



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Mayor Walter Fajet, Ed.D.

Vice Mayor Joseph Dion
Councilman Orlando Lamas

Councilman Jorge Santin
Councilman Fabian Perez-Crespo

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."

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, March 9, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Community Center, 1401 Westward Drive, 2nd Floor, Miami Springs, Florida
(In-person and virtually; See the end of the Agenda for additional information)

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Invocation:**
 - A) Led by Vice Mayor Joseph Dion
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Audience will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.
4. **Agenda/Order of Business**
5. **Awards & Presentations**
 - A) Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to homes that have celebrated 100 years
 - B) Presentation of the Yard of the Month Award for March 2026 to the property located at 998 Ibis Avenue Mr. and Mrs. Alcaine
6. **Open Forum:** Persons wishing to speak on items of general City business, may do so in person or via email by following the instructions at the back of this agenda. The purpose of Open Forum is to encourage residents and members of the public to address their concerns and make comments on any item. **The City Council will not enter into a dialogue at this time. City staff will gladly address any question, issue, and/or comment after the meeting. The Mayor is the presiding officer of all Council meetings and shall conduct the meetings accordingly.**
7. **Approval of Council Minutes**
 - A) February 9, 2026 – Regular Meeting

8. Reports from Boards & Commissions

- A) Reappointment of Dr. Jim Watson to the Historic Preservation Board for an additional term
- B) Report by the Historic Preservation Board and Councilman Santin on Historical Markers for six identified locations in the City

9. Public Hearings

10. Consent Agenda

11. Previous/Unfinished Business

12. New Business

- A) **Ordinance - First Reading** - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Revising The Board Composition Of The Employees' Retirement System And Police And Fire Pension Plan; Amending Code Of Ordinance Section 35-05 To Permit Drop Participants To Serve As Pension Trustees On The General Employees Pension Board; Amending Code Of Ordinance Section 35-56 To Permit Four Year Terms Of Office And Allow Drop Participants To Serve As Pension Trustees On The Police Pension Board; Providing For Conflicts; And Providing For An Effective Date

13. Other Business

- A) Vote of Confidence for the City Clerk as Required by Section 8.01(1) of the City Charter
- B) Vote of Confidence for the City Attorney as Required by Section 8.01(1) of the City Charter.
- C) Selection of Director and Alternate for the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Board of Directors
- D) Request by Thad Ovcovich for a City donation towards HOSA Club — Future Healthcare Association at AIE is requesting a \$250 for travel expenses for 10 students that will be competing in Orlando on April 16 -19 for a state competition.

14. Reports & Recommendations

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

15. Adjourn



**CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The City of Miami Springs will hold a Council meeting on:

Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Community Center, 1401 Westward Drive, 2nd Floor, Miami Springs, Florida
(Physical Meeting Location)

The meeting agenda is available online at: <https://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/meetings>

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Please provide the following information before delivering your comments: Your Name, Address, if you are a hired Consultant or City Employee, and/or if you are engaged in Lobbying Activities and/or representing an organization.

A time limit may be imposed for each speaker during public comment.
Your cooperation is appreciated in observing the time limit.

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determined that racial or ethnic slurs, personal attacks and comments unrelated to City matters or issues constitute prohibited comments when addressing the Council during public comments.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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From: [Janai Pomaes](#)
To: [Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: List of 100 Year Homes
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 11:29:56 AM

Hi Erika,

Here is the list of 100 Year Homes expected to attend the March 9th Council Meeting:

1. 537 Glen Way
2. 141 N. Melrose Avenue
3. 50 Truxton Drive
4. 241 Palmetto Drive
5. 372 La Villa Drive
6. 489 South Drive
7. 564 De Soto Drive
8. 270 Rosedale Avenue

Best regards,



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City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Community Center, 1401 Westward Drive, 2nd Floor, Miami Springs, Florida

In-Person/Virtual Council Meeting

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:02 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Walter Fajet, Ed.D.

