



THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2025

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:03 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Miramar City Hall, 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening. The meeting of the Miramar City Commission meeting 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 City Commission unless modified by the chair. This meeting is being streamed live at miramarfl.gov/commissionmeeting, and Comcast channel 78, and AT&T U-verse 99 for Miramar subscribers. As of January 22nd, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. no members from the public have registered to participate virtually in this meeting. If someone has registered later than the time virtually, and would like to speak, they can raise their hand, and at the appropriate time our IT staff will unmute their mic to allow them to speak. Please be sure to mention your name and address for the record prior to addressing the Commission. All 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 Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes. Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Manager Dr. Virgin.

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Powell.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Gary.

CITY ATTORNEY GARY: Here.

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

Mayor Wayne M. Messam
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers
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: At this time of our agenda is when we pause to acknowledge any bereaved families of our Miramar city employees, and it is always good to see that we do

not have anyone on that list this meeting. But we will observe a moment of silence for any condolences we may be experiencing in our community. Let's have a moment of silence. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: We do have one proclamation, and a couple of presentations.

Proclamation: Jada Mister Day (Commissioner Yvette Colbourne)

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, I invite Commissioner Colbourne, and her guests that are being recognized. Is it Jada Mister, and -- the family as well? Jada Mister and family. Hi, good evening. Welcome. This proclamation was requested by Commissioner Colbourne. Proclamation honoring Jada Mister for receiving the Girls Scout Silver Award:

Whereas, Miramar resident Jada Mister's project, which educates individuals about the impacts of pollution, and microplastics on marine ecosystems earned her prestigious Girls Scout Silver Award, the highest recognition attainable by Girls Scout cadets in grade six through eight; and, Whereas, the Girls Scout Silver Award recognizes young leaders who develop innovative, and impactful projects that address pressing community needs, and Jada's Mis -- Mister's efforts have made a lasting impact on the local environment; and, Whereas, for her project title, "Cleaning Beaches", Ms. Mister from Troop 10411 created an informative "how to" flyer that raised awareness about the importance of beach cleanliness, provided resources on how to participate in cleanup efforts, and involved intensive research to gather contact -- to gather contact information for local service councils; and, Whereas, through this initiative, Mister emphasized the needs of awareness, and action in her community, aiming to inspire local businesses, and residents to take ownership of their coastal environment, and to join the fight against pollution; and, Whereas, Mister also organized beach cleanup initiatives, directly combatting pollution on the shores by removing harmful debris, and sig -- and significantly reducing the negative effects of litter on marine wildlife, protecting aquatic animals from injury, and death caused by items such as plastic microchips; and, Whereas, through her transformative efforts, Mister helped make beaches safer, and more enjoyable for visitors, while inspiring greater community involvement in preserving the coastal environment, and she effectively demonstrated the critical connection between pollution prevention, and health of the oceans; and, Whereas, the impact of Mister's project has reached beyond the local community, as she worked with 20 local nonprofits, 12 schools, and three municipalities, helping countless lives across South Florida from students, and senior citizens to -- to animals; and, Whereas, through her dedication, thoughtfulness, and resilience, Mister has exemplified the spirit of Girls

Scouts, demonstrating leadership, and a strong commitment to community improvement. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of Commissioner Colbourne, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim January 22nd, 2025, as Jada Mister Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: Outstanding. Commissioner Colbourne. And, of course, we're excited to hear from Jada as well.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Hello everyone. It is always a great day when we have an opportunity to recognize our kids here in Miramar. We want to encourage them to continue to do the right thing, and it was very inspiring when I heard about Jada's story. As many of you know, you know, we do cleanups here in the City of Miramar, and, of course, you know how important the environment is, especially at a time like this when we're -- even have the incinerator coming close to us. So there's so many environmental issues that we're dealing with here in the City of Miramar, so I am especially grateful, and happy for you. I says, "Jada, you're excited?" She says, "Yes, I'm so excited." And you should be, because you've done a good job. So congratulations to you. Keep up the good work.

