



THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 6, 2026

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:25 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Miramar City Hall, 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida.

MAYOR MESSAM: The meeting of the Miramar City Commission is now called to order. An opportunity was given to the public to register to participate, or email the City Clerk 24 hours prior to the Commission meeting with any questions, comments, concerns on items we will hear on this evening's agenda. Any person may be heard by the City Commission, through the chair, and upon registering, pursuant to the published notice, for not more than three minutes on any proposition before the Commission unless modified by the chair. This meeting is being streamed live at miramarfl.gov/commissionmeeting, and televised on Comcast channel 78, and AT&T U-verse channel 99 for the City of Miramar subscribers. As of May 6, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. no member from the public has registered to participate virtually in this meeting. If someone has registered later than this time and would like to speak, they can raise their hand, and, at the appropriate time, our IT staff will unmute their mic to call them to speak. Please be sure to mention your name and address for the record to a -- before addressing the Commission. All com -- comments submitted will be included as part of the record for this meeting, and will be considered by the City Commission prior to any action taken.

ROLL CALL/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Present.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Here:

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Edwards.

VICE MAYOR EDWARDS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Manager Dr. Virgin.

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Norris-Weeks.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Powell.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Here.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of the City Commission were present:

Mayor Wayne M. Messam
Vice Mayor Carson Edwards
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers
Commissioner Avril Cherasard
Commissioner Yvette Colbourne

The following members of staff were present:

City Manager Dr. Roy Virgin
City Attorney Norman Powell
City Attorney Jordan Gary
City Clerk Denise Gibbs

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR MESSAM: Let us rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MAYOR MESSAM: We do have a commemoration list, and -- and it -- and before we have our moment of silence, we do want to recognize the loss of one of our beloved Utilities colleagues, Leighton Henriques, who passed away this past weekend. And we'd like to keep his family under -- in our prayers, and I believe we have a presentation that will be shown (video shown.) Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: Now on to presentations.

Proclamation: Recognizing Police Week and Police Officers Memorial Day (Vice Mayor Carson "Eddy" Edwards)

MAYOR MESSAM: We have a -- a list of proclamations, and a couple of presentations. I'll ask my colleagues to join me in the front of the dais, and we're going to move up the recognition of Police Week, and Police Officers Memorial Day, because we want to ensure that our officers can safely get back out on the road to keep our streets safe. So if you can join me in the front. If we can have Miramar Police Department, Chief Moss, and -- and command staff, you can come join us, the reception of this proclamation.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, if at some point, the Teachers Association Sunshine School is here, if you have an opportunity, if you can move them up, so they get a chance to go home, and get back to school tomorrow, thank you.

(Applause and many speakers while people assemble on the dais for the proclamation.)

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. This may have broken a record in terms of number of individuals who receive a proclamation, so. This proclamation was requested by Vice Mayor Carson "Eddy" Edwards in rec -- recognizing Police Week, and Police Officers Memorial Day, which -- which will be on May 15th, 2026:

Whereas, law enforcement officers across our nation, and within the City of Miramar serve with courage, integrity, and unwavering commitment to protect our community, and upholding the rule of law; and, Whereas, these dedicated men and women willingly place themselves in harm's way, facing danger and uncertainty to ensure the safety and wellbeing of others; and, Whereas, during Police Week, we pause to honor the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers, and recognize the vital role they play in safeguarding our community; and, Whereas, Police Officer's Memorial Day, observed annually on May 15th, is a solemn occasion to remember and pay tribute to those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and, Whereas, we are also recognize families, friends, and fellow

officers who carry the enduring loss of those who gave their lives in service, and we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten; and, Whereas, it is fitting and proper that we express our deepest gratitude and respect to the men and women of the Miramar Police Department, and all law enforcement personnel who continue to serve with dedication, professionalism, and bravery. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of Vice Mayor Carson “Eddy” Edwards, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim the week of May 10th, 2026, and May 15th, 2026, as Police Week, and Police Officers Memorial Day in the great city of Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Edwards.

VICE MAYOR EDWARDS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. As said on the proclamation, you know, our officers put themselves in harm’s way, and wanted to just pause, recognize all the officers for the work that they do in protecting this city, risking their lives, and also to those who have lost their lives. To their family, they’re not forgotten, and we remember them here in the City of Miramar. And to you, officers, thank you for your service.

MAYOR MESSAM: Think he’s going to try one group shot. Thank you all.

Proclamation: Teacher Appreciation Month (Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers)

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, would like to invet -- I mean invite Principal Denise Dorsett, principal of Sunshine Elementary, to come forward to receive recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week. Let’s give her a round of applause, and -- and team. This proclama -- this proclamation was requested by Commissioner Chambers. Proclamation: recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4th through 8th, 2026:

Whereas, we celebrate Teacher -- Teacher Appreciation Week. We proudly recognize Sunshine Elementary School established in 1963 as a historic Title I public school that has played a vital role in the City of Miramar. From its humble beginnings with portable structures, Sunshine Elementary has become a cornerstone of education, and fostering a love for learning in its diverse student body with a student/teacher ratio that champions personal -- personalized attention and care; and, Whereas, as of 2026, Sunshine Elementary currently serves approximately 614 students, ensuring that families in Miramar find a nurturing environment, where their children can arri -- can thrive academically and socially. Many families have com -- completed their entire elementary education at Sunshine Elementary, creating a deep-rooted connection within the community; and, Whereas, the teachers at Sunshine Elementary are vital to shaping the future of our children. They are not just educators, they are mentors, advocates, and role models who instill confidence and resilience. Teachers have a profound impact on student achievement, and overall wellbeing; and,

Whereas, the dedication of educators goes beyond the curriculum, they cultivate a love of learning, encouraging critical thinking, and inspires students to pursue their dreams. Their commitment to excellence significantly enhances the lives of their students, and the community at large; and, Whereas, as we observe Teacher Appreciation Week, we express our heartfelt gratitude to the educators at Sunshine Elementary School for their unwavering dedication, passion, and a transformative role they play in the lives of our children, and the City of Miramar. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of Commissioner Maxwell Chambers, and the city Commission do hereby proclaim May 4th through 8th, 2026, as Teacher Appreciation Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much. Just want to express that society got it so wrong, from our babysitter, to kindergarten, to college, university, our teachers are the one that taught all of us, everyone, but yet still we pay them very little. I don't understand why it's like that. But today we are here for Sunshine Elementary; Ms. Dorsett, Principal Dorsett, and her AP is here to receive this token of thank you from the City of Miramar and myself. Want to thank you over the years for preserving education in the City of Miramar, preserving these student, making sure all of us, they -- so many students have gone that school doing good things, making the world a better place. And it's all because of teachers, and principal like yourself, and AP, and I'm just owe all of you a debt of gratitude. I'm privileged to be here in the City of Miramar, and to serve, and just in a little way give back. But I'm truly grateful for all of you. Thank you so much for all that you've done. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Would you like to share a word?