Vice Mayor Joseph Dion

Councilman Jorge Santin

Councilman Orlando Lamas

Councilman Fabian Perez-Crespo

City Manager JC Jimenez

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez, MMC

City Attorney Roger Pou

Assistant City Manager Omar Luna

Police Chief Matthew Castillo

Public Works Director Juan Pena

City Planner Silvia Vargas

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Councilman Fabian Perez-Crespo

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:** The audience led in the pledge.

- 4. Agenda / Order of Business:**

Mayor Fajet proposed adding a discussion item under Other Business to review and discuss City's 2021 Vacation and Rental Property Ordinance; and further asked if there were any objections to placing the discussion on the agenda. There was consensus of the Council to add the item. There were no further changes at this time. Vice Mayor Dion moved to set the agenda as amended. Councilman Lamas seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Dion, Councilman Santin, Councilman Lamas, Councilman Perez-Crespo and Mayor Fajet voting Yes.

- 5. Awards & Presentations:**

- A) Presentation of the Miami Springs Employee Service Award recognizing Thomas Cummings, Public Works Sanitation Supervisor for his 40 years of service; and

Amanda Parsons, Golf Pro Shop Clerk for her 5 years of dedicated service to the City

The Mayor announced the presentation of the Miami Springs Employee Service Award to Thomas Cummings, Public Works Sanitation Supervisor, in recognition of his 40 years of service to the City. The Public Works Director addressed the Mayor and Council, highlighting Mr. Cummings' dedication, professionalism, and invaluable institutional knowledge within the department. The Mayor thanked Mr. Cummings for his longstanding service. Ms. Parsons was not able to attend.

- B) Presentation of the Yard of the Month Award to the property at 217 Duval Drive, the Perrera Family

The Mayor presented the Yard of the Month Award to “The Perrera Family,” residents of 217 Duval Drive; were recognized as the February 2026 Yard of the Month recipient. The Mayor acknowledged the effort and dedication required to maintain the property and invited residents to visit and view the award-winning yard.

6. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Nery Owens, 169 Corydon Drive.

7. Approval of Council Minutes:

- A) January 26, 2026 - Local Planning Agency
- B) January 26, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Vice Mayor Dion moved to approve the minutes of the Local Planning Agency on January 26, 2026 and the Regular Council Meeting on January 26, 2026. Councilman Perez-Crespo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Dion, Councilman Santin, Councilman Lamas, Councilman Perez-Crespo and Mayor Fajet voting Yes.

8. Reports from Boards & Commissions: None at this time.

9. Public Hearings:

City Attorney Roger Pou read items 9A through 9D by title. City Clerk Erika Gonzalez Santamaria swore in the members giving testimony on the items. The Mayor opened the public hearing, the following members of the public addressed the City Council: Cindy Dwyer, 300 Morningside Drive; Randall Rakestraw, 300 Morningside Drive; Natalie Carrillo, 222 Palmetto Drive; Victor Quito, 117 Palmetto Drive; and Vincent Medel.

The applicant's representative, Graham Penn, reviewed the project history and noted the application was revised in response to feedback, including reduced scope, increased parking, removal of Morningside access, added

buffering/landscaping, stormwater measures (including pervious materials), and creation of the Medical and Residential Care (MRC) zoning district. Planning staff outlined the review sequence, explained the FLUM amendment would be updated to reflect the reduced scope, and recommended approval of the amended site plan subject to staff conditions, including an MOT plan, completion/verification of Certificate of Appropriateness work prior to new building permits, and a two-year validity period requiring application for a building permit. Council discussed neighborhood impacts, including parking, lighting, construction impacts, and historic preservation. The applicant accepted additional conditions, including 90-day progress updates and submission of a photometric lighting plan.

