised term sheet was not received from FTL Capital and he understands that the date requirement was extended.

Robert Chaves of 3767 N. W. 53rd Street, Boca Raton, stated that in regard to the questions that were raised, the City itself will not be the owner of the property for tax purposes. There will be a long term lease between the City and a LLC in which a corporation owned 100% by the City will own 90% and 10% will be owned by an investor entity. This is a long term lease in excess of 50 years and there will be an additional 32-year lease from that entity that is required for tax purposes to pass the tax credits through to the new entity of which the investor will own 99%; this is the method in which the investor can obtain the tax credits.

Mr. Chaves explained that this method is based on tested law and it is the recommended lease term, with the understanding that the City is in control directly or indirectly of the landlord entity and the entity leasing the property. There were two proposals on the table that were somewhat different and one seemed higher with a payment due in five years of approximately \$99,000, and the first proposal does not have this provision. The FTL proposal ends up being \$80,000 ahead of the other proposal and this is the basis of moving forward with this particular proposal.

Erik Wishneff of Brian Wishneff & Associates, 1090 Vermont Avenue, Washington, explained that there were two proposals and they look at the gross price and net out the anticipated payments to the investor, as well as the anticipated transaction costs. The FTL term sheet would net a higher amount in their opinion, which has been the focus of discussions. The modifications would make the term sheet better and they will hopefully make it even better than it is currently written. As far as timing, they made it clear that they would like to close with an investor as soon as possible after the events take place at the Mansion. He offered to review the anticipated benefits, transaction costs and risks.

City Attorney Seiden commented that he is becoming more educated and now has a better understanding of the transaction. He pointed out that there is an agreement with Wishneff & Associates and up until the time the deal is consummated there is a \$5,000 limit on costs incurred by the City. The City has moved into a different avenue of the transaction and now FTL is involved and they are proposing to be the investor in the tax credit situation.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the agreement for the City not to incur monetary loss does not apply to FTL. The nature of the transaction is that once a term sheet is signed the City becomes a guarantor of their costs and the agreement with Wishneff does not apply; they have clearly said that the City will be incurring a certain amount of dollars in costs. If the closing documents do not meet the City's approval, the City can walk away from the transaction, except that the City would be responsible for the related investor costs such as attorney and accounting fees estimated to be \$25,000.

City Attorney Seiden added that there must be a certification audit and that cost is included. There are additional costs in regard to Part 3 – National Park Service certification that could be \$5,000. Mr. Chaves costs are also included and the amount should be less than \$25,000, but it depends on how far the transaction goes.

Mr. Wishneff explained that as part of their success fee, they are also responsible for a fee for the tax credit law firm opinion.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that there would be ongoing annual costs for returns and audits.

Mr. Wishneff added that the term sheet includes a few additional expenses that he anticipates to be \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Mr. Wishneff explained that Miami Springs Properties, Inc. is 100% owned and controlled by the City and that entity will enter into a LLC partnership in which it will be a 90% owner and managing member. The entity will be 10% owned by another entity that is called the Master Tenant and the LLC partnership will have a long term lease from the City, as owner of the property. The entity is referred to as the Landlord and they will sublease to the Master Tenant entity. The Master Tenant is 10% owner of the Landlord and the Master Tenant entity is 99.9% owned by the tax credit investor and .01% owned by the City's entity. The City will not lose any control over operation of the building by entering into this agreement and the investor's ability to take any action is limited.

Mr. Wishneff stated that he is aware that there is going to be some type of agreement where CMI is going to essentially operate the building whether it be via a management agreement or a lease, however Council wants to ultimately handle that, the structure will be able to accommodate the agreement. It is something that still needs to be worked on and he is willing to accommodate whatever agreement Council would like to effectuate.

Councilman Espino asked what are the terms that FTL is pursuing that are going to be better than the terms presented at this time.

City Attorney Seiden replied that the term sheet has a line item across that starts with Federal Historic Tax Credit and it indicates a price per credit that is \$0.88. One of the things that Mr. Wishneff is trying to do on the City's behalf is negotiate a higher tax rate.

City Attorney Seiden said that some of the title policies and insurances are not applicable to the City because the City is not dealing with a construction situation where there is going to be a change of ownership. One of the things that need to change that is very important to the core of the transaction is the certificates of occupancy. He added that it would be impossible because the City will not be able to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.).

Councilman Espino understood that the whole point was that the City should not be able to offer a C.O.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that the City would not need to offer a Total Cost of Ownership (T.C.O.) instead of a Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) because the funds that will be received theoretically in the format of the transaction are returned to the City. The City reimburses itself for the funds that it has previously advanced on behalf of the CMI rehabilitation efforts.

City Attorney Seiden explained that after the accounts are back at zero, there has to be a certain amount of funds for a permanent parking facility. It is very clear that the City will not receive a C.O. until the City has a permanently established approved parking facility. He stated that the Placed in Service Dates are required and if the projects are not placed by June 15th, there would be some minor penalties. If the projects are not placed in service by September 15th, then the transaction is subject to default.

Mr. Wishneff commented that the Placed in Service Dates are key factors for the investor because that is what allows them to take the tax credit. Placed in Service means available for use and a temporary C.O. or permanent C.O. will allow the City to use the building and that is sufficient for the investors' purposes. He noted that there is no deadline that states that the City has to convert the temporary C.O. to a permanent C.O.

City Attorney Seiden referred to the box on the second page stating that the numbers are the equity from the investor and the larger amount would be paid some months later.

Mr. Chaves explained that in the box on the second page, the \$36,916 was not included in the total consideration for the purchase amount. The reason that this is probably more realistic and results in better economic results, is that the likelihood is at sixty months the investors are going to put their interest back to the City in the Tenant entity and as said before, the tenant entity owns 10% of the Master entity. For all intensive purposes, FTL is treating it as if the City is not going to get compensated for that amount which is exactly why this offer is substantially better than the other offer.

City Attorney Seiden said that despite the fact that the investor might be going out of the transaction because of the call situations, the structure will continue to exist for that period of time and it does not change the City's control of the property but the structure will have to be maintained. It is believed that the tax liability will be minimal through the entities. He stated that FTL is a group that Wishneff and Associates has never dealt with before though FTL as a group has a good reputation according to Mr. Wishneff. There is a remaining question as to who is going to be responsible for the documentation and if it will add anything to the transaction.

City Attorney Seiden explained that there is a joint tax counsel that works for everyone. Counsel received the resume of Carl Desenburg and he will be issuing tax opinions to both the City and the investor in the transaction.

Mr. Wishneff noted that Mr. Desenburg will be representing the City and the City's interest in negotiating the documents.

City Attorney Seiden commented that the City has considered a developer under the transaction who will also consider the guarantor. He reiterated that the timing of the closing on page six will be changed.

Councilman Espino clarified that what FTL is asking from Council is approval on terms no worse than the ones given with the latitude to be able to sign with better terms.

City Attorney Seiden agreed with Councilman Espino and explained that if Council wanted to issue an authorization to the management to go forward with the execution of the term sheet then that could be done. There could also be a revised term sheet that is brought back to Council.

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland asked about the possibility of the transaction being audited, and if so, if it would pass the audit and Mr. Chaves replied that in planning any transaction, he assumes it will be audited otherwise he would be doing the City a disservice. He assumes that every transaction that he undertakes will be reviewed by the IRS.