MS. DORSETT: Good evening. On behalf of the faculty and staff, and students at Sunshine Elementary School, we want to thank you all at the City of Miramar; you've played a amazing role at assisting our students, giving our students in the east and out west experience. Thank you. Because I call on Commissioner Chambers all the time, and my newfound commissioner; I call on them, and they are there to respond to the call to provide whatever the needs of our students. And we just want to thank you all for all that you've done for our students. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much.

Proclamation: National Public Works Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation, we will call forward Chief Operations Officer, Public Works Director Shana Coombs, and team forward to receive a proclamation in recognition of National Public Works Week. Let's give them a round of applause. I've been told there -- yes, we can play it now. There's a presentation for our Public Works

Department we'll play before the proclamation (video played.) National Public Works Week, May 17th through 23rd, 2026:

Whereas, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities, and to public health, safety, and quality of life; and, Whereas, these professionals comprised of engineers, managers, and skilled personnel are responsible for planning, maintaining, and enhancing the City's stormwater systems and canals, roadways and sidewalks, solid waste collection and disposal, landscaping, street lights, community shuttle system, and our fleet maintenance; and, Whereas, it is the public interest for residents, civic leaders, and youth in the City of Miramar to gain knowledge, and of the understanding, the importance, and value of public works programs, and the vital role staff plays in sustaining our community; and, Whereas, the year 2026 marks the 66th Annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association; and, Whereas, this year's theme, "Rooted in service, powered by community," highlights the ongoing commitment of public works professionals, whose tireless efforts, both seen and unseen support the growth and progress of thriving, and resilient communities. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby designate the week of May 17th through 23rd, 2026, as National Public Works Weeks.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we owe a lot of gratitude to our Public Works Department. They work all hours of the day; they do the things that we don't even see, keep our facilities up and running; they're out on the street, and we really appreciate all that you do to keep Miramar the premier city in South Florida, so thank you all so much for all that you do.

Proclamation: Municipal Clerks' Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Our next two proclamations is for the City Clerk's Office, and I invite City Clerk Denise Gibbs, and team forward to receive these two proclamations. Let's give them a round of applause. The first proclamation is in recognition of the 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerk's Week, May 3rd through 9th, 2026:

Whereas, the office of the professional municipal clerk, a time honored, and vital part of local government exist throughout the world; and, Whereas, the office of the professional municipal clerk is the oldest among public servants; and, Whereas, the office of the professional municipal clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at all levels; and the -- where -- and, Whereas, professional municipal clerks have pledged to be very mindful of their neutrality, and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and, Whereas, the professional municipal clerk serves as the information center

on functions of local government, and community; and, Whereas, professional municipal clerks continually strive to improve the administration on the affairs of the office of the professional municipal clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county, and international professional organizations; and, Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the office of the professional municipal clerk. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim May 3rd through 9th, 2026, as Municipal Clerk's Week.

Proclamation: National Minutes and Records Day (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And if that was not enough, our professional municipal clerks also are at the cornerstone of the recognition of National Minutes and Records Day, which is observed May 6, 2026:

Whereas, the accurate and transparent recording of meeting minutes is essential for organizational integrity, legal compliance, and historical record; and, Whereas, minutes serve as the official, permanent record of decisions, actions, and discussions, fostering trust among stakeholders, members, and the public; and, Whereas, clerks across America carry the invisible work of democracy, transcribing minutes, capturing moments, and preserving the public work that shape our communities and organizations; and, Whereas, recognizing the importance of these records ensures accountability, and promotes best practices in governance; and, Whereas, their craft has gone unrecognized for generations. And now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim May 6, 2026, as National Minutes and Records Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: Now let's all give our city clerks, and the Clerk's Department a big round of applause. Thank you all so much.

Proclamation: Lupus Awareness Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation is in observance of Lupus Awareness Month, and I invite Annette and Robert Kidd to come forward to accept this proclamation. I think Nadine could not make it this evening, and her lovely parents will be accepting this proclamation on her behalf. Lupus Awareness Month, May 2026:

Whereas, lupus is an unpredictable, and misunderstood autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body, and, in some cases, even death; and, Whereas, more than 100,000 in the State of Florida, and five million people worldwide suffer from the devastating effects of this cruel and mysterious disease, and each year over

100 -- 100,000 young women, men, and children around the world are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and, Whereas, medical research efforts into lupus, and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are underfunded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and, Whereas, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms, and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis, and medical treatment; and, Whereas, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals, and families affected by lupus; and, Whereas, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the dil -- of the debilitating impacts of lupus; and, Whereas, May 10th, 2026, is designated as World Lupus Day, on which lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus-targeted education, programs for health professionals, patients, and the public, and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Lupus Awareness Month in the City of Miramar.

MS. KIDD: Thank you so much, Mayor Messam, and the Commissioners here, the City of Miramar. I have a -- a statement from Nadine, who is watching us right now online, so hi Nadine. She says thank you to Mayor Messam, and the Commissioners in the City of Miramar for this proclamation recognizing Lupus Awareness Month. Lupus, as he has mentioned, is an invisible, and debilitating autoimmune disease that can take years to diagnose. Although Nadine was born and raised in Miami, it was here in Miramar over 24 years ago where doctors at Memorial Hospital truly listened to her, believed her pain, and helped to diagnose lupus within a month. That experience changed her life, and is one of the reasons she became a lupus ambassador -- it's the reason I'm wearing her purple jacket and her -- and my hat in honor of Lupus Awareness Month, and she became an ambassador for the Lupus Foundation of America, and she's a lupus advocate. Awareness matters, because so many patients still struggle for proper care, access to specialists, and affordable treatment, so this proclamation means more than words. It brings visibility to a community that is often unseen. Thank you, City of Miramar, our city, for standing with the lupus community.