A) **Ordinance - Second Reading** — An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, [Approving/Approving With Conditions/Denying] A Small-Scale Amendment To The City’s Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Designation For The Properties Generally Located At 201 Curtiss Parkway (Designated Property Folio Nos. 05-3119-010-0620 And 05-3119-010-0680) From “Single Family Residential” To “Medical/Residential”; Providing For Authorization; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Vice Mayor Dion moved to approve the Ordinance with the amendment removing Folio No. 05-3119-010-0680 from the request. Councilman Lamas seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Dion, Councilman Santin, Councilman Lamas, Councilman Perez-Crespo and Mayor Fajet voting Yes.

B) **Ordinance - Second Reading** - An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Creating Section 150-081 Of The City’s Code Of Ordinances To Create A New Medical And Residential Care (MRC) Zoning District Permitting Nursing, Convalescent, And Extended-Care Homes; Assisted Living Facilities; And Accessory Uses And Structures Incidental Thereto And Establish Development Parameters Governing Development In The District; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; Providing For Implementation; Providing For Conflicts; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Vice Mayor Dion moved to approve the Ordinance as read. Councilman Perez-Crespo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Dion, Councilman Santin, Councilman Lamas, Councilman Perez-Crespo and Mayor Fajet voting Yes.

C) **Ordinance - Second Reading** - An Ordinance Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Zoning Map Amendment To Rezone Approximately ±5.49 Net Acres Of Property Located At 201 Curtiss Parkway And Designated Property Folio Nos. 05-3119-010-2480 And 05-3119-010-0620, From R-3C Multiple Family Residential, Medium Density To MRC Medical And Residential Care; Providing For Findings; Providing For Recording; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Vice Mayor Dion moved to approve the Ordinance as read. Councilman Santin seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Dion, Councilman Santin, Councilman Lamas, Councilman Perez-Crespo and Mayor Fajet voting Yes.

D) **Resolution** - A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, [Approving / Approving With Conditions / Denying] A Site Plan Application By Fair Havens Propco LLC For The Fair Havens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Site Plan On The Property Located At The Approximately ±5.49 Net Acres Of Property Located At 201 Curtiss Parkway And Designated Property Folio Nos. 05-3119-010-2480 And 05-3119-010-0620; Providing For Conditions; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Vice Mayor Dion moved to approve the Ordinance with staff-recommended conditions and two additional conditions accepted by the applicant; Provide progress reports every 90 days to the City Council, as needed, and submit a detailed photometric plan demonstrating compliance with City lighting regulations. Councilman Perez-Crespo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Dion, Councilman Santin, Councilman Lamas, Councilman Perez-Crespo and Mayor Fajet voting Yes.

E) **Resolution** - A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Affirming A Recommendation Of The City's Board Of Adjustment To Approve With Conditions An Application By Ruben Diaz For The Property Located At 374 Hunting Lodge Drive (Property Folio No. 05-3024-006-0810) To Permit A 5- Foot And 4-Inch Interior Side Setback Along The East Property Line Where A 15-Foot Interior Side Setback Would Otherwise Be Required; Providing For Conditions; Providing For Final Order; Providing For Violations; And Providing For An Effective Date.

City Attorney Roger Pou read Item 9E by title into the record. Ruben Diaz, applicant for 374 Hunting Lodge Drive addressed the Council, explaining the request was to construct a trellis supported by two columns in order to restore privacy in his rear yard following construction of a neighboring home. He stated that other nonconforming accessory structures would be demolished and that only the trellis would remain within the requested setback area. Planning staff provided a brief summary of the Board of Adjustment hearing and outlined staff's prior recommendation of denial based on variance criteria. Staff also noted additional information regarding existing accessory structures and advised that the Council's options were to affirm the Board of Adjustment's decision or set the matter for a separate quasi-judicial hearing.

Following discussion, a motion was made to set the item for a separate hearing to be conducted by the City Council sitting as the Board of Adjustment.

Vice Mayor Dion moved to set the item for a separate hearing at the next Council meeting. Councilman Perez-Crespo seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Dion, Councilman Santin, Councilman Lamas, Councilman

Perez-Crespo and Mayor Fajet voting Yes.

10. Consent Agenda:

A) **Resolution** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Appointment Of A Special Magistrate For Code Compliance Hearings; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date.