MS. MISTER: Good evening everybody. My name Jada Mister. I am truly honored to be here today. Thank you so much for this award. I started Girls Scout when I was five years old, and I've continued on since then. I accept the Silver Award, and that has shown how much I am good at hard work, and dedication, and I want to thank my grandparents, my mom, my dad, my Girls Scout troop leaders, and all my friends, and sisters for helping me out through this Silver Award journey. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Awesome. We can do better than that, Miramar. This is just a great -- great accomplishment; I'm just so proud of you. I look forward to hearing more great things from you, Jada; take care, and thank you to your mom, and dad, and your family for supporting you. Okay. Oh, you want to say a quick word?

MRS. MISTER: Again, I just want to reiterate what Jada said. Thank you so much, Commissioner, Mayor for acknowledging her hard work and dedication. She was very adamant about completing this project, and I was there every step of the way to ensure that she was able to get this done, so, again, thank you.

Presentation: Check Presentation to Mr. Roosevelt Delinois, Jr. (Commissioner Yvette Colbourne)

MAYOR MESSAM: Are we -- there's one more -- your presentation for -- yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. Okay. We also have a check presentation today, so if I can get our Parks Department Director to come on up; he has the big check. And if we could get Roosevelt Delinois, Jr., to come on up. Thank you so much for coming out today. So I had the honor on Thanksgiving Day to host the second Turkey Trot here

in the City of Miramar, and when we were planning with the Parks Department, we wanted to do a little more than just the Turkey Trot. We wanted, in the spirit of thanksgiving, to reach out to someone that we felt really deserved a little extra love here in the City of Miramar. So earlier this year, there was an accident where -- it was a hit and run accident where Onyxia, Mr. Delinois's wife was running; she is a runner, she ran with a group in the mornings, and she also ran with the -- with the City's Run Club. Is that correct? She is part of Miramar Run Club as well. And she was injured really bad, and her recovery is going to be a very long time. But we wanted to just show a little love to you, and your family for what has happened. We know our police department working really hard to see how they can find the person responsible for this, but we just want you to know here in the City of Miramar we care about our residents. We care about you. We care about Onyxia, and we sincerely wish her a full recovery. And I'm fully looking forward to some day to have her run with us again in one of our runs, especially the Turkey Trot. All right? Thank you very much.

MR. DELINOIS: I just want to thank you very much for your contribution, and your help for the Turkey Trot. I wish I was able to be there, but I was at home taking care of her. She's -- she's -- she's come a long way, but she has very long way to go. All I can do is just give her lots of love, and make sure that we take care of her. It's -- it was a hit and run, so if anybody in the community -- community knows what -- what happened, to contact the Miramar Police Department. It's been extremely difficult for my family to see my wife this way; it's been emotionally, and financially very exhausting, and I'm just hoping that she can get better. I just -- I really appreciate all of your help.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Best wishes for her, and today we present, on behalf of the City of Miramar Commission, on behalf of our Parks Department, we present you with \$5,000.00 towards helping her. Thank you.

Presentation: Miramar 70th Presentation (Chief of Staff Kassandra Carvalho-Lindsay)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next presentation is in regards to the City of Miramar turning 70 years old. And, at this time, I invite Chief of Staff Kassandra Lindsay to bring her presentation. Welcome, madam.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorneys, City Clerk. I am Kassandra Carvalho-Lindsay, and I am the Chief of Staff in the Office of the City Manager. As you are aware, the City of Miramar is turning 70 years old on May 26 of this year. Now during the FY '25 budget process, the City Commission approved \$300,000.00 for this initiative. Now staff from the City Manager's Office, Marketing, Parks & Recreation, Social Services, Cultural Affairs have put together some activities, which I'm excited to share with you today for your input. But before I go into the presentation, the Marketing Department has created a short video showing Miramar's evolution from 1955 to present, which I would like to play for you at this moment (video shown). Thank you. Now I would like to share with you the activities we have planned for the 70th celebration. Now the first event that we're planning to -- is an