MAYOR MESSAM: Take care, and have a good evening. And if you're hungry after the Commission meeting, just walk down the hall to Juici Patties, where Annette and Robert are the proud owners.

Proclamation: Mental Health Awareness Month. (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Our next proclamation is in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, and we invited the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, to

receive the proclamation. Let's give them a big Miramar round of applause. Mental Health Awareness, May 2026:

Whereas, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., aims to enhance awareness that supports a world-class system for the treatment and recovery of individuals facing mental health challenges; and, Whereas, mental health conditions are treatable health concerns that are widespread and manageable; and, Whereas, comprehensive healthcare encompasses mental health care, which must be accessible to all individuals, irrespective race, gender, age, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, values, and cultural beliefs. It is vital that these factors are integrated into treatment, allowing the community to become a bastion of support; and, Whereas, the breadth of the mental health crisis affecting both children and adults is profound; one in five adults will encounter a mental health challenge in any given year. Half of all mental health conditions begin by age 14, and 75 percent by 24 years old; prompt intervention leads to more favorable outcomes; and, Whereas, half of the children and adults living with mental health challenges never receive transformative treatment due to barriers to care and stigma. The resilience and recovery journey of individuals diagnosed with a mental health condition should be celebrated rather stigmatized; and, Whereas, mental health challenges are not criminal issues; nonetheless, individuals with mental health diagnoses are disproportionately represented in jails and prisons. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, commends the implementation of crisis intervention training for law enforcement officers, diversion programs, and mobile crisis response teams that effectively reduce involvement in the justice system, and enhance safety; and, Whereas, individuals experiencing mental health challenges are capable of leading meaningful lives, and contributing significantly to society. Communities aid those with mental health challenges by ensuring access to quality care, and appropriate supports; and, Whereas, the month of May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month, and promotes mental health awareness to inspire those living with mental health challenges to seek support, and to be uplifted. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

DR. BOWERS: Thank you, Mayor. On behalf of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Upsilon Alpha Zeta Chapter, we are humbly honored to accept this proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month. My name is Dr. Jennifer Bowers, and I would just like to say that over the last almost 80 years, Mental Health Awareness Month has been recognized universally, nationally, and so we thank you, Mayor, for extending that gratitude for us to participate in Mental Health Awareness Month throughout the year, along with your officers, and along with the community. We definitely want to break the stigma; we definitely want to bring community resources, so we just thank you for accepting, and we accept this on Zeta Phi Beta Sorority behalf.

MAYOR MESSAM: And there was -- is (unintelligible 39:44) here? National -- I don't think they were here; they were also receiving --

Proclamation: Haitian Heritage Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And now I invite the Haitian American Democratic Club to come forward to receive the proclamation for Haitian Month, May 2026. Haitian Heritage Month, May 2026:

Whereas, Haiti, a word meaning "land of mountains" was given its name by its first inhabitants; and, Whereas, the first black nation to gain its independence in 1804; and, Whereas, for a country's citizens, the national flag is indisputably a symbol of great pride with the Haitian community equally proud; and, Whereas, our vibrant Haitian community has contributed tremendously to the vitality of our city with rich cultural influences; and, Whereas, Miramar residents were the first in the County to elect someone of Haitian American descent to serve on the City's Commission; and, Whereas, we recognize the Haitian American Democratic Club, and members of the club who reside in the City of Miramar; and, Whereas, throughout this month, the Haitian community will gather, and celebrate their heritage through historical and cultural traditions and observances with events taking place right here in the great City of Miramar. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month in the City of Miramar, and encourage all of our citizens to join me, and the City Commission in honoring the Haitian community, and also in celebrating the unique history, culture, and people of the Republic of Haiti.

MAYOR MESSAM: Before -- are there any members of Haitian descent, or any Haitian organization -- come forward, so we can take a photo. We don't want to leave anyone out. Even the adopted Haitians can come forward.

MR. JEAN-LOUIS: Thank you. My name is Jay Jean-Louis; I'm the president of the Haitian American Democratic Club of Broward, and it's an honor for me to be here to receive this proclamation from the Mayor, and the Commission. And every time I come here, I see beautiful people here, people who respect culture, who understand the importance of what Haiti means to the entire world. We've accomplished so many things for this world, and today we need your help; today we need your support; today we need your prayers; we have difficult time at -- at home, but we are going to survive, we are resilient people, and we're going to continue to work hard to have the best country in this world. And, finally, I would like to take a few seconds to recognize Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer who passed away, and that was a big loss for the Haitian community; she was a

rising star; she was a blazing, and wonderful person, and we lost her. And that loss will never be -- will never be healed. Thank you for the time.

Proclamation: Stroke Awareness Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation is in observation of Stroke Awareness Month, and invite EMS Division Chief Jaime Torres, and team if -- to come receive the proclamation. Let's give them a round of applause. Stroke Awareness Month, May 2026:

Whereas, stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability, and remains a leading cause of death in the United States; and, Whereas, each year more than 795,000 people in the United States experience a stroke. Someone in the United States has a stroke every 40 seconds, and someone dies of stroke approximately every three minutes, and 14 seconds; and, Whereas, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, physical inactive -- smoking -- smoking, physical inactivity, and poor nutrition are major stroke risk factors that require prevention, early identification, management, and control; and, Whereas, approximately 80 percent of strokes may be preventable through health lifestyle choices, routine medical care, and effective control of chronic health conditions; and, Whereas, early recognition of stroke warning signs, and immediate activation of the emergency response system, by calling 911 are critical to improving patient outcomes, and reducing death and disability; and, Whereas, continued public education, community awareness, research, and access to timely treatment are essential to reducing the devastating effect of stroke on individuals, families, and our communities. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as Stroke Awareness Month in the City of Miramar.