B) **Resolution** - A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Ratifying The Issuance Of A Work Order To Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. For Preconstruction Activities, Bidding Assistance, And Project Management Services For The South Drive Stormwater And Roadway Improvements Project In The Amount Of \$250,000; Authorizing The Issuance Of A Work Order To The Consultant For Construction Administration Services Relating To The Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$28,500; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Councilman Perez-Crespo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Lamas seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Dion, Councilman Santin, Councilman Lamas, Councilman Perez-Crespo and Mayor Fajet voting Yes.

11. Previous/Unfinished Business: None at this time.

12. New Business: None at this time.

13. Other Business:

A) Request by Mayor Fajet to discuss the City's Short-Term Vacation Rentals Ordinance

The Mayor introduced a discussion to review the City's implementation of the 2021 Vacation Rental Property Ordinance in response to recent resident concerns. The City Attorney explained state preemption limits the City's authority (the City cannot prohibit vacation rentals or regulate the frequency/duration of stays, and the 2021 ordinance is not grandfathered). Staff summarized key ordinance requirements, including annual registration, emergency contact information, licensing/insurance documentation, and occupancy limits (up to 10 overnight, 11:00 p.m.–7:00 a.m.; up to 14 daytime). The City Manager stated staff is reviewing registered vacation rentals for compliance and coordinating enforcement with Police, Code, and the City Attorney's Office, emphasizing the need for residents to report violations. A resident, Freddy Herrera, addressed the Council regarding repeated nuisance and safety concerns at a nearby vacation rental and requested stronger enforcement. The Mayor closed by noting staff would provide updates at a future meeting.

14. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Roger Pou thanked the Mayor and Council for their patience during the meeting and for the opportunity to assist throughout the public hearing process.

B) City Manager

City Manager JC Jimenez reported that, following discussion at the previous meeting, staff has begun meeting with public relations and marketing firms regarding an informational campaign related to 36th Street and Southeast Springs. Additional meetings are scheduled in the near future. The City Manager also advised that the State of Florida is considering changes to property tax legislation that may significantly impact the City. He stated that staff will continue to monitor developments and provide updates to the Council and residents as more information becomes available.

C) City Clerk

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez reported that she had been in contact with the Supervisor of Elections regarding the withdrawal of the April 7th election date. The City has also received approval for participation in the August 18th Primary Election, which will be considered in upcoming discussions.

The Mayor noted that ballot language will be brought back for consideration at the next meeting.

D) City Council

Councilman Santin expressed appreciation for the volunteers who contributed to the recent Centennial event, noting the significant effort made by residents to make the celebration special for the City. He recognized the many individuals involved, including those supporting social media and event coordination, and thanked the community for their dedication and hard work.

Vice Mayor Dion seconded the comments regarding the success of the recent Centennial event and thanked all those who worked to make it possible. He noted the event's growth from initial planning stages and highlighted the monuments and overall coordination. He also addressed concerns regarding vacation rentals, stating he has spoken with Police Department leadership who share the community's concerns. He emphasized that efforts are ongoing and encouraged residents to continue communicating with the City regarding issues.

Councilman Lamas thanked everyone involved in organizing the recent Centennial event, describing it as an amazing evening. He recognized Councilman Santin and the Centennial Committee for their leadership and efforts, and expressed appreciation to all who contributed to the celebration.

Councilman Perez-Crespo echoed comments regarding the success of the Centennial Gala, noting the positive feedback from residents and the significant planning involved. He described the event as a memorable celebration for the City and commended those who contributed to its organization, including recognition of the commemorative program book. He also extended well wishes to Dr. Victor Vasquez for a speedy recovery.