extensive kickoff ceremony at the City Hall on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. Now this ceremony will include a speaking opportunity for the elected officials; there will also be music, food, and giveaways. Now at 7:00 p.m., we will conclude this ceremony with a gobo lighting projected the City's 70th logo onto the City Hall building, similar to the -- the picture on the screen. Now the kickoff ceremony will be promoted on our social media platforms, and we will, of course, invite our residents to join us. The City of Miramar is also planning a 70th Anniversary Gala on Friday, May 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Multi-Service Complex ballroom. Now during this event, we will recognize our city's oldest businesses and residents; the highlight of the evening will include a 70-year-old pageant for our seniors. And we have prepared a sponsorship package with various levels of support, and will reach out to our Miramar businesses to partner with us in this initiative. Now sponsorship starts at \$2,500.00, and goes up to \$25,000.00; proceeds from this gala will directly benefit the City's 501(c)(3) Edge, and will be used to assist various nonprofit organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the Kiwanis Club of East Pines Miramar, and Christmas in July, which is a program that assists children living in shelters. We're also hoping to use proceeds to continue providing scholarships to students at Miramar High, Everglades High, and Somerset Academy in Miramar. And, by the way, if there's someone here who owns a business, and would like to sponsor us this evening, we're accepting checks. Now on Monday, May 26, which is actual -- which is Memorial Day, the Parks & Recreation Department, in collaboration with the Fire Department, will host a Memorial Day Ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at the Regional Park. Now once the ceremony ends, we are planning a motorcade from Regional Park over to Shirley Branca, where our elected officials will get to ride in the procession. Now following the motorcade, we will begin our Miramar Day celebration from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. that will -- there will be food trucks, music, bounce houses, and lots of activities for the children. We will invite various nonprofit organizations to participate in this celebration, including: the Kiwanis Club of East Pines Miramar, Miramar Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce, some of our local churches; and I've already reached out to a few of them, and we're also planning to invite the band from Miramar High, and Everglades High School as well. Now to commemorate our 70th anniversary, the City will host an employee picnic this year, instead of a holiday party, as we're accustomed to having. This will be held on Thursday, December 11th at the amphitheater from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., which would allow the majority of our employees to attend. Now some marketing initiatives for the 70th anniversary include: installation of a timeline in the City Hall lobby, highlighting key moments in Miramar's history; a recap video from 1955 to present, which we saw at the beginning of the presentation. The department is also planning to engage our residents with a trivia contest on our social media platforms, so residents will be able to participate by answering questions about Miramar's history, culture, and achievements, and winners will receive special prizes. Residents will also be invited to record short videos wishing the City of Miramar a happy 70th birthday; these videos will be compiled, and shared on the City's social media platforms. There will also be a special video created featuring the first business established in Miramar, highlighting its history, contributions to the community, and reflections on Miramar's growth, and progress over the years. We will also be creating a video with our past, and current elected officials, so they can share their memories, achievements, and hopes for the future. The department