Proclamation: Hurricane Preparedness Week. (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Believe it or not, it's about that time of year again. This next proclamation is in observance of Hurricane Preparedness Week, and I invite Fire Deputy Chief Bruce Britton, Fire Division Chief of Emergency Management Jorge Llorens, and Fire Emergency Manager Josh Green to come forward to excee -- to receive the proclamation. Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 3rd through May 9th, 2026:

Whereas, Florida hurricane season officially begins June 1st and ends November 30th; and, Whereas, Florida has 1,197 statute miles of coastline; our area in particular, and areas of Florida hundreds of miles inland are vulnerable to the devastating effects of a hurricane or a tropical storm; and, Whereas, both public and private entities should develop emergency response and recovery plans in accordance with local jurisdictions, and local emergency management offices; and, Whereas, the Federal

Emergency Management Agency, and the National Weather Service are designating the week of May 3rd, May 9th through 2026 as Hurricane Preparedness Week; and, Whereas, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the leaders of the City of Miramar strongly suggest that all residents and visitors to the area be made aware of the potential dangers of these storms; and, Whereas, the best defense is preparedness, and public education about the dangers of the high winds, storm surge, flooding, and tornados that may occur hundreds of miles in conjunction with a hurricane or tropical storm. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim the week of May 3rd through May 9th as Hurricane Preparedness Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: And our Fire Department has a wealth of resources available for our community to help you and your families prepare for hurricane season which begins on June 1st, so make sure that we take advantage of these resources, so that our families can be prepared.

Proclamation: Turquoise Takeover Week (Commissioner Maxwell B Chambers)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation was requested by Commissioner Colbourne, and I invite Attorney Michael Garica Forward to receive the Turquoise Take Over Week Proclamation. Is he here? Next meeting? Okay.

Proclamation: Nurses Week (Commissioner Maxwell B Chambers)

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, do you have anyone with the nurses? Do you have anyone? Is anyone receiving it?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yeah.

MAYOR MESSAM: I want to invite them. Who are they?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Jermaine.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh. I will call our Police -- I mean our Fire Rescue team forward to receive the recognition of Nurses Week. Are there any other nurses in the Commission Chambers? Recognition of Nurses Week requested by Commissioner Chambers:

Whereas, nurses are the backbone of the healthcare system, selflessly providing compassionate, high quality care across lifespan in hospitals, clinics, schools, homes, and communities; and, Whereas, the dedicated nurses employed by the City of Miramar play a pivotal role as essential leaders in advancing public health, promoting wellness, supporting emergency preparedness, and addressing the social determinants of health

that profoundly impact our residents; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar proudly recognizes trailblazing leadership with its ranks exemplified by Chief Jermaine McFarlane, the 11th Fire Rescue Chief, and the first nurse to hold this esteemed position, demonstrating the critical role of nursing expertise in public safety and emergency response; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar takes pride in its dedicated nursing professionals whose expertise strengthens initiatives in health, education, public safety, and human services, reflecting our commitment to fostering a healthier, and more inclusive community; and, Whereas, during Nurse -- National Nurses Week celebrated annually from May 6th through the 12th, communities across the nation come together to recognize the resilience, compassion, and invaluable contributions of nurses; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar honors the professionalism, compassion, and unwavering commitment of its nurses who serve with excellence, and embody the spirit of public service every day. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of Maxwell -- excuse me, Commissioner Maxwell Chambers, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim May 6 through the 12, 2026, as Nurses Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. This is pretty significant for me, for my family, my community, City of Miramar, and, like you said, the first nurse fire chief that the City of Miramar ever had. All right. That's big. If we were in Jamaica, we would say, "That large, huge." Mr. McFarlane, thank you, sir. Over the years since I've been here, just talking to you, getting advice, and sharing your experience, and your knowledge with me, I just truly appreciate it. And I always know you were a nurse, but I didn't know until I was inquiring that you are the first nurse to hold this chief position, so I want to thank you as well, and all the other nurses that are working for the City of Miramar. Nursing is so important. They are the first line of -- of healthcare when you go to the hospital. They know more than the doctor sometime, because they see the patient more often, so they know exactly what's going on with the patient, and they can assist better a patient, and the doctor as well. It's so critical, and so important; no one knows that like these two gentlemen standing right here, because they took the time out to become a nurse, so thank you, thank you on behalf of the City of Miramar, and our residents, and businesses; a big, large thank you.

FIRE CHIEF MC FARLANE: Thank you, Commissioner Chambers, for the recognition. Firefighter Kevin Diaz and I, and also for all the nurses for Nurses Week. As you know, nursing is a very giving and caring profession; they are patient advocates, and Firefighter Kevin Diaz and I have had the great privilege of working on both sides of the chain: prehospital setting, and the hospital setting. So next time you pass a building where it's a hospital, a school, a nursing home, or any healthcare facility just remember those unseen years that are there working.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. Thank you so much. So big up to the nurses.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, thank you all.

Presentation: Mother's Day Recognition (Commissioner Avril Cherasard)

MAYOR MESSAM: Now on to presentations; we have a Mother's Day recognition by Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: (Video shown) And that was a little -- just Happy Mother's Day, and thanks to everyone who participated.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: Onto the Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda -- wait, let me make sure before that was the only presentation. Onto Consent Agenda. Consent Agenda items listed under Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately. The Clerk received no request to speak from the public on the Consent Agenda. Does any member of the public that wish to speak on any items listed on the -- under the Consent Agenda that are present in the Commission Chambers? Are there any members from the public that wish to speak on the Consent Agenda items that are present in the Commission Chambers? Seeing none, are there -- are there any items on the Consent Agenda that wish to be pulled by any members from the Commission? Hearing none, may I have a motion on the Consent Agenda.

VICE MAYOR EDWARDS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Edwards.

