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.

WHEREAS, the City has discussed various methods to promote and support student involvement with local government and community issues; and,

WHEREAS, the City has been advised that other local governments authorized the establishment of Youth Advisory Councils; and,

WHEREAS, Youth Advisory Councils are meant to engage the youth of the community in local issues, promote decision making skills, and provide a platform for the development of youth leadership; and,

WHEREAS, Youth Advisory Councils serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council with respect to the many community matters affecting the various age groups of children in the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami Springs has determined that it is both proper and appropriate, and beneficial to the City and its citizens, to establish a Youth Advisory Council for the City of Miami Springs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Miami Springs hereby authorizes and establishes a Youth Advisory Council for the City in accordance with the following provisions:

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1: Establishment of Youth Advisory Council. There is hereby established a Youth Advisory Council which shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council of the City of Miami Springs. The purpose of the Youth Council is to provide the youth of the City of Miami Springs with a vehicle to learn about government, participate in the process of city government, represent and articulate the needs of youth in the City, and advise the Mayor and City Council on matters affecting the youth and teen population, especially City programs relating to youth and teens.

Section 2: Council Membership. The Youth Advisory Council shall consist of eight (8) members. Each member shall be a resident of the City of Miami Springs and must be in at least the fifth grade to qualify for membership on the Council.

Section 3: Appointment to Council. Each student interested in becoming a member of the Council shall complete a membership application and comply with whatever other conditions or requirements may be imposed by the prospective member's school. Each of the following schools shall nominate one student for membership on the Youth Advisory Council:

1. Miami Springs Senior High School.
2. Miami Springs Middle School.
3. Miami Springs Elementary School.
4. Springview Elementary School.
5. All Angels Academy.
6. Blessed Trinity Catholic School.
7. Seventh Day Adventist School.
8. A.I.E. Charter School

The City Council will review all the information and documentation submitted by each school in support of its nominated member, and the City Council shall then be required to ratify each membership nomination by a majority vote of the Council.

Section 4: Term of Membership. Each appointed Youth Advisory Council member shall serve a one year term of office, beginning on October 1st and concluding on May 31st of each school year. Membership during one term shall not disqualify a member from serving on subsequent Youth Advisory Councils.

Section 5: Meetings of the Council. The Youth Advisory Council shall meet on a quarterly basis in the City of Miami Springs Council Chambers, and shall be required to submit status reports, Council recommendations and meeting minutes to the City Council on a timely basis.

Section 6: Council Officers. The members of the Council shall elect a Vice-Chairperson and Secretary at its first meeting following ratification of all students to the Council. The Chairperson shall be the high school appointee to the Council who shall be responsible for conducting all Council meetings. If the Chairperson is unavailable or unable to conduct any Council meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the Chairperson's duties. The Council Secretary shall be responsible for providing timely advance notice of all meetings, in conjunction with the clerical assistant assigned to the Council by the City, as well as providing the City Council with all Council status reports, recommendations and meeting minutes.

Section 7: City Support Services. The City shall allow the Youth Advisory Council to conduct its meetings in the City Council Chambers or at such other alternate location as may be timely designated. In addition, the City shall provide clerical assistance for all Council related activities, and insure that appropriate materials and supplies are made available to Council members.

Section 8: School Support Services. On a rotating basis, as may be determined jointly by the schools nominating members for the Council, at least one adult advisor shall be provided for all Council meeting and activities.

Section 9: Absences of Council Members. Absences from any two consecutive quarterly Council meetings shall cause the absent member to be automatically removed from the Council, unless either of the absences is excused by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Council.

Section 10. Applicable Law. The acts, actions and activities of the Youth Advisory Council shall be subject to Sunshine Law (Florida Statute Section 286.01l) and Public Records Law (Florida Statute Chapter No. 119) of the State of Florida.

Section 11. Council Duties and Responsibilities. The Youth Advisory Council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Evaluate and review issues affecting youth in the City.

2. Increase volunteerism and enhance civic education.

3. Promote leadership and advocacy for youth issues.

4. Develop and perform at least one community service project during each academic year.

5. Facilitate meetings with youth to discuss issues important to the community.

6. Share ideas and discuss issues, concerns and suggested improvements with the City Council or the participating schools.

7. Assist in planning youth and recreation activities.

8. Evaluate and advise the City Council on issues assigned to the Youth Advisory Council by the City Council.

Section 12. Continuity of Council. The Youth Advisory Council provisions established by this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until superseded by subsequent City Council Resolution.

Section 2: That the provisions of this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida, this 23rd day of April, 2012.

The motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was offered by Councilman Best, seconded by Councilman Espino, and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Vice Mayor Lob	"aye"
Councilman Best	"aye"
Councilman Espino	"aye"
Councilwoman Ator	"aye"
Mayor Garcia	"aye"

Zavier M. Garcia
Mayor

ATTEST:

Magali Valls, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY AND FORM:

Jan K. Seiden, City Attorney