Mayor Fajet echoed the Council's comments regarding the success of the Centennial Gala, describing it as an incredible event and noting the strong community response. He stated that while the level of planning required is significant, the celebration was well worth the effort. The Mayor also noted that the City will continue commemorating its Centennial throughout the year, including incorporation of Centennial recognition into upcoming events such as the River Cities Festival and other community activities. He encouraged residents to stay engaged as additional Centennial events are planned.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Erika Gonzalez, MMC
City Clerk*

*Adopted by the City Council on
This 9th day of February, 2026.*

Dr. Walter Fajet, Mayor

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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: March 9, 2026

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

Via: JC Jimenez, City Manager

From: Erika Gonzalez, MMC, City Clerk

Subject: Report by the Historic Preservation Board and Councilman Santin on Historical Markers for six identified locations in the City

Recommendation:

Recommending that the City Council approve proceeding with the installation of additional markers at proposed locations.

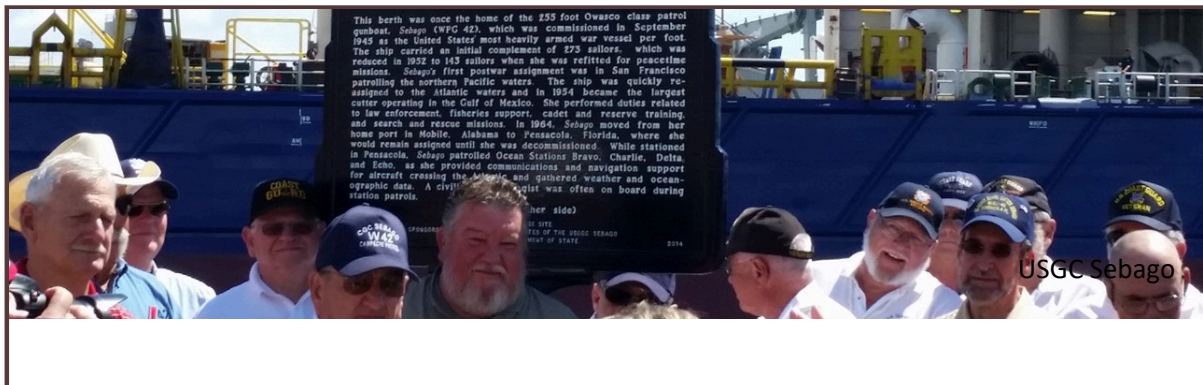
Discussion/Analysis:

Locations for Historical Markers and current funding sources. There are six sites in total:

- Golf Course: Commissioner Milian Orbis
- Clune Stadnik Building: Commissioner Milian Orbis
- Fair Havens: Fair Haven property owners
- Curtiss Mansion: Carole Foster (tentative)
- Parker Lift Bridge: Funded by City (previously approved by Council 8/22/2022)
- Pony Swing Bridge: Funded by City (previously approved by Council 8/22/2022)

Funding:

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Department of State / Division of Historical Resources / Preservation / Historical Markers

Historical Markers

OVERVIEW OF THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM

Program Overview

The Florida Historical Marker Program is one of the Division of Historical Resources' most popular and visible public history programs. It is designed to raise public awareness of Florida's rich cultural history and to enhance the enjoyment of our historic sites by citizens and tourists. These markers allow us to tell the stories of the places and people who created the Florida that we all enjoy today, by identifying the churches, schools, archaeological sites, battlefields and homes that represent our past.



Upcoming Meetings

The Florida Historical Marker Council (</historical/preservation/historical-markers/state-historical-marker-council/>) meets throughout the year to review received Historical Marker Applications.

Next Marker Council Meeting

Marker Council -Marker Review Meeting
February 25 - 10 am EST

Download the agenda here (</media/710013/feb-25-meeting-agenda-draft.pdf>)
Register to attend via webinar
(<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6291738039380848220>)