VICE MAYOR EDWARDS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2 and 3, the Commission voted:

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| Commissioner Chambers | Yes |
| Commissioner Cherasard | Yes |
| Commissioner Colbourne | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Edwards | Yes |
| Mayor Messam | Yes |

1. Minutes from the Special Commission Meeting of April 22, 2026.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R8676 approving the award of Invitation for Bids Number 26-014 to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, GA Technical Services, Inc., for the **closed-circuit television system (“CCTV”) replacements**, including the replacement of programmable IP cameras and DVRs for the City’s CCTV system at eight selected City sites, in an amount not-to-exceed \$114,021. *(IT Assistant Director Ricardo M. Simonis)*

Resolution No. 26-122

3. Temp. Reso. #R8683 approving the purchase of additional Microsoft Enterprise **software licenses and maintenance** with Insight Public Sector in an amount not-to-exceed \$147,338 for Fiscal Year 2026, utilizing NASPO Contract CTR060025/43230000-23-NASPO-ACS. *(IT Systems Manager Vanessa J. Sauveur)*

Resolution No. 26-123

4. Temp. Reso. #R8686 approving the award of Invitation for Bids (IFB) 26-022 entitled **Meraki Wi-Fi Access Point Replacements**, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, R2 Unified Technologies, for the replacement and installation

of indoor and outdoor Wi-Fi access points at Miramar City sites, in an amount not-to-exceed \$323,188, inclusive of a fifteen percent contingency for Fiscal Year 2026. *(IT Network Manager Jerry Logan)*

Resolution No. 26-124

5. Temp. Reso. #R8677 authorizing the City Manager to execute Professional Services Amendment No. 4 with Craven Thompson and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$74,820, for additional services related to Capital Improvement Project 53025 - **Historic Miramar Technology Village Roadway Improvements**. *(City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

Resolution No. 26-125

6. Temp. Reso. #R8677 authorizing the City Manager to execute Professional Services Amendment No. 4 with Craven Thompson and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$74,820, for additional services related to Capital Improvement Project 53025 - **Historic Miramar Technology Village Roadway Improvements**. *(City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

Resolution No. 26-126

7. Temp. Reso. #R8684 authorizing the expenditure of \$150,000 of Law Enforcement Trust Funds for **crime prevention initiatives** for the Miramar Police Department. *(Police Major Frank Defalco)*

Resolution No. 26-127

8. Temp. Reso. #R8685 authorizing the expenditure of \$310,000 of Law Enforcement Trust Funds for the Miramar Police Department **training** and **professional development initiative**. *(Police Executive Officer Tony Egues)*

Resolution No. 26-128

End of Consent

RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: On to resolutions. Item number nine please.

9. Temp. Reso. #R8649 approving **appointments** to various **advisory boards**. *(City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving appointments to various advisory boards; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. We have some vacancies on some of our advisory boards. I'll take them one by one to take nominations or appointments by the respective commissioner. And we will pass item number nine under one vote. For Affordable Housing Advisory Committee there are two at-large members; there is one applicant, which is represented from the essential personnel, Tysheika L. Shaw has applied as her second choice. The second category is for-profit developer; we don't have an applicant. I'll open the floor for nominations.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Tysheika.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

VICE MAYOR EDWARDS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other nominees? Hearing none, we will forward Tysheika Shaw as the essential service person representative.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Is there an opportunity for a discussion? I see she had a first choice marked somewhere else, and I wanted to make sure she didn't want to --

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, we can go through.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Because I don't see which one it is. It may show up, but let's just go through all the categories, and then we can revisit if -- depending on the nominees for the other respective boards. On to Business Development Advisory Board; there's one at-large seat for local bank institution community liaison; we have one applicant, Ken Frazier, that's his first choice.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Ken Frazier.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other nominees? Okay. Ken Frazier will be forwarded on. Civil Service Board; we have Miramar resident at-large, two applicant -- two vacancies. There's Paulette Blanc, Daniela Deas, Pierre LeBlanc, Reece Mumford, Sherica Rodgers, and Brushe' Sheppard. May I have two nominees, please.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Sherica Rodgers.

MAYOR MESSAM: Sherica Rodgers? Are there any other nominees?

VICE MAYOR EDWARDS: Pierre LeBlanc.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other nominees? Hearing one, we will move forward Sherica Rodgers and Pierre LeBlanc. Elderly Affairs Advisory Board; Commissioner Chambers, you have a vacancy; do you have an appointment? Can you turn on your mic, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Cherriann Colhoun.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Historic Miramar Advisory Board. Commissioner Chambers and Colbourne, you have a vacancy, and there's an at-large Historic Miramar businessowner seat that is vacant. There's a number of applicants. Commissioner Chambers, do you have an appoint -- an appointment?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Not at this time.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Commissioner Colbourne?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Zainab Salim.

MAYOR MESSAM: We do have an applicant for the Historic Miramar businessowner, Maxine Gordon. May I have a nominee or nomination for the Historic Miramar businessowner.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Maxine Gordon.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any additional nominees? Hearing none, we'll move forward Maxine Gordon. RBG Commission on the Status of Women; Vice Mayor Edwards, you have a vacancy. Do you have an appointment?

VICE MAYOR EDWARDS: Yes, sir. Ann-Marie Clarke.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Sister Cities Board; Commissioner Chambers, you have a vacancy; Commissioner Colbourne, you have a vacancy, and we have two at-large seats that are available. Commissioner Chambers, do you have an appointment?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Sheree Hazel.

MAYOR MESSAM: Sheree Hazel. Commissioner Colbourne?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Not at this time.

MAYOR MESSAM: We have two at-large seats; we have a business representative at-large, Tracy Welsh, who has applied, and there also is a vacancy for education institution at-large, but no applicants. But we do have two at-large seats, so we have additional nominees.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Tracy Welsh for business.

MAYOR MESSAM: We have one more vacancy. We do have other applicants who have not been appointed for, and requested, so do we have another --

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Yes. Roslyn Alic-Batson.

MAYOR MESSAM: Teen Council Advisory Board; Commissioner Colbourne, you have two vacancies. Do you have an appointment?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I do. Naimah Jean.

MAYOR MESSAM: Naimah Jean?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes. Samuel Figueroa.