Mr. Chaves said that every part of this transaction has support in the law. The only things that can take it off track are not interpretations of law, but factual things that have already occurred that take it out of the context of being available credits. He noted that cities, municipalities and tax exempt entities are not supposed to get credits directly, but FTL is making sure to create taxable entities and making long term leases to shift the ownership of this property, at least in the eyes of the tax law to the landlord, or in this case to the LLC that is acting as the landlord. The provision is in place in order to subsidize restoration of historic projects.

Mr. Chaves added that the City is getting a tax opinion on this transaction. It is not a guarantee, but if it is blatantly bad it exposes the lawyer and his law firm. The City is not compensating the gentleman who is writing the opinion enough to write a false opinion; this transaction has merit under the tax law or else he would not be writing the final opinion both for the benefit of the City and the ultimate investor in this transaction.

Councilman Best asked if there is an option for other investors to work with this project or if there is exclusivity to one investor.

Mr. Wishneff replied that once the City places the billing in service, that is the trigger that whoever is going to take the credits needs to be in the transaction at that point. It could be more than one entity, but it would need to be in before placing the billing in service.

Councilman Best asked if the 10% entity would increase to 20% and Mr. Wishneff responded that it would not. Indirectly the investor group would only own 10% through that entity.

Councilman Best asked if in the future if FTL, L.L.C. no longer wants to do this project if there would be an escape clause and what would happen to the City as a result.

Mr. Wishneff replied that there is a put call option and FTL will have the option to exercise their put upon which the payment would be due to them. The entity that the City has 100% of would be buying their interest. If for whatever reason the investors elected not to exercise their put after a six month period, they would have to exercise their put and there would be a call provision where the City could force the investors to sell their interest.

To answer Vice Mayor Lob's question, Mr. Wishneff stated that the City would be liable immediately after the papers are signed.

Mr. Chaves clarified that even without the put call right, the City is always in control. As a practical matter, the industry is dependent more often than not at exercising their put right. The difference is that in the put right, it is affectively the \$36,916 payment that they were to otherwise pay the City. The City does not have to come out of pocket to pay the investors to take them out of the deal under the put right scenario.

Mr. Chaves stated that the call right is based on the fair market value, but when long term leases to the City are factored in, the revenues that are contemplated to be generated from this project, subject to that liability of paying the City, it is assumed that there is not a lot of fair market value in those entities below the City's ownership of the entities. The fair market value would not be an exorbitantly high amount if at all.

Mr. Chaves commented that there is a provision in the document which says that the City would reimburse the investors for their taxes and it is somewhat of a loose term. It means that the government does not allow the City to take the depreciation deductions for the amount of credit they give the City. Unfortunately, the owner of the property is different from the person leasing the property. The way that depreciation is denied is that income is added to the entity that is the ultimate and in this case the tenant entity.

To answer Councilman Best's question, Mr. Chaves stated that the reason that the City is not looking at a schedule going for fifty years is that the City has to retain an account to do a proforma. He noted that he does not mind bringing in an accountant early on with a projection forward fifty years.

Councilman Best asked if it would be favorable for the City to know this going forward and Mr. Chaves responded that he does not know if the City could get an answer on this specific issue because there is no guidance from the service. He noted that the City's deductions will likely exceed the income based on the factors he has at this point.

To answer Councilwoman Ator's question regarding the earlier conversation from Vice Mayor Lob and being liable, City Attorney Seiden replied that the City would be comfortable at an amount with something less than \$50,000.

City Manager Gorland asked if the care is extensive or if it involves annual filings and audits and Mr. Chaves replied that the annual filings are relatively small; for each entity the amount is approximately \$500. He is going to try to stay away from the accounting side because it is an additional expense, but there will be tax returns that are required. He estimated that it would be under \$10,000 annually to maintain the structure.

To answer City Manager Gorland's question, Mr. Chaves replied that he does not know how long the structure will last based on cash flow and other issues, but it is supposed to last longer than five years.

Nery Owens of 332 Payne Drive asked if FTL, L.L.C. will be buying shares of Miami Springs Properties if the City enters into the term sheet with the entity and Mayor Garcia responded that they will not be buying shares.

Mr. Wishneff clarified that it is an indirect 10% and the investor owns 99% of the Master Tenant in which the Master Tenant will have 10% of an LLC and they affectively are partners with the City on the 90/10% basis.

To answer Ms. Owens' question, Mayor Garcia said that the Curtiss Mansion does not fit anywhere in this equation.

Ms. Owens stated that she personally does not want to lose CMI and feels that they have done a great job.

Mr. Wishneff explained that it is somewhat of an independent issue. The Master Tenant is getting a lease. If the City Council elects to have CMI be a lessee and get a lease as well, the structure can accommodate it. If the City Council decides that it should be a type of management agreement that could be done as well.

Ms. Owens expressed her concerns for wanting CMI to be included in the plan.

City Attorney Seiden commented that it is difficult to understand for the simple reason that it is based upon the fact that it is a tax structure that has been developed and CMI is not part of it at all.

Mr. Wishneff added that CMI cannot be a part of the structure because the ownership of the property has been taken away from the City because it is an exempt entity. The Master Tenant has also been taken away from being a tax exempt entity because if the City had a tax exempt entity in the structure, the City would not qualify for the tax benefits.

Ms. Owens clarified that this lease will be in effect until 2044, and she feels that it is a long time.

Mr. Chaves explained that the relationship with CMI can be short term or long term. When the put in call rights are set into place, the City is leasing to an entity that is effectively owned and controlled by the City. He said that from this point forward, the City is in control and five years out, it does not need to answer to FTL. During that five year period the only time it has to answer to FTL is if they are fooling around with the credits where they can adversely affect them.

Councilman Espino stated that it would ultimately be up to Council to determine exactly how the relationship is with CMI. It is always going to be within the purview of the Council.

City Attorney Seiden said that there are a couple of worst case scenarios that Council must be aware of. If the City gets audited and for some reason there could be the possibility that the City might owe back all the funds that it is receiving in this transaction. Secondly, the transaction could collapse and the City could suffer the same penalty that was mentioned if there is a casualty loss at the Curtiss Mansion.

Councilman Espino clarified that it could happen if the insurance does not cover and replace the damages.

Mr. Wishneff also noted that the credit burns off effectively at 20% a year and the recapture risk goes down by 20% a year.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the first option is to vote to give City Administration authorization to enter into a term sheet with FTL at no worse terms than Council has been presented at this time should a new term sheet be presented to Council within the next few days. He noted that the second option is that when he receives the term sheet, he will bring it to Council on a special meeting basis and let Council vote on the term sheet at that time.

Councilman Espino moved to approve the first option, to give City Administration authorization to enter into a term sheet with FTL at no worse terms than Council has been presented at this time should a new term sheet be presented to Council within the next few days. Councilwoman Ator seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10. New Business:

10A) Recommendation from the Education Advisory Board Regarding the Youth Advisory Council

Mayor Garcia clarified for Council what the Education Advisory Board is proposing in the memo. He stated that Blessed Trinity is not within Miami Springs' boundaries but the majority of the children that attend that school live in Miami Springs. He suggested that Council leave Blessed Trinity on the Youth Advisory Board and adding an additional position on the Youth Advisory Board for the AIE Charter School.