also plans to contact two celebrities -- two celebrities who attended Miramar High School to see if they could partner with us, and help us to promote our -- this initiative. Now the two celebrities that we are planning to contact, they are Johnny Depp, just in case you did not know that Johnny Depp attended Miramar High School. He's an -- he's an American actor and musician, and we're also planning to contact Tarrus Riley, a Jamaican American reggae singer, so we'll see where that leads. Another initiative that the department is working on is a 70th theme traffic light box contest. Now this was advertised on our social media platforms a couple weeks ago. The 30 art pieces were selected, and staff is currently wrapping them. The department is also working on purchasing giveaways for our residents, and our employees; giveaways will include coasters, buttons, lapel pins, as is displayed on the screen. They will also be giving away T-shirts, polo shirts. Now in addition to advertising on our social media platforms, and on Miramar TV, the Marketing Department will promote our 70th anniversary using street pole banners, and park fence banners; they'll also use A-frames, and pullup banners. Now there'll also be a -- a bus bench advertisement with a QR code that residents can scan to learn more about our 70th anniversary plans. Another way that we're planning to advertise is on the billboard, and this is based on space availability, of course. Now, internally, we will be adding the 70th logo to our Outlook signature, and our City letterhead. The Marketing Department will also be adding the 70th logo to event flyers, and these are just some of the initiatives that Marketing is looking to -- to -- to -- to take as -- as we approach our 70th anniversary. Now the Social Services Department is also on board with the festivities. They -- they will be engaging our seniors, and our little ones in our 70th celebrations. They will be collaborating with our Miramarvels Academy students, and some of our seniors to create 70 platinum paper roses as a tribute to Miramar's 70 years of endurance, and strength. Now these roses will be displayed in Social Services facilities. Depart -- the department is also planning to collaborate with Miramarvels students to produce a 70-page cookbook, featuring recipes celebrating Miramar's cultural richness. There will also be a 70-hour community service challenge for Miramar high school students. Now the Public Works Department is planning to plant 70 trees in city parks to commemorate our 70th anniversary. Now, Mr. Mayor and Commissioners, the City of Miramar has recently applied for, and received a grant in the amount of \$45,850.00 for 70 fruit trees, which will be planted at different parks: the Lakeshore Park, the Monarch Lakes Park, River Run, and Vizcaya, and this will be done by April 2025. Now the fruit trees include: mangoes, which everybody loves, almost -- well, most people love jackfruit, avocado, breadfruit, sugar apple, and lychee, so we're really looking forward to having those fruit trees planted. The Utilities Department plans to repaint the water tower in Historic Miramar by April 2025, and the design is on the screen. Now -- now once the -- the 70th anniversary celebrations conclude, we will remove the 70th logo, and this is how it will look moving forward. So -- now the Cultural Affairs Department is also joining in the celebration. Starting in February of this year, the 70th logo will be displayed on screen pre-shows, with Voice of God announcements; there will also be an artscape QR code walking facts about Miramar, and the department will set up a wishing garden, where residents can share their 70th birthday wishes. Now in May 2025, the department will host a Miramar student showcase, celebrating Miramar's 70th anniversary in conjunction with artwork to be displayed in the theater lobby. There will also be a 70th art contest entitled

Miramar, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, and this contest will be open to students from kindergarten through to eight grade. Now in addition to the Memorial Day ceremony, and the Miramar Day celebration, the Parks & Recreation Department will install a 70th sign early May at the Miramar Athletic Park, which, according to our research, is the City's oldest park that was built in 1959. Now, Mr. Mayor, and Commissioners, this concludes the presentation on 70th anniversary activities, and I must say that it is really an honor to stand here this evening as an employee, and also as a resident of this beautiful city to present these proposed activities to you for your input. Staff is excited about this initiative, and we look forward to your input as we celebrate this milestone together. Now staff is available for any questions you may have.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for -- for the presentation. Obviously, when a city has an opportunity to hit a milestone of 70 years, obviously it's a once in a lifetime; you can only turn 70 once, and based off the presentation, it looks like it -- there'll be a lot of fun activities that have our residents as a part of the 7 -- of the 70th year celebration. So I know a lot of planning has gone into the festivities that will conclude out to the remainder of the year, and we invite our residents to all to come out and participate, and be a part of the City's 70th birthday.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much. I just want to thank you for spearheading the 70th celebrations, and so far it looks good. We had a great meeting yesterday, and I just want to thank you for adding those suggestions that I made, so kudos. Thank you so much.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I'm so proud that you're a resident of the City of Miramar.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Seeing no other comments, we'll move the agenda. The time is now 7:32.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.)

MAYOR MESSAM: It is time for public participation, which is at 7:30. If I can have the list of all residents that have signed up to speak. Couple of housekeeping notes. For public participation, when you come to speak, you have three minutes to make your public comment. We ask that you state your name, and your address for the record. When your time is up, you'll hear a buzzing sound. For those who may be attending the Commission

meeting for the first time, if -- we try to keep orderly meetings. If you hear something that you support, and you like, you can express that by waving your hands. If it's something that you don't like, you just put thumbs down. What we do ask is that we don't shout out, or -- or speak out, so that we can hear the individual that's speaking. Okay? Thank you all so much. All right, first speaker is Mr. Roland Abel, Miramar Park Homeowners Group.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening. Haven't seen you in a while.