MAYOR MESSAM: Figueroa?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes. That R was pretty good there. I heard that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Habla Espanol un poquito.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You've been practicing.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So I'm going to read down each advisory board, and the nominees, and we will move on one motion and vote: Affordable Housing Committee - Tysheika Shaw; Business Industry Development Advisory Board - at-large seat, Ken Frazier; Civil Service Board - Miramar resident, two at-large seats, Pierre LeBlanc, Sherica Rodgers; Elderly Affairs Advisory Board - Commissioner Chambers appoints Cherriann Colhoun; Historic Miramar Advisory Board - Commissioner Colbourne appoints Zainab Salim, and Maxine Gordon has been nominee -- nominated for the at-large historic businessowner seat; RBG Commission on the Status of Women, Vice Mayor Edwards appoints Ann-Marie Clarke; Sister Cities Board - Commissioner Chambers appoints Sheree Hazel, and Roslyn Alic-Batson has been appointed -- or has been nominated for one of the two at-large seats; Teen Council Advisory Board - Commissioner Colbourne appoints Naimah Jean, and Samuel Figueroa. May I have a motion, please?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Excuse me. For the Sister Cities Board, the two at-large is specific to the business representative, and then the educational institution representative.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: So Roslyn -- Ms. Roslyn Alic-Batson --

MAYOR MESSAM: That nomination has to be withdrawn?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Understood. Noted. So for the public, there -- Commission -- Commissioners Chambers and Colbourne had a vacancy; Commissioner Chambers appoints Sheree Hazel, Commissioner Colbourne defers appointment to a future date, and the two at-large seats are specific to business representative at-large, in which Tracy Welsh has been nominated, and the educational institution at-large seat has no applicant. So that at-large seat must be seated by a -- a education institution professional, right.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, I have a change. To go back to Historic Miramar resident. I'm going to go with Sheree Hazel, because that was her number one choice, and cancel --

MAYOR MESSAM: So -- so your -- so now you will seat -- you will -- you will fill your vacancy on the Historic Miramar Advisory Board with Sheree Hazel; instead of appointing her to the Sister Cities Board, you're appointing her to the Historic Miramar Advisory Board?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Correct.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Let the record reflect that change. And you will fill your vacancy at a future date for the Sister Cities Board, correct?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: That's correct.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. With the corrections, and the nominees for each respective board, may I now have a motion?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Edwards.

VICE MAYOR EDWARDS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Cherasard, to approve Resolution #R8649, as presented, the Commission voted:

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| Commissioner Chambers | Yes |
| Commissioner Cherasard | Yes |
| Commissioner Colbourne | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Edwards | Yes |
| Mayor Messam | Yes |

Resolution No. 26-129

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 10 please.

10. Temp. Reso. #R8678 approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 26-010, entitled "**West Water Treatment Plant Capacity and Upgrades - Offsite Pipelines,**" to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, ITG Communications, L.L.C.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed agreement with ITG Communications, L.L.C., in the amount of \$1,530,452.16, and approving the City's 10% contingency allowance in the amount of \$153,045.22, for a total project amount not-to-exceed \$1,683,497.38. *(Utilities Senior Project Manager Eric Francois and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 26-010, entitled "West Water Treatment Plant Capacity and Upgrades - Offsite Pipelines," to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, ITG Communications, L.L.C.; authorizing the City

Manager to execute the proposed agreement with ITG Communications, L.L.C., in the amount of \$1,530,452.16, and approving the City's 10% contingency allowance in the amount of \$153,045.22, for a total project amount not-to-exceed \$1,683,497.38; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir. Welcome.

MR. FRANCOIS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. Eric Francois, Senior Project Manager, Utilities. Presenting tonight Temporary Resolution No. 8678, West Water Treatment Plant Capacity and Upgrade - Offsite Pipeline. Issue: City Commission approval is required for purchases exceeding \$75,000.00 per vendor per fiscal year, in accordance with section of the City Code. Background: The West Water Treatment Plant is experiencing increased potable water damage -- demand due to population growth, and commercial development. To maintain a reliable water service, and support future growth, the City plans to expand transmission capacity associated with the West Water Treatment Plant. The scope of the project include the installation of 2,750 linear feet of 20-inch HDPE raw water main, and 2,750 linear feet of eight-inch HDPE force main. Pipelines will be installed using horizontal directional drilling, ADD, along SW 136th Avenue from Old Miramar Parkway to Blue Gill Road. This map on the right depict the location where the -- the raw water main and the force main will be installed, which is along 170 -- 136th Avenue in Country Club Ranches. Procurement: The Procurement Department advertise Invitation for Bid No. 26-010, entitled West Water Treatment Plant Capacity and Upgrade - Offsite Pipelines. On January 29th, 2026, the City received six bids at the scheduled bid opening. ITG Communication, LLC, submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid that meets the minimum qualification in the amount of \$1,530,452.16, with a ten-percent contingency of \$153,045.22, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,683,497.38. This project contains a minimum participation goal requirement of 15 percent to be performed by a local CBE or SBE. The project was approved and funded through the fiscal year 2026 Capital Improvement Program construction budget, and the account provided. City Manager recommends approval. Any question?

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. The Clerk received no request to speak on this item. Does any member of the public present in the Commission Chambers wish to speak on item number ten? Are there any members from the public wish to speak on item number ten that are present in the Commission Chambers? Seeing none, back to the dais. I don't see any hands raised. If there are no questions, may I have a motion on item number ten, please.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Edwards.