Councilman Espino moved to approve leaving Blessed Trinity on the Youth Advisory Council and to add an additional position on the Youth Advisory Board for the AIE Charter School. Vice Mayor Lob seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Ator asked what if Council discussed the reason that there were specifically seven schools.

Mayor Garcia replied that it was because of the schools and that is how many there were that could have a Youth Advisory Board. He clarified that he was not on Council when the Youth Advisory Board started, but there had been discussions on the Youth Advisory Board since he has been on Council.

To answer Councilman Best's question, Mayor Garcia explained that the address that Blessed Trinity uses is a Virginia Gardens address.

Councilman Best stated that many Miami Springs residents send their children to Blessed Trinity and the school has been a big part of the community.

Councilwoman Ator was concerned why the Education Advisory Board wanted to remove Blessed Trinity and add the AIE Charter School.

Vice Mayor Lob stated that he believes it is the fact that the Education Advisory Board questions whether or not the Youth Advisory Board can have eight members.

Mayor Garcia explained that Council's decision will be in the minutes and they can be sent to the Chairman and read to the board explaining what Council has moved and approved.

Vice Mayor Lob said that Council should give the Education Advisory Board a solution for voting if they are going to have eight members on the Youth Advisory Board.

Councilman Espino stated that if there is something that rises to the level that requires a tie breaker, Council will find a solution.

Mayor Garcia clarified for Councilman Best that the Education Advisory Board wanted to add the AIE Charter School to the Youth Advisory Board but wanted to remove Blessed Trinity in order to keep at board with an odd number of members. Council has made a motion and seconded to keep Blessed Trinity and include the AIE Charter School to be the eighth member of the board.

Councilman Best stated that he can support that decision but cannot support anything that will eliminate Blessed Trinity.

The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Agenda Item 10B was discussed after Agenda Item 9B.

10B) Recommendation that Council Amend Code Section 150-011 – Utility Sheds

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that this is a recommendation to amend the code on utility sheds. He recommends that the code be revised along the lines of portable storage modules, a hold harmless form, size limitations, and permanent shed regulations according to the current code.

Building and Zoning Office Director Tex Ziadie noted that Code Compliance has been monitoring the proliferation of these rubber made life-time sheds. They are not permissible under the current code because the Florida Building Code and the City code require the sheds to handle high velocity wind zones. He spoke with the engineering department for Rubbermaid and Life Time Sheds and asked if he could be provided the information that shows that the sheds meet those requirements and they could not.

Mr. Ziadie stated that the alternative would be to ask every resident who owns one of those sheds to remove it. He explained that he has decided to call them portable storage modules and to allow them under the stipulations set forth in the memo.

Councilman Best asked what the repercussion would be if a person chose not to sign the hold harmless agreement and Mr. Ziadie replied that they would be asked to remove the shed.

Councilman Espino asked City Attorney Seiden if allowing a structure that is not up to code compliance could incur a liability in the event that one of the sheds gets picked up in a hurricane.

City Attorney Seiden responded that it is a matter of enforcing the code. He stated that anything below six feet will not require any regulations except the hold harmless form.

To answer Councilwoman Ator's question, Mr. Ziadie replied that the dimension for the shed is six feet in height at the center point of the unit and larger than fifty square feet in total size. There are some sheds that are very low but large in square footage. He noted that anything smaller than six feet in height and over fifty square feet will not be regulated.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that Councilwoman Ator is suggesting that any shed over six feet and regardless of square footage should be considered and he agreed with her.

To answer Councilwoman Ator's question, Mr. Ziadie replied that there are approximately three shed companies near Home Depot that sell sheds that are within code compliance.

Mayor Garcia asked what the difference was between hold harmless forms for temporary tents and the sheds and Mr. Ziadie replied that wind blows through the temporary tents and sheds have walls and the winds will make them collapse. He also noted that canopies are very simple and quick to dismantle.

City Attorney Seiden explained to Council that this is solely for discussion and it will have to be brought back to them for first reading at the next Council meeting.

By consensus, Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for first reading.

10C) Discussion Regarding City Administration Entering Into Revenue Producing Sponsorships

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that selling total or partial co-sponsorships provides an opportunity to produce revenues for the City. He said that a well known financial institution wants to wholly or partially sponsor specific City events creating local advertising opportunities for them. He addressed some events that are under consideration for sponsoring.

City Manager Gorland said that it would be approximately \$10,000 or less split into different events. He noted that he has been encouraging the financial institution and hopes to be able to sit with them and move forward on a single transaction basis. Anything that would include an ongoing relationship with a contractor would have to come before Council.

Mayor Garcia asked what guidance is needed from Council and City Manager Gorland replied that he wants to make sure that he has the authority to move into these transactions and know that he can commit the City to them.

To answer Mayor Garcia's question, City Manager Gorland said that he is asking for a general direction from Council to have sponsors.

City Attorney Seiden explained that in his opinion, all the events that are listed in the memo are within his authority to do. He stated that City Manager Gorland would like Council to confirm their understanding that single events are not a problem and long term events need to come before Council for approval.

Mayor Garcia asked what would happen with the additional funds if an entity wanted to sponsor an event such as the Fourth of July and the cost for that event is approximately \$20,000 and the entity wanted to sponsor it for \$30,000.

City Manager Gorland responded that the extra \$10,000 would go to the general coffers of the City.

City Attorney Seiden explained that if \$15,000 were spent on fireworks and an entity wanted to give an additional \$5,000, the Administration would have to make a decision on how to best use that \$5,000.

City Manager Gorland stated that if it were to get to the level then it would have to come back to Council because there is a budget that has been approved.

City Attorney Seiden reiterated what the City Manager is asking for from Council regarding general direction from Council for single event sponsors and long term event sponsors.

Councilwoman Ator commented that a notification should be included in the packet so that it is provided to the citizens and everyone can see what the City has begun to do and will generate more business.

City Manager Gorland agreed to Councilwoman Ator's suggestion.

Councilman Espino looks forward to this idea of sponsoring events and agrees to moving forward with it.

Mayor Garcia asked if it is tax deductible if someone makes the donation or sponsorship amount and City Attorney Seiden replied that it is up to the entity whether or not it will be tax deductible.

10D) Request that Council Provide the Administration with Consensus as to Whether or not they Want to Proceed with the Westward Median Project

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland stated that the Administration was requested by Mayor Garcia to research the possibility of constructing a bike/walking path similar to the one on Curtiss Parkway, beginning at the median across and slightly west of the library and ending on Hammond Drive.

City Manager Gorland explained that the City is at the agreement phase where architectural plans, drawings and surveys will be obtained that cost approximately \$9,000. He continued stating that phase two of the pathway, including landscaping and benches would cost approximately \$75,000 to \$100,000. Phase three would also cost approximately \$200,000 to \$300,000 to light the pathway.

City Manager Gorland noted that phase three may be funded in part or whole through the FDOT depending on availability of funds. This project would be funded with CITT funds of which we currently project having \$338,000 available this year. He noted that he is looking for Council's direction to move forward on this project. He believes that it is a project that fits in with what the City is trying to get done in the community.