MR. ABEL: Good evening. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, Attorneys, City Clerk. My name is Roland Abel; my address is 7606 Harbour Boulevard, Miramar, Florida, and with me is Mr. Forrest, who is also a member of our Homeowners Group. You know, one may wonder why overtime payment city employees would be of interest to me, since I neither work here, nor have any member of my family that works here. However, the matter, the subject is of interest, because it affects one of the services that we have come to expect from -- and -- and deserve from the City. I was told that compensation budget for the City is undergoing great stress, and I learnt that the overtime payment, and the -- the abuse thereof could be a contributing factor. If we accept this fact, then I have a -- a few questions. If we are to solve this problem, I cannot understand why we would start at the lowest level of the salary structure, which also happens to be an essential, and vital service, like payment to our code enforcement officers to be able to attend our community meeting one time -- once per month. Most of us go to this meeting in order to learn from our code enforcement officers, to express our concerns, to receive, sometime, much needed training and advice. I cannot think of any other part of a code enfor -- forcer's job that is more important than attending the community meetings. We're talking about health, safety, and property value, which is important to all of us. Some of our new residents who have come into the City seem to have come from places where there's either -- neither code or very poorly administered code. And if this make our jobs, the code enforcement --

MR. FORREST: I yield my time.

MR. ABEL: This makes our code enforcement officers' job a lot more difficult. We also realize that our code enforcement officer has a very serious, and sometimes even dangerous job, because people do not always like to be told some of the things that we need to do to keep our city in good order. And so I am saying, especially in the light that public servants are now many times subject to abuse, and seem to have gotten the green light that if they do, they can get away with it. So I am suggesting, while I have the floor, that we look at protection for our code enforcement officers as they continue to do their job, which may involve armed protection officers to accompany them on this task. We cannot allow our code enforcement officers to be subject to abuse, which are very likely to happen. And so I am hoping that whatever adjustment has to be made to our budgetary system that code continue to get top priority. They are not the highest paid in the system, probably the lowest, so it's difficult for me to understand why we would use -- we would go to that place to cutback this essential service. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Mr. Abel, and Mr. -- Mr. Forrest. Mr. Manager, I'll -- I'll follow up with you in regards to the concern raised by Mr. Abel.

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, we certainly will follow up.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, I just want to say I'm not share where that breakdown came, but as far as police officers -- code officer attending community meeting, especially HOA meetings, they needed to be there, and this should have never happened, and we'll make sure that this doesn't happen again. As Mr. Abel stated, this is where our community folks get their information, and they rely on our police officers, and our code officers. So we're sure to make sure this doesn't happen again. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next speaker is -- oh, Sudan. Come forward. Our Youth Advisory Council president. Sudan Eubanks. Welcome. Yeah, we can clap for her; one of our student leaders. Good evening, welcome.

MS. EUBANKS: Good evening. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorneys, City Clerk, and the general public. I am Sudan Eubanks, a senior in high school, a proud Miramar resident, and the co-president of the Miramar Youth Advisory Council, a committee established under the Mayor's Office to empower youth, and give us the -- a platform to advocate for ourselves, and our community through leadership, and service. I'm here tonight to address an important issue regarding the \$5,000.00-UNCS scholarships currently available in partnership with the City of Miramar. As it stands, these scholarships are only available to students that attend Somerset Academy, Everglades High School, and Miramar High Schools respectively. Unfortunately, this limitation excludes other Miramar residents, who pri -- who attend private schools, magnate schools, or are homeschooled students. Despite their families living in Miramar, and also contributing to taxes that support the City's initiatives, as well as its infrastructure. This restruction -- this restriction, excuse me, denies opportunities to academically qualified students based solely on the type of school that they attend, even though they stand as integral members of a vibrant Miramar community. And if you allow me, Mayor, to highlight an important parallel. The example of the Youth Advisory Council itself; until recently, participation in YAC was only limited to students that did attend Everglades, Miramar, or Somerset Academy, which excluded many bright and, you know, intelligent students that really wanted to be involved in their communities. However, thank you to foresight of our Mayor, YAC membership was opened to all Miramar residents ten through 12th grade, whether they attended public schools, private schools, a magnate program, or were homeschooled. The -- the result have been extraordinary. Today YAC is a group of dynamic, and diverse students working together to represent our -- our city. We have proudly served as ambassadors for the City of Miramar in Washington, D.C., Kansas City, Tampa, and Atlanta. And despite only 40 percent of our YAC members being eligible for this scholarship due to its restrictions, we give 100 percent to our city through community service initiatives, leadership, and advocacy. These students, and all of Miramar students deserve an equal opportunity to