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, REVISING THE BOARD COMPOSITION OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND POLICE AND FIRE PENSION PLAN; AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCE SECTION 35-05 TO PERMIT DROP PARTICIPANTS TO SERVE AS PENSION TRUSTEES ON THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION BOARD; AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCE SECTION 35-56 TO PERMIT FOUR YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE AND ALLOW DROP PARTICIPANTS TO SERVE AS PENSION TRUSTEES ON THE POLICE PENSION BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution, and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, provides municipalities with the authority to exercise any power for municipal purposes, except where prohibited by law, and to adopt ordinances in furtherance of such authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami Springs (the "City") finds it periodically necessary to amend its Code of Ordinances ("Code") in order to update regulations and procedures to maintain consistency with state law, implement municipal goals and objectives, clarify regulations, and address specific issues and needs that may arise; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 35 of the City Code provides for the sponsorship of Retirement Plans ("Plans"); and

WHEREAS, the Plans are administered by a Board of Trustees (the "Board") which serve as fiduciaries for the Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Boards have recommended amending the Plans to permit DROP participants to serve as pension trustees and to provide for extended four-year terms of office, as permitted by Section 185.05, Fla. Stat.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed amendment to Section 35-05 and 35-56 of the Code is in the best interests of the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA THAT: ¹

Section 1. Recitals. That the above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

¹ Coding: ~~Strikethrough~~ words are deletions to the existing words. Underlined words are additions to the existing words. Changes between first and second reading are indicated with yellow **highlighted** ~~double-strikethrough~~ and double underline.

Section 2. Amending Code. That the Code of Miami Springs, Florida, is hereby amended by amending Section 35-05 and 35-56, which said section shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 35 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

ARTICLE I. - EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

* * *

Section 35-05. - Board of Trustees created; membership.

(A) There is created a Board of Trustees in whom is vested the power and authority to administer, manage, and operate the retirement system, and to construe and make effective the provisions of §§ 35-01—35-45.

(B) The board shall consist of five trustees as follows:

- (1) One person to be selected by the council.
- (2) The City Manager.
- (3) Two members of the retirement system, including DROP participants, who shall be elected by the general members.
- (4) One member to be appointed by the other four trustees.

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ARTICLE II. - POLICE AND FIREMAN PENSION PLAN

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Section 35-56. Administration.

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(B) The term of office of each elected employee member trustee shall be ~~two~~ four (4) years unless he or she sooner leaves the employment of the municipality as a police officer. The term of office of each resident member appointed by the City Council shall be ~~two~~ four (4) years, unless sooner replaced by the City Council at whose pleasure they shall serve, and the term of the fifth member shall be ~~two~~ four (4) years. All members may succeed themselves in office. DROP participants shall be permitted to run for election to the member seats on the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Conflicts. All Sections or parts of Sections of the Code of Ordinances, all ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all Resolutions, or parts of Resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Severability. That the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for

any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5. Codification. That it is the intention of the City Council and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City Code, that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intentions, and that the word Ordinance shall be changed to Section or other appropriate word.

Section 6. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption on second reading.

PASSED ON FIRST READING on the _____ day of _____, 2026, on a motion made by _____ and seconded by _____.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING this ___ day of _____, 2026, on a motion made by _____ and seconded by _____. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Dr. Walter Fajet	_____
Vice Mayor Joseph Dion	_____
Councilmember Fabian Perez-Crespo	_____
Councilmember Orlando Lamas	_____
Councilmember Jorge Santin	_____

DR. WALTER FAJET
MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIKA GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS ONLY:

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY

From: [Miami Dade County League of Cities](#)
To: [Walter Fajet](#)
Cc: [Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria](#)
Subject: MDCLC Board appointment
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 12:00:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Importance: High



Dear Mayor Fajet:

Allow me this opportunity to first thank you for your continued participation in and support of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities (MDCLC). President Omarr C. Nickerson, and myself are well aware that MDCLC's success is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of its members. For this reason, we need your cooperation in making appointments to the Board.

Each member municipality designates one of its elected officials to serve as a **Director** and one as an **alternate Director** of the League for a period of one year. The term commences at the date of the Annual Meeting in the month of May, and runs until the following May.

Allow this letter to serve as a kind reminder that you are required to designate a Director and an alternate to represent your municipality on the MDCLC's Board preferably before **April 10, 2026**. Please send us a note to the League office naming your appointments.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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