Nery Owens of 332 Payne Drive stated that it is a good idea as long as no trees are removed from Westward Drive. She said that it is an excellent idea to utilize the CITT funds.

City Manager Gorland assured Ms. Owens that the objective is not to remove trees.

Councilman Best said that he is certainly in favor of the project and thinks that it is a wonderful idea. He likes that Westward Drive is being talked about going west instead of going east towards the Circle.

Councilman Espino likes the idea and suggested that the project could be spread over two years.

Vice Mayor Lob agreed with Councilman Espino to spread the project over a two-year period so that there are funds available for signage. He asked for a cost analysis on the signage.

Councilwoman Ator said that she is interested in seeing the estimates and would like to move forward. She added that there should be numbers based on dividing the project over two years and also one-year.

The architectural fees should be approximately \$9,000, according to City Manager Gorland.

11. Other Business:

11A) Consideration of Rescheduling the May 28, 2012 City Council Regular Meeting due to the Memorial Day Holiday

By consensus, Council **rescheduled** the meeting to Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

None.

12B) City Manager

Miami-Dade Economic Advisory Trust

City Manager Gorland reported that the Miami-Dade County Economic Advisory Trust Youth Action Committee will host "The State of Youth in Miami-Dade County – West Forum" at the Community Center on Wednesday, April 11th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. The forum will feature a panelist addressing issues facing youth in education, criminal justice, faith and employment. Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa will be attending.

Springs River Festival

City Manager Gorland reminded everyone of the 2012 Springs River Festival at the Circle on Friday, April 13th through Sunday, April 15th.

Springs River Festival 5K Run

City Manager Gorland stated that the 2nd Annual Springs River Festival 5K will begin at 7:00 a.m. on the Circle on Saturday, April 14th. Pre-registration is \$10.00 and race day registration will be held from 6:00 a.m. – 6:45 a.m. for \$15.00. There are registration forms on-line.

Stafford Memorial Golf Tournament

City Manager Gorland reported that the Miami Springs Fraternal Order of Police Circle Lodge # 11 will hold its Sixth Annual Stafford Memorial Golf Tournament at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club on Friday, April 20th. The cost is \$100 per golfer, which includes green fees, golf cart, complimentary beverages, a gift bag and a post-tournament reception dinner. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start.

Barry University Health Fair

City Manager Gorland announced that the Barry University Health Fair will be held at the Community Center on Friday, April 20th from 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

City Manager Gorland informed Council that the Easter Egg Hunt was more successful than the previous year; the Recreation Staff did an excellent job hosting it and everyone had a great time.

12C) City Council

Happy Holidays

Councilwoman Ator wished everyone a happy post holiday weekend. Everyone seemed to be having a good time.

FCAT

Councilwoman Ator reminded everyone that FCAT testing is this week and it is a very stressful time for parents.

Little League Baseball

Councilwoman Ator announced that baseball season is in full swing. She attended her son's game and it was better than the Marlin's.

Springs River Festival 5K Run

Councilwoman Ator is disappointed that she will not be able to run in the Springs River Festival 5K run on Saturday April 14th as she will be out of town until late next week. She encourages everyone to participate

Florida Panthers

Vice Mayor Lob reported that the Florida Panthers have made it to the playoffs and he is glad to see them back.

Weekend Events

Vice Mayor Lob is sorry that he missed the events last weekend because he was not feeling well.

Happy Holidays

Councilman Espino hoped that everyone had a great Easter weekend and those of the Jewish faith continue to have a great Passover.

Marlin's Stadium

Councilman Espino said that in spite of the Marlin's coach and the sorry performance the stadium is incredible and it is a very intimate setting. There are many things to work out but it was great to be there on the Opening Day with other local elected officials that are involved in the community.

Miami-Dade Economic Advisory Trust

Councilman Espino mentioned that County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa will be at the Community Center on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. for the "The State of Youth in Miami-Dade County – West Forum".

Springs River Festival

Councilman Espino is looking forward to the Springs River Festival that begins on Friday, April 13th.

Superintendent's Bus Tour

Councilman Espino reported that the Miami-Dade County Public School Superintendent will conduct a bus tour on Friday, April 27th that visits all the schools in Miami Springs.

MSVG Soccer Fundraiser

Councilman Espino announced that the MSVG soccer club will hold a fundraiser at Woody's on Sunday, April 29th to raise money for a couple of tournaments.

Springs River Festival

Councilman Best is looking forward to the Springs River Festival on Friday, April 13th.

Happy Holidays

Councilman Best hoped that everyone had a happy Easter and Passover.

Curtiss Mansion Historic Tax Credit

Councilman Best is thankful that Attorney Chaves and Mr. Wishneff were present this evening to inform Council about the historic tax credit. He feels that the City is on the right track and that it will move to fruition very quickly with tax credits in light of the upcoming budget process for next fiscal year.

"Wizards in Wonderlands"

Councilman Best announced that the Pelican Playhouse Friends of the Theatre featuring "Wizards in Wonderlands" will be on Thursday, April 19th, and County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa will present a proclamation that evening to the Pelican Playhouse Theatre group. The production will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday for two consecutive weeks.

Springs River Festival

Mayor Garcia reminded everyone of the Springs River Festival on Friday, April 13th through Sunday, April 15th.

River Clean-Up

Mayor Garcia received a message that the Clean-Up did not happen this year on the canal and the river. He asked the Administration to let him know if anyone participated in the Clean-Up as he would like to recognize the participants.

City Manager Gorland informed Council that the Anchor Club linked up with the Boy and Girl Scouts for the Clean-Up.

Curtiss Mansion

Mayor Garcia congratulated Curtiss Mansion, Inc. (CMI) for the walk-through tour of the Curtiss Mansion on Sunday, April 1st. He said that it was a wonderful event and that County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa was pleased with the progress that occurred and she is looking forward to the Grand Opening. The City Staff, Recreation and Public Works Department helped to make it a wonderful community event.

MSVG Soccer Club

Mayor Garcia announced that the MSVG Soccer Club will hold a Movie Night fundraiser on Saturday, April 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Virginia Gardens Field. They will also hold a Bingo Night fundraiser at Tom's NFL Club on Saturday, April 28th. He urged everyone to support the Club's fundraising efforts.

Senator René Garcia

Mayor Garcia thanked Senator Rene Garcia for visiting the City to report on the legislative session.

Happy Holidays

Mayor Garcia hoped that everyone had a happy Easter and Passover.

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Zavier M. Garcia
Mayor

ATTEST:

Magali Valls, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as _____ during meeting of: 4-23-2012.

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CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Golf and Country Club Advisory Board** met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at: 7:08 p.m.

The following were present: Ken Amendola
 Michael Domínguez
 Mark Safreed
 Mark Trowbridge* Arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Absent: Chairman George Heider

Also present: Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell
 Board Secretary Elora Sakal

2) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 8, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Board member Domínguez moved to approve the minutes. Board member Safreed seconded the motion which was carried 3-0 on roll call vote.

3) Old Business: None.

4) New Business:

a) Appointing of New Vice Chair

This item was tabled until there was a full board.

b) Discussion Regarding New Position of Golf and Recreation Director

Board member Amendola stated that he wanted to speak about this item at the last meeting.

Board member Domínguez was unaware of the change and was curious if it was going to change anything.