benefit from these opportunities, including the UNCF scholarships. Excluding them not only look -- overlooks their contributions, but also contradicts some of the values that we espouse in -- in Miramar, including fairness, and equity to uphold them as a city. Therefore, on behalf of all the concerned youth of Miramar, I respectfully urge the Commission to adopt the same principles of fairness, and inclusivity in approach for the UNCF scholarships. So let's open this opportunity to all academically inclined, and qualified Miramar students, regardless of the type of school that they attend. By doing this, we will ensure that this scholarship program reflects, and supports the full diversity of talent and dedication that our city owns. Thank you for your time and consideration, and commitment to equity for all Miramar residents.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Sudan. Yeah. I -- I -- so I -- I encourage Sudan to come forward to bring -- to raise this issue up to the Commission. I'm not sure if this was an oversight, or by intent when the program was established, but I think this is something that should be, and needs to be opened up to all students. Because, as advertised, and as put forward, only students that attend Miramar High School, Everglades, and Somerset are eligible to apply. And because of the nature of education today, parents, students have a multitude -- Miramar parents and students have a multitude of options, whether by choice by going to private school, or there may be magnet programs that attract our Miramar residents to attend schools in other cities because of interest, and they should not be -- miss an opportunity to continue their education off of city-provided scholarships with taxpayer dollars. So, per the request of Sudan Eubanks, I think that this Commission should move forward to open the scholarship up for all Miramar qualified students that meet the academic criteria. And we have one speaker. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized. Oh, before Commissioner Colbourne speaks, we do like to recognize that Sudan is a graduating senior, and has several scholarship -- I mean college admissions that she has received, and we're excited to see which university that she will choose. I know some of the schools include basically every school in Florida, of course, Florida State, Georgetown, and -- and -- and some ivy league schools as well, so all the best. And thanks to you for your advocacy on this important issue. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you so much. Sudan, I want to say congratulations to you. Thank for a -- a very thorough presentations. I think your point is well taken. I like to say that the good news here is that the City, for the first time, will be issuing three scholarships, along with UNCF, so this is the beginning of it, it's not the end. And I think your suggestions, and your points are well taken, so thank you so much for that.

MS. EUBANKS: Thank you, Commissioner Colbourne.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any other comments. All right, before we move on --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Ms. Eubanks, Sudan --

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, so if we're going to speak, let's make sure we hit the button, so I can know that -- that you want to speak.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: My -- my button is not working, so.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, it's not working? Okay. All right. So, Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I want to thank you for speaking tonight, and I saw your mom back there, and we were neighbors in Silver Shores; I know you went to school with my daughter, and so forth, and I'm so proud of you. You have excelled pretty well. And I just want to thank you for making this presentation. As a proud supporter of UNCF myself, and someone who support, and know the struggles that some of these students face that go to that school, you know, united -- so oftentimes some of our students are practically homeless, some of them go without meal; it's a lot of insecurity, and folks don't know. Colleges and universities do have a lot of struggling students, struggling family, and oftentimes some of them from overseas. I know folks that I work with who had moved down here to go to Florida Memorial, and end up being homeless, and foodless, and she was able to struggle to make it, and she's a proud partner today that does well. So this is something that, like Commissioner Colbourne said, just started, and we're going to award some family. But what I would encourage is that the -- each one of here, Commissioners gives maybe a \$1,000.00, maybe \$5,000.00 to -- to the fund to make it better, to beef it up. And I think we want to encourage some of the folks in here tonight, and some folks who are listening online to contribute, so that we could cover more students, and even give to those who are in need, and -- and that's my hope that's more folks will give, and give, and give, and give to make it better. So I want to thank you so much for being here tonight.