VICE MAYOR EDWARDS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R8594, as presented, the Commission voted:

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| Commissioner Chambers | Yes |
| Commissioner Cherasard | Yes |
| Commissioner Colbourne | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Edwards | Yes |
| Mayor Messam | Yes |

Resolution No. 26-130

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

MAYOR MESSAM: Onto Other Business, Commission reports. We'll start with you tonight, Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Oh, you were looking all the way down here. Okay. Thank you. I wanted to first start out saying a huge condolence to those who worked with, experienced life with, and were family to our lost employee, Mr. Leighton Henriques. I just pray for everyone's comfort and strength, and that you would lean on each other as much as you can to get through it; prayers to his family and his friends. I wanted to also invite our City of Miramar employees and residents, on Sunday May 10th to keep an eye

out to see if I will be passing by your neighborhood with my Mother's Day pop up: Where in the City of Miramar is Commissioner Cherasard? You might find that on Sunday between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. Happy Mother's Day to all of those who are mothers, and more strength to those of us who have our parents here, our mothers here, and you celebrate her; prayers to those who have lost their moms as -- as well. I know it's a tough time for some of those who have lost moms also for Mother's Day. Just wanted to invite everyone, also, our May 16th Haitian Flag Day Family Fest where we will be having the best Haitian Patty Restaurant Maker, Baker in the City of Miramar contest live, and we may have a celebrity judge. So if you are of Haitian descent, or you know the goodness of the Haitian patty, that will be the place to be on Saturday, May 16th, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We have Zenglen, we have Kompa music; it's going to be a fun day, as usual, in the City of Miramar, celebrating Haitian history and heritage. I want to be just very brief with my comments on this day, and just thank everyone for all you do in the City of Miramar; all of our departments, all of our employees, you do make a difference when you show up, and do the work. Thank you everyone.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Commissioner Cherasard. I echo your sentiment towards Mr. Leighton family, city family, his immediate family at home, his wife and children, parents. The City of Miramar will never be the same again. It's such a void, such a deep void to have such a striving young man, such a pleasant person, very kind, very giving; he's just an extraordinary person, human being, and I can't forget the conversation we have, but he will be dearly missed now and forever. I -- I just blessed to have known such a person. It's -- it's -- I feel like he -- a person like Leighton comes along once every 100 years, and I'm just blessed to be around this time to have known him, and known everyone that he have worked with. I'll always keep him, and his family in my prayer; it's a big loss. Thank you. I want to wish everyone -- all the mothers out there a really enjoyable, successful Mother's Day weekend; continue to show us love, your children. Mothers are the pillar of our community; it doesn't matter where you lie in the world, our mothers are so special to us, and just want to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day. Thank you. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. I also would -- I also would like to give my -- my sincere, and deepest sympathies to Mr. Leighton, and to his family, and his extended family, our family here in the City of Miramar. Certainly is a loss. I don't always get to know all of the employees here in the City of Miramar, but I have had the opportunity to -- to -- to work with him on a couple of times, and, you know, he was there where we collected food right after the hurricane in Jamaica, and -- and helped us take that over to the distribution center. He was there as I -- I walked my homeowner's association, so there -- there are many fond memories of him, and, you know, I just -- I just want to acknowledge them, and give my sincere condolences to all of you. I do want to

congratulate all our preschoolers who graduated, and have moved on, and going to big school, so want to congratulate all of them, and their families, and wish well all, and thank you so much to all of our -- our teachers who helped to shape their lives at such a early stage. Today I attended the seniors event at our senior center, and I just want to say that I always attend those events, but today was just extra special, and the decorations; the place was just absolutely beautiful, and staff just keep stepping it up. And just to see the room was made so special for our seniors, and to see them all come dressed up with the same color scheme as the room, and it's so joyful, you know. And -- and that's what we hope for our seniors in the stage of the life that they're in, and coming out there every day to meet friends, and -- and -- and receive the help that they need. So that was really good, so I just want to give kudos to our -- our Social Services team who put that together. Other than that, I do want to make sure everybody knows the job fair is coming up, May 20th. If you need a job; if you know someone who needs a job; if you just want to find out if there are other opportunities for you, come on out. It will be at the Miramar Cultural Arts Center on May 20 -- 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We have lots of different industries here, lots of companies, both locally, and from other regions as well; large companies, small companies, so please come on out. And, finally, want to wish Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers out there. Guys, your chance is going to come on Father's Day; make it special for the mothers. Thank you. Bye.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Edwards.

VICE MAYOR EDWARDS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Our Miramar family is grieving, and I just want to express condolences as well to the family, colleagues of Leighton Henriques. Certainly from the conversations we've been hearing, he was a very genuinely loved person who gave a lot. I knew him; he was my neighbor, so we lived in the same community, so we would just have conversations time to time. But I just want to express condolences to his family, especially at this time. Want to take the time to just say a big thank you to our Economic Development staff; yesterday we launched our Funding Close to Home workshop for nonprofits, which was a tremendous success, so I just want to say thanks to Ms. Anita Taylor and the staff at the Economic Development; job well done. Certainly we got some really good feedback; we had participation from the Children's Services Council, United Way, the Community Foundation of Broward County, the Jim Moran Institute, as well as the County's Human Services Department, and a number of - - we had, pretty much -- we had to bring chairs in, because we were at capacity, and I -- I -- the feedback has been just so wonderful for nonprofits getting access to funding. This was just really one of those didn't-see-it-coming successes. And I want to thank Economic Development for that. Also want to say a special thanks to the members of the Hispanic community advocates; the Finance 101 event Saturday at the library, also, was another successful event where we spoke about financing, and just the basics that a number of the residents came out and learned a lot as well. So Tuesday, May 19th, we're having the Broward Tax Collector, as we launch our second community conversations; Abbey Ajayi will be there offering information, providing information on the services offered by the Tax Collector, and we urge residents to come on out, and engage with her. Last week Thursday, we had our first community meeting, as we do our strategic planning