Board member Amendola noted that apparently is it just a matter of who is reporting to the City Manager to condense the number of people reporting to the City Manager.

Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell explained that Golf Director Luna is going to be giving the golf course input because he has experience with recreational programs. Golf Director Luna is a very progressive young man and has a lot of good ideas. She said that the Golf Department has been placed under the Recreation Department for a while already. She noted that she has been working with Golf Director Luna with the parks and he is a nice gentleman.

Board member Trowbridge arrived at this time.

Board member Domínguez commented that he knows Golf Director Luna well and he is definitely a good person and seems to know a lot about what he is doing.

Golf Superintendent Pell stated that whatever input Golf Director Luna gives the golf course will be of value.

Board member Domínguez hoped that the programs at the Recreation Center can benefit the Golf Course as well with such things as the Junior Program.

Golf Superintendent Pell said that she had worked with Golf Director Luna last year with coordinating the juniors to be transported to the golf course and she believes that the Recreation Center plans to do that again this summer. She noted that Golf Pro Aldridge is going to be hiring another Assistant Pro because Scott Jones accepted another position.

Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell explained that the next golf newsletter will have all the summer program information and she will email it to everyone on the database.

Board member Domínguez asked if there were any plans for the Recreation and Golf summer camp such as what she mentioned earlier with the juniors being transported to the golf course and Golf Superintendent Pell replied that it may happen but she is not sure what Golf Pro Aldridge and Golf Director Luna have been discussing.

Golf Superintendent Pell commented that Roger Piermarini will be holding clinics three times a week in the mornings until noon as soon as school is out for the summer. He will also be trying to start a family golf clinic for parents and children to learn to play together.

Board member Domínguez asked if Golf Pro Aldridge's position and duties were going to change and Golf Superintendent Pell responded that his position and duties will not change. She will be reporting to Golf Pro Aldridge; Golf Pro Aldridge will be reporting to Golf Director Luna and Golf Director Luna reports to the City Manager.

Golf Superintendent Pell said that Golf Director Luna has been to the golf course a lot to watch the kids play golf and is taking an interest in golf. Any feedback given from him will be something that the golf course can work on.

c) Summer Junior Program

Board member Safreed stated that there was previous discussion regarding hosting a junior tournament, but he is unaware if anything came of that over the summer and Golf Superintendent Pell said that Golf Pro Aldridge would know if any golf tours have signed up to play or not.

Board member Safreed asked if Roger Piermarini will be offering the same programs and Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell replied in agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding the new position that Scott Jones had accepted.

Golf Superintendent Pell noted that Golf Pro Aldridge plans on advertising on the Professional Golfer's Association (PGA) website for an assistant/teaching pro.

Board member Domínguez mentioned that the board had previously made a recommendation that there was going to be some sort of free range balls.

Board member Safreed said that it was an idea but it never evolved last year. He noted that they did nine-hole matches two years ago where people would sign up to play.

Golf Superintendent Pell asked where the kids came from to play and Board member Safreed replied that 99% of the kids were from the Miami Springs area.

Board member Safreed would like to put this item back on the agenda for the next meeting to further discuss with Golf Pro Aldridge.

Board member Domínguez asked if Mr. Piermarini was compensated for the clinics he does during the summer and Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell replied that he collects his own fees.

Board member Safreed said that he would like to try offering clinics again.

Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell noted that she spoke with Mr. Piermarini about advertising his summer program with the local schools and she suggested speaking with Golf Director Luna to see if he can help with that idea.

Discussion ensued regarding full day programs that are beneficial for parents because it does not interfere with their work schedule.

Board member Safreed suggested speaking with Golf Director Luna about the possibility of including the golf course in those rotations of the summer camp so there would be any interest in a week long golf clinic combined into the summer camp program.

Board member Domínguez asked if the golf course would be qualified to have a First Tee Program and Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell replied that the golf course is qualified and would have to carry a certain amount of liability insurance and would be a good idea.

Board member Amendola stated that it should be pursued and it certainly sounds like something that would be advantageous at the golf course. He noted that the golf course would need to find out what it would take to have a program like that.

Golf Superintendent Pell explained that she had done all the figures approximately two years ago but nothing happened with the idea.

Golf Superintendent Pell added that there was previously an idea to use Johnson and Wales students who were going through the golf management and golf professional program and would serve as an apprentice type of internship.

Board member Domínguez commented that a full day program would be beneficial because it is a full day summer camp that would give the parents a day care type of facility that they need during the summer and at the same time generate revenue.

Golf Superintendent Pell noted that she will have to get Golf Pro Aldridge to discuss it with Golf Director Luna to see what they can come up with.

Board member Safreed said that there are college students that go to the golf course that would be good candidates.

Golf Superintendent Pell stated that there are many kids who would be willing to volunteer. She mentioned that Charlie Deluca had too many kids in his program to where he was sending them to other golf courses and was willing to send them to the Miami Springs golf course if it was something that the City was willing to accept.

Board member Domínguez stated that their first option would be a First Tee type of program and another option would be for the golf course to have their own day camp.

To answer Board member Amendola's question, Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell said that there is a school that an instructor would have to go to for a few days and would get a certificate.

Board member Amendola commented that this idea sounds great and he would like for it to be presented to Golf Director Luna and then possibly Council to get it approved.

Discussion ensued regarding Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell wanting to have a tournament and acquire sponsors to help fund the First Tee Program.

Board member Safreed explained that he teaches Starting New at Golf (SNAG) to elementary kids and it is an introductory to golf and the clubs are plastic with golf balls that are like tennis balls. He noted that it would be an interesting thing to look into for the golf course for young children who may want to go to the golf course or for beginners.

Golf Superintendent Pell suggested that it would be a good idea to invite Golf Director Luna to the next meeting so that the board can meet him and share ideas.

Board member Safreed made a motion to have Golf Director Omar Luna come to the next meeting to be introduced to the board and Board member Amendola seconded the motion. All board members agreed.

5) Other Business:

Board member Amendola asked if Golf Superintendent Pell had any particular tee boxes in mind that she wanted to fix and she replied that she would like to resolve tee box 13 because a woman is complaining that golf balls are going in her yard. Other tees that needed work were tees seven, five, twelve and two.

Board member Amendola asked if there was a reason why the raised tee box on tee twelve is not being used and Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell responded that they had received extra sod and it was just placed in that area and she is getting many complaints about it because it made the hole play longer.

Board member Amendola stated that on the contrary, his friends are saying that they would rather hit from that spot because it gives them a better angle at the hole.

Golf Superintendent Pell said that she can resurrect the raised tee box at tee twelve.

Board member Amendola commented that people are hitting down the 10th fairway to the 18th hole and there is a safety concern and he suggested roping it off or planting something to keep people from being able to do that.

Golf Superintendent Pell said that she has been noticing it lately but she has been very busy to actually do something about it. She sometimes would assume that they are poor players and are not aware of what they are doing.

Board member Amendola suggested putting up a sign to advise players not to hit from that spot.

Board member Domínguez stated that number five needed to be added to the survey and Golf Superintendent Sandy Pell replied that she was aware of that and was really more interested in the questions.

Board member Trowbridge stated that the questions were good but he suggested putting them in a slightly different order and reverse the priority option as number 4 or 5 because the natural inclination is that the higher the number, the higher the rating.