MS. SUDAN: Thank you, Commissioner Chambers. And the youth of Miramar really appreciate you and the Commission's efforts to, you know, education equality, ensuring that we do get to those places with the access and opportunity.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MS. SUDAN: Thank you again.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Welcome.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So the UNCF scholarship is citywide scholarship. It's not from any initiative budget by an elected official. It's run out of the City Manager's Office. Is there any objection, per the request for Miramar-eligible academically students that live in the City of Miramar for applying for the UNCF scholarship? If there are any objections, speak up now.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mis -- Mr. -- Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I hit my buttons first. Thank you. I do want to clarify that the scholarship is not funded with -- with city dollars, so I do want to put that out there, and -- and clarify that. I think it's important that -- that we be honest and truthful about things. I appreciate your -- your leadership in -- in trying to make this program better. And I would also like to say that -- are we good?

MAYOR MESSAM: So for clarification --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm sorry, I was not finished.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, I thought you were --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I was not. No, no, no. I was not finished. I was actually waiting for you and the Manager to finish speaking, so I could continue.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, well you can continue. Go ahead and continue.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Thank you. Right. It is not -- it is not funding. I appreciate your efforts to improve upon a program that -- that we're just embarking on. I do want to say that we -- the City does have a contract with UNCF, so it's not necessarily a matter of just us sitting here, and -- and changing that. I think the suggestion is good. I think it's something that staff need to go back, and look at, and see how we can expand the program to include that, but I don't know that tonight a vote is for us to -- to add to that without the input from UNCF.

MAYOR MESSAM: I have a couple of questions, Mr. Manager. Can I have the city staff person that is responsible, and liaises with the UNCF to get more information about the scholarship.

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Chief of Staff Kassandra, you're here? Could you?

MAYOR MESSAM: Can you come to podium, please.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Commissioners.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening. Welcome back. Are you knowledgeable about the programmatic requirements for this scholarship?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Yes, I am aware of the requirements. So this --

MAYOR MESSAM: Specifically with the UNCF.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: So the City of Miramar has an agreement with UNCF to provide these scholarships for two years, so we are in year one, so we have one more year to go before we can actually make any changes to the -- to the agreement.

MAYOR MESSAM: So are there specific restrictions that state with the UNCF that only students from the City for Miramar High School, Everglades, and Somerset, these are the only students that they are saying can apply for this scholarship?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: For now, yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: They have said that?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Yes, they --

MAYOR MESSAM: I'm asking the question. She's -- Commissioner Colbourne is asking the question. You're the -- I'm asking the question.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: No, no -- based on the discussion that we had with UNCF, the agreement was to start with those three schools, and then we would expand it later on.

MAYOR MESSAM: Is there a restriction that forbids the City of Miramar from receiving applications from any student outside of those three schools in writing?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: So, as of now, they agreement states that only students from Miramar High, Everglades High, and Somerset Academy can apply for this scholarship; only those schools for now. But as we revisit the agreement, then we will take the suggestion into con -- consideration, and include other schools in Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: Why was that so difficult to say specifically?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: I'm sorry.

MAYOR MESSAM: Because there are students that are coming asking for it. It's not explicit. No one is telling them that UNCF has placed this restriction on the scholarship, and their applicants. So that's why they're coming asking, because no one is telling, and being explicit on why there is a restriction. So thank you for that clarification, and I request to have that agreement sent to my office for further review. Thanks so much for your assistance.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Thank you. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Ms. Kassandra --

MAYOR MESSAM: So -- one last comment, then we're going to move the -- the -- the discussion on the public comment for the --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: No, but I -- I need to say something here. This is important. Thank you for coming forward, and thank you for working with this project. But I must respectfully disagree with the Mayor for badgering the witness. You don't have to answer any question you don't want to answer. Because this is not fair right now. We don't have any representative here from UNCF; I'm sure you don't work for them, you work for the City of Miramar. I did give \$500.00 to the UNCF luncheon, and tonight I'm going to pledge \$1,000.00 to Ms. Sudan scholarship to school, and see who else going to step up, and do that. We need to strengthen the program. If people want to give, they can give, and I encourage this Commission, personally or from their city budget, to also contribute to this, because this is a good thing, and we don't want to water it down, and make it seems like we are picking and choosing. Because this is something good. They have reach out to me to work with them. I didn't move fast enough; they reach out to Commissioner