for our city, and we had a good turnout; that's the first of three. It was well attended; the -- the -- the -- the questions that the residents asked -- Mr. Mayor, you were, pretty much, almost under fire, but you handled that very well. What -- what I would like to see at the next one is a little more guidance as to where we -- we're looking to take our city, in terms of a strategic plan for the future. I know a lot of times the residents come out, and the first thing they want to do is point to some of the deficiencies, where they're having some issues, but I know these particular outreach is to see where we're going to guide the City, so I would love to just see us point in that direction, and direct the conversation a little bit more in that direction. I want to also take the opportunity to say Happy Mother's Day to all mothers; enjoy the weekend. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Just a couple of -- just a couple of notes here. Like my colleagues on the Commission, I definitely express our most sincere condolences to the Henriques family. Everyone knew Leighton, either encountering him out into the field, or at our city events, or just out in the community, and -- and he'll be sorely missed. I had an opportunity to speak directly with his family, and -- and we will be presenting a proclamation on Sunday at his local viewing; his interment will be in Jamaica, and we'll continue to keep his family in our prayers. I would like to extend to all of the mothers, and those who serve in the role of mothers Happy Mother's Day on Sunday. Your -- your nurture, your guidance, your love, your care, your direction -- without that, we would not be the city who we are, so for those of you who's -- who are serving as mothers, for those of you who still have mothers alive, and -- and even for some of us where our mothers have transitioned, let's continue just to value their -- their contributions to our lives, and to our community, and all the best. And all the gentlemen, let's ensure that our mothers don't have to lift a finger on that day. So I'm sure many of you have already planned, and if you're not, you still have a couple of days to -- to get your act together to get ready for Sunday. Yes, so we have launched our series of community meetings where the City is embarking on our development of our strategic plan, where our city is going to be in the next five years. We have a -- a survey we would like to capture your thoughts, but more importantly, we have launched a series of meetings that -- three meetings that will take place in geographically in different areas of the City. We had our first one in Historic Miramar last Thursday; on the 14th we will have our next at the Sunset Lakes Community Center at 6:00 p.m. for our western communities, and we will feature projects that have been recently com -- completed, as well as the projects that are about to start, so that residents can understand what's going on in the community. But, more importantly, we want to hear from you to help the City to shape our strategic plan. This is your opportunity to let us know what you would like to see in the City. Your input is valuable, and -- and will be a part of shaping our strategic plan. Because of the nature of community meetings, and because when residents attend, and you have the City Manager, you have the elected officials, you have directors from various departments, it's a captive audience to be able to address some of the acute, and, perhaps, current issues that you may want to address. We don't want to ignore that opportunity, and there will be an opportunity for one-on-one engagement at this event. Just for a brief synopsis, after the brief presentation in the beginning, there will be a Q&A session, where our residents have an opportunity to share just some foresight. We want

to take advantage of that opportunity to hear from you on where you want to see the future of the City going. We will provide an opportunity for issues that may need addressing right now, and that will be towards the latter part of the presentation, and we'll give more instructions on that point. We want to make sure that there's no community in the City of Miramar that does not have an opportunity to be present, to be heard, to be seen in person. And we'd like to encourage all of our residents to attend these meetings. As was mentioned earlier by Vice Mayor, the first meeting was well attended, was well staffed by our city office -- our city officials, and we look to do the same on May 14th. Our third and final meeting will take place right here in City -- City Hall Chambers; I believe that is on May 20 -- 28th; thank you, Ms. Cassandra, on May 28th, same time, 6:00 on a Thursday here in the City Hall Chambers for our central communities, so that -- and each presentation is catered for the area of the City, so you know exactly what's going on in your neck of the woods, and what's planned. And we want to have the opportunity to hear directly from you. Also, we have a couple of requests from the community to recognize some of our very own in the City of Miramar, and it -- in observance of our Memorial Day ceremony that will take place on Memorial Day, we are asking Miramar residents -- we want to remember our fallen heroes, so the City of Miramar is preparing to remember our fallen heroes on Memorial Day, and we're asking residents to submit on behalf of a -- a family member who may have died in service, and we want to recognize them during our Memorial Day ceremony. If you follow our social media platforms, you'll see the -- the request. There's a QR code on that flyer, so if you're on Facebook, Instagram, or if you are a subscriber to the City of Miramar's newsletter, the flyer has a QR code, where you can submit your loved one, whether it's an -- in the area of their service, and when they transitioned, because we would like to honor them, and recognize them during our Memorial Day ceremony coming up. Also, in preparations of Veterans Day, the City of Miramar we will be very proud to spotlight 20 veterans, and this is, again, another opportunity for us to nominate veterans in our community, and we will be selecting 20 veterans in the City of Miramar. And they will be featured on our streetlight poles with the flag, with their photo, and their branch of service, and -- and their tenure of service. Last year's cohort was a very dynamic and diverse group, and I know that this year's cohort will be just the same. So you have a few months to get those nominations in, and we look forward to recognize our -- our -- our veterans in -- in the community. And, on that note, that concludes my report.

City Manager Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Manager, do you have a report?

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I also want to extend to all the mothers across the City of Miramar, but particularly to the employees here who are mothers, and continue to do great work here in the City of Miramar. So I really want to wish them all the best. We lost a great friend, and a great colleague in -- in -- in Leighton Henriques. And, at this moment, I'm going to ask the Utilities staff who are here to stand, please. We know the -- the grieving that is taking place in -- in -- in that department. Leighton was not just a -- an employee, he was an exemplary employee, and someone who was

extremely close to -- to me. He was a dear personal friend of mine, and we missed him. We will continue to pray for his family, but I really want to recognize the grieving process that the Utilities Department is going through. It's ironic that during my time, this is the second employee we have lost in Utilities in a tragic way, and so, unfortunately, we are getting used to grieving in this manner. But Leighton was just too dynamic, too young, too brave, and just a colossal figure of a man, so we will -- the community will lose -- has lost a great, great one. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Manager. And I did have a note to state that I did -- did not mention is that we just observed Mental Health Awareness Month, and I do encourage all City of Miramar employees, especially in the department to take advantage of the resources that are avail -- available to us for those who may need grieving -- grieving counselling. I know sometimes, especially for -- not to be stereotypical, but typically for us men we -- we tend to internalize things, and -- and I just want to encourage those who may need grieving counseling to take advantage of those resources that are available to us as a city employee during this tough time.

City Attorney Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Attorney, is there any announcements?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just to echo what everyone else has said, we'd like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to the two women on the dais, the two mothers on the dais, and in addition to that -- the Commission mothers, I should say, on the dais, let me be clear. And -- and, of course, you, Madam Clerk, and folks listening, and -- and staff in the audience, we hope you have a fantastic day. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I do have a request, if I may, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Go ahead, Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I would like the City Manager, and staff to work on naming a building for our former mayor, Lori Moseley. She had served the City for a very long time, and she guide the City through a lot of difficult times as well, and I think that she's very deserving of a building. Even if it's Sunset Lakes Community Center; we need to look at something. She was a mother for this city; we got to recognize her, give her her flowers now. So let's put something together for former mayor, Lori Moseley. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

11. VOTE TO ADJOURN

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, MMC
City Clerk
DG/cp