Board member Domínguez commented that hole four and the area to the left of the green and behind it is very bad and it is mostly because people drive their cart and park it there. It is a rough area to play and is an eyesore. He suggested roping it off all the way around the back and if someone is caught playing there then the rangers need to advise people that they cannot play on that hole.

Board member Amendola said that it is not enforced and if it is not enforced then it would not do any good. There are other holes that have issues. He noted that people are driving along the right side of tee box fourteen.

Golf Superintendent Pell stated that the golf course play has been very good this summer so there may be more wear and tear than there usually is due to more play. She noted that she may go back to using the ropes again but when she used the ropes before, people would not pay attention to them. She added that there are some people who are not driving properly on the greens and disobeying the rules and roped off areas. It is a shame that people do not take a little more pride in the course that they are playing on.

Board member Amendola said that he thought about writing a letter for the shoot out.

Board member Safreed noted that he noticed that there are a lot of un-repaired ball marks on the green and it is just bad etiquette.

Board member Amendola mentioned that there is no supervision at the golf course in the evenings and people are using the regular greens as a practice facility which puts a wear and tear on it.

Board member Domínguez recommended starting to rope off parts of the golf course.

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6) Adjournment

There was no further business to be discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elora Sakal
Clerk of the Board

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City of Miami Springs, Florida

The **Board of Parks and Parkways** held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

The following were present:

Chairman Eric Richey
Vice Chairman Jean Ansbaugh
Lynne V. Brooks
Tammy K. Johnston
Irene Priess

Also Present:

Thomas Nash, Parks Maintenance Foreman
Board Secretary Elora R. Sakal

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 8, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Board member Brooks moved to approve the minutes. Board member Priess seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on voice vote.

3. Old Business:

a) Yard of the Month Proposal to Council

Chair Richey stated that he received a phone call from City Attorney Jan Seiden and he informed him that he was not the City Attorney when there previously was a Yard of the Month.

Board member Priess clarified that the City Attorney was Al Weintraub.

Chair Richey noted that he spoke with Board member Brooks and she came up with an idea for the Yard of the Month to work more efficiently. He said that before Jan Seiden was the City Attorney, there were no means of communication electronically and Board member Brooks thought that part of the process for Yard of the Month could be done electronically.

Chair Richey explained that City Attorney Seiden misunderstood the previous minutes stating that the board members would look at the property together and it was clarified that each board member would look at the chosen house independently.

Board member Brooks commented that the person in charge of choosing the house would email the address to everyone on the board and to Council so that everyone can go by the house as soon as possible to look at it.

Chair Richey clarified that the board members and Council will receive the address to look at the chosen house and then the board members can agree on it at the board meeting and it will then be put into the following Council meeting packet and the City Council will then have to accept the recommendation.

To answer Board member Johnston's question, Chair Richey said that the person in charge of picking the house for that month would only send the address of the house and not a picture.

Chair Richey suggested having the person who picks the Yard of the Month to send the address to the Board Secretary for her to send to the Board of Parks and Parkways members, City Council, and Public Works.

Chair Richey asked Board Secretary Sakal if the board members are allowed to communicate with each other through email regarding agenda items and Board Secretary Sakal replied that the board members are not allowed to communicate with each other regarding agenda items.

The Board of Parks and Parkways accepted City Attorney Seiden's recommendation that the member choosing the house would send the address to the Board Secretary to distribute it to the board members, Council, and Public Works to be voted on at the next meeting.

Board member Priess commented that previously with the Yard of the Month, a picture of the selected house would be placed in City Hall for the month.

Chair Richey stated that the board should recommend to Council to decide where to place the picture in City Hall and to construct a sign to place in the Yard for the selected house.

Parks Maintenance Foreman Tom Nash asked if there were any photos of the old sign that used to be used and Chair Richey replied that there are no photos.

Chair Richey said that the selected house would need to be notified by the Board Secretary to make sure that the homeowner is aware of what the City is doing and to make sure they are okay with being acknowledged for their yard.

Board member Priess commented that previously the City Clerk notified the resident that their house had been chosen for the Yard of the Month and asked them to be present at the following Council Meeting to receive an award.

Board member Johnston believes that the Yard of the Month will have to start in June to give the board member time to select a house and then bring it back to the board to approve of it and recommend it to Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the dates in May that the Yard of the Month would be selected and awarded for the month of June.

The board decided to start with Board member Priess as the first board member to select the Yard of the Month for June and vote on it at the next board meeting on May 10th.

Board Secretary Sakal asked what would happen if she cannot get in contact with the homeowner and Chair Richey responded that they will automatically accept the award.

Parks Maintenance Foreman Nash asked if Virginia Gardens had a Yard of the Month and asked what their sign looked like and Chair Richey was unaware of what their sign looks like.

Chair Richey explained that when the homeowner comes to the Council Meeting to be recognized, they should receive something at that time.

Board member Priess stated that the Yard of the Month homeowner would receive a certificate at the Council Meeting.

Chair Richey stated that there are some questions regarding the wording in City Attorney Seiden's letter but City Attorney Seiden intended the letter to mean that the comment came from the meeting and not necessarily from the board.

b) Butterfly Garden

Board member Ansbaugh suggested advertising to see if anyone would be interested in working on the butterfly garden. She said that she spoke with former Mayor Richard Wheeler and he offered to help and that would be a start.

Board member Ansbaugh suggested putting it on the agenda again for the next meeting so that she can create an idea on what she believes should be done. She noted that to raise funds for the butterfly garden, she had a big container at the festival and raised \$1,000.

Board member Priess commented that a Boy Scout was having a car wash at Grace Lutheran to raise money for a butterfly garden at the Curtiss Mansion.

Chair Richey suggested trying to get the Boy Scouts involved if they needed a project.

Board member Brooks said that the board needs to take into consideration that the reason that most of the plantings were cut down and removed in front of the Library was for concealment purposes. The lighting at the Library is good but there are hedges in the front that block any view of other pretty plants and she suggested rearranging the plantings.

Chair Richey asked if the concern was still the viewpoint of a police officer in a car and Board member Brooks replied that she believes so but has not actually spoken to a police officer.

Board member Brooks stated that when the plantings were larger, there were things going on inside of that area that the police would not want happening anymore.

Chair Richey asked Board member Ansbaugh to come up with a landscaping plan to submit to the Police Department and Board member Ansbaugh replied that she has the original plan and had previously submitted them to former Chief of Police Duffy and he said it was perfectly fine.

Board member Brooks noted that she can talk to Chief of Police Baan.

Chair Richey suggested that Board member Brooks could ask Chief of Police Baan if he would review the landscaping plan and possibly meet with Board member Ansbaugh to discuss the plantings.

Board member Brooks explained that when the plants are being cut down in front of the Library, the flowers that entice the butterflies are also being cut so that area is not attracting them.

Chair Richey commented that when he drives by Councilwoman Ator's law firm office, there is a mixed hedge that attracts dozens of butterflies and it should be considered.

Board member Johnston stated that at the end of Lincoln Road near Alton Road, the landscaping was redone and they had low plantings and trees. They also had jasmine and vines which attracts butterflies and enhances it and looks beautiful. She suggested contacting a nursery such as Gallery Nursery and be able to pick out some plantings in exchange for recognition that they provided the plantings such as a small sign with their company name on it and recognition in the Gazette.

The board agreed that Board member Johnston's suggestion was a good idea.

c) City Hall Plantings

Chair Richey said that City Manager Gorland wants something done sooner than later. He noted that whatever the board decides to do should not be rushed and he will explain that to City Manager Gorland tomorrow. He suggested to Parks Maintenance Foreman Nash that a foot of dirt should be taken out and the stumps should be stump grinded and fill it back in with a soil and sand mixture. It would be better for the plants and easier to plant them.

Chair Richey commented that his other recommendation would be to start from scratch. There are no plants in front of City Hall that are of any real value. He stated that if it is going to be done, he wants it to be done the correct way and limit it to a small variety of plants that will last a long time and will be elegant.

Board member Ansbaugh reminded the board that it gets very hot in that area because the reflection of the sun hits the window.

Chair Richey reiterated that this project should not be rushed and that the preparation should be as much work as the actual planting. The board can make a recommendation on the design and let Public Works use it and incorporate any other ideas they have.

Board member Brooks asked if this project should wait until the building is painted and Parks Maintenance Foreman Nash replied that he has no further updates on where Public Works is with the painting on the exterior of City Hall.

Board member Ansbaugh stated that there is ficus ivy that grows up the wall and Parks Maintenance Foreman Nash responded that that is something that would have to go through the City Manager and Council because the long term effects of that material growing on the wall would have to be taken into consideration.

Chair Richey said that Board member Ansbaugh spoke with a friend of hers that made a suggestion to go to a nursery to see what plants they have that will be able to survive in that area.

Chair Richey would like to put this item back on the agenda for the next meeting in case nothing happens until then.

Board member Brooks stated that she contacted the Director for Miami Dade College's Center for Community Involvement Joshua Young, and if a student needs a project for a grade, they will come to look at the area and see what kind of plants will work in the area. They may put a sign in the area recognizing that help was done by a Miami Dade College student.

Chair Richey noted that the board would ask City Manager Gorland to consider the possibility of including Mr. Young and that organization if he feels that there is time enough to do such a thing. He said that he would like to start this project in June.

d) Long Range Goals

Chair Richey commented that he still has the list of long range goals. He reiterated that he does not want to move this item and just wants to come up with ideas.

Board member Johnston suggested an educational garden but it seems that it is going to come together at the Curtiss Mansion. She thought that it would be a good idea to get involved with the English Department at the High School to create a poetry project where the students would write a poem on a tag and tie it to a tree.

Chair Richey suggested having the poetry project at the butterfly garden and it would be a great way to celebrate the butterfly garden.

Board member Ansbaugh suggested donating a tree in memory of someone for any occasion and Chair Richey said that that was one of the long range goals that she mentioned at the last meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the donation of a tree and how the project would work.

4. New Business:

Parks Maintenance Foreman Nash said that the grant that Carol Foster had been working on has been submitted and it takes a few months before Public Works hears anything.

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5. Adjournment:

There was no further business to be discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Board

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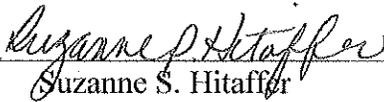
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City of Miami Springs, Florida

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting of Monday, April 16, 2012 has been canceled in advance.



Suzanne S. Hitaffer
Secretary to the Board

cc: Mayor and Council
City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk
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CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Miami Springs Education Advisory Board** met at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The following were present: Chair Robert J. Gordon
Vice Chair Dr. John Salomon
Libby Manning
Golnaz Sami
Dr. Mara Zapata

Also Present: Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Hitaffer

2. Approval of Minutes: March 20, 2012 Regular Meeting

Minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Vice Chair Salomon moved to approve the minutes as written and Board member Sami seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

3. Special Reports and Presentations

Report from the MDCPS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Lubby Navarro, Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, reported that school districts across the state received an increase in funding of \$1.5BB, including \$80MM to Miami-Dade. Even though there was an increase, it was only enough to cover last year's cut in funding.

Ms. Navarro informed the Board that the District is reviewing \$81MM of proposed cuts and the recommendations for next school year are being reviewed by the Superintendent in conjunction with his Senior Staff. The recommendations will most likely be presented to the School Board in May. She explained that it will be a difficult time for the school districts, particularly Miami-Dade County, because local issues include increasing health care costs, \$15MM for Charter Schools, and \$3MM to \$5MM for utilities, not counting increases. In addition, the reduction in the millage rate and property tax values might be 13% less.

To answer Chair Gordon's question, Ms. Navarro clarified that the budget for the District is approximately 13% of the total state budget.

Ms. Navarro reported that the School Superintendent had reached the \$70MM goal in raising funds for the wiring of all schools, with the help of a matching federal grant. She said that this is a very important mission and students are being asked to complete an on-line survey in regard to the level of technology that they have at home, since this a movement to a text book free environment.

The School Superintendent made a decision to cancel the bus tour of the Miami Springs schools, according to Ms. Navarro. She said that after receiving feedback from the schools, it was determined that this is a critical time for students to perform to their highest abilities for the FCAT testing and other tests that will be ongoing for the next six weeks. She explained that the bus tour is being postponed until late October or the beginning of November.

Ms. Navarro distributed information on the status of the proposed changes to school grades as a result of the February 2012 State Board meeting. She explained that Gisela Fields is the Director of Assessment for Miami-Dade County Public Schools and she was not able to attend tonight due a previous commitment.

Chairman Gordon stated that he is planning a Town Hall forum at the May 15th Education Advisory Board meeting and he would like to know if Ms. Fields would be available. He explained that it will be a time for parents to ask questions about the changes.

Ms. Navarro explained that the District representatives would definitely like to participate in the Town Hall meeting. The Superintendent is concerned regarding the upcoming changes and the Education Committee is working on community awareness.

Miami Springs Bullying Prevention Initiative

Kim Werner stated that she is a Miami-Dade County Public School counselor and also an Olweus Bullying Prevention Program trainer. Her concept has always been feeder pattern bullying prevention training and she came up with an idea for a community-wide bullying prevention initiative for Miami Springs that will take place at the Rebeca Sosa Theatre on Wednesday, May 16th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Ms. Werner invited all school counselors to attend the event that she is planning through her company called "A Piece Full World". She explained that she spoke with City Manager Gorland who was very receptive to her idea.

To answer Board member Manning's question, Ms. Werner said that the event would not be for one particular age group; the focus would be community-wide. She would like to have counselors attend and she invited a local therapist who works with bullied youth. She is hoping that after showing the movie "Bully" it will open the conversation. She emphasized that the community must come together to address the problem head-on.

Ms. Werner continued to explain more about the details of the event. She added that the City Manager is waiving the fee for use of the theatre.

To answer Chairman Gordon's question, Ms. Werner responded that she had made many presentations on bullying prevention. She trained two schools that were grant recipients of the Florida Bullying Prevention Initiative and she is one of ten trainers that were selected through the Florida Association of School Administrators.

Board member Zapata asked if the focus of the event is to create awareness of bullying in the community.

Ms. Werner commented that there is so much conversation about the topic of bullying and the community needs to come together to talk about what it is and how it is affecting the youth in the community schools. Her vision is to fill up the theatre and be able to talk and answer questions about bullying.

Board member Zapata asked if the legal ramifications would be discussed because parents need to know what to do and what rights their children have. She thinks that this question might be raised.

Ms. Werner responded that if the question comes up she would work to find an answer.

To answer Chairman Gordon's question, Ms. Werner replied that the event would be posted on the City's website and publicized in the River Cities Gazette.

4. School Reports

Miami Springs Middle School Principal Javier Perez reported on the following events and curricular activities:

- FCAT testing started and there was 98% attendance on the first two days.

- The tutoring academy and interventions have ended and the focus is on students that will be taking the end of course exams in April and early May for Algebra I, Geometry and Biology.
- One of the 7th grade teams went to Sea World and 152 students will attend the Marlin's game on April 30th.
- Staff Olympics was on March 30th with more than 72 teachers participating.
- The Girl's Basketball team won first place in the Junior Orange Bowl Classic out of twelve schools participating.
- The school painting project is 30% complete and it should be finished in four months.
- The P.T.A. spring catalog kick-off will be on Monday, April 30th.

Miami Springs Elementary School Principal Sally Hutchings reported on the following events and activities:

- Student artwork will be displayed at City Hall on May 7th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- The focus is on FCAT and it will be followed by the student Field Day.
- Two teachers have vegetable gardens.
- A parent workshop will be held on May 8th regarding transition to the middle school.
- Enrollment is up by two students, totaling 647.
- Field trips include the Butterfly World, Miami Children's Museum, Jungle Island, St. Augustine, Islands of Adventure and American Airlines.
- Mayor Garcia read to the pre-K students at the library.
- The school is hosting a community blood drive.
- Papa John's night is April 25th and the student debate will begin on May 7th.
- The P.T.A. will host a Celebration of the Arts on April 26th at 6:30 p.m. and an FCAT "Chill Out" on April 30th.

Principal Mayte Dovale of Springview Elementary reported on the following:

- A VPK lottery was held on April 9th with approximately 30 students participating; 19 students were selected and others were placed on a waiting list.
- SAT testing for grades K-2 went smoothly and now they are FCAT testing.
- The P.T.A. provided test taking tips and candy to help the students; the Food and Nutrition Department provided snacks for students on testing dates.
- The P.T.A. is planning a treat for students who meet their accelerated reading (AR) goals.
- Tutoring continues for students in grades 2-5 in the areas of reading, math and science.
- Students will be rewarded for completing Reading Plus, FCAT Explorer and the FCAT Camp.
- Reading Under the Stars is scheduled for May 16th and food trucks will be at the event.
- Report cards are distributed on Wednesday, April 18th.
- Students will be going to the "Lion King".

Chairman Gordon asked Ms. Dovale about the P.T.A. meeting when information was presented on FCAT, school grading and other topics and whether or not parents asked questions about how Springview will be affected.

Principal Dovale responded that there was not much feedback and normally parents filter through the information and come back with a couple of questions. She explained that no one had asked for any clarification and they were told that the information is still pending.

Chairman Gordon hopes that a forum would bring clarity on what is already being done at the school level so that people understand the new grading system and it will not be a surprise if the grades change.

Principal Dovale clarified that the PowerPoint presentation that was shared was provided by the District Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Miami Springs Senior High School Principal Anna Rodriguez displayed a copy of "ELAN" that is a school publication of poetry and artwork produced by the students. She noted the beauty of the artwork and the poetry and commented that the book had not been published for six years.

Principal Rodriguez continued to report the following school news:

- Mu Alpha Theta Math Club scored 5th overall in the Florida Math League state competition on April 2nd; three students achieved perfect scores.
- Student Government continues to engage in the Stop Hunger campaign by collecting canned food.
- The HOSA Club has one student competing at the national level next month.
- The school is now a Cambridge candidate school and will be receiving the official visitation next month. Teachers will receive on-line training during the summer and students will have the benefit of being to graduate with an international diploma.
- The school is now an iTECH Academy and the mathematics program is second to none in the county and the nation; the science program continues to strengthen and technology and engineering have been combined and taken to a different level. There are 125 seats that will open and the 8,000 sq. ft. compound for the business suite will be turned into a technology suite that is proposed to be finished by January 2013.

Principal Rodriguez explained that the iTECH Academy is a magnet program consisting of 125 students and everyone in the school will benefit from the Cambridge Program. She distributed copies of an informational pamphlet on the iTECH Academy Program. She also noted that the Miami Herald will be reporting on the new programs.

Principal Rodriguez also submitted an application from 11th grade student Lizelh Natalieh Ayala for the Youth Advisory Council.

To answer Board member Zapata's question, Principal Rodriguez clarified that the Cambridge Program is for academically high students, while students must meet certain criteria for iTECH, including a 2.5 grade point average and they are creating an honors track.

Board member Sami asked when is the application deadline for the iTECH Program and Principal Rodriguez responded that it is the week of June 12th. She added that the school website has a link with information and the application will be live tomorrow.

To answer Chair Gordon's question, Principal Rodriguez replied that the P.T.A. is meeting today and she knows that they had a booth at the Springs River Festival with information on the new program; they were also selling shirts, etc.

Chairman Gordon commented that he would be present at the school Book Awards on Wednesday, April 25th representing two schools.

Principal Rodriguez reported that all the interior doors in the school had been painted and she thanked the Region for their assistance in achieving that endeavor. She added that the bathrooms would reopen after being closed for five years thanks to the direction of Dr. Marinelli and Mr. Vidal.

Board member Manning wished luck to the Mu Alpha Theta Math Club at the state competition in Orlando. She also congratulated the Silver Knight nominees and the seniors who received their college acceptances.

Principal Rodriguez mentioned that she hopes to diversify the academic resume of the students with the Cambridge Program.

Vice Chair Salomon noted that there is a Miami Springs Senior High School student art exhibit in the City Hall lobby. He commended Principal Rodriguez for the "ELAN" publication.

5. PTA/PTSA Reports

There were no reports from the school PTA representatives.

6. Business/Reports

Chairman Gordon reported that the purpose of the next Education Advisory Board meeting would be to discuss school accountability and how it might be changing. He communicated with the Clerk of the Board and City Staff to see how the meeting could be advertised and he hopes to have a good representation of parents and community members attend and learn more about school accountability.

Chairman Gordon commented that one application for the Youth Advisory Council had been received from the High School. He asked Board member Sami if she could assist the other schools with their applications.

Board member Sami offered to send an e-mail to the schools regarding the Youth Advisory Council applications.

Board member Manning mentioned that the Education Advisory Board seems unbalanced with three Miami-Dade County Public School employees and she contacted Councilman Best to notify him that she would like to resign from the board before the next meeting. She added that she is frustrated not being able to speak with the other members outside of the meeting because of the Sunshine Law.

7. Other

Miami Springs Middle School Teacher Ms. Ferrer inquired about the new iTECH Program at the High School and if it is only for the 9th graders. She asked what would happen with the students in the other grades who already attend the High School.

Principal Rodriguez responded that the program only applies to 9th grade students because of limited resources. She clarified that other students would continue taking AP courses.

Chairman Gordon reminded everyone that the May Education Advisory Board meeting would be the last one before the summer because there are traditionally no meetings in June, July or August.

8. Adjourn

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Hitaffer
Clerk of the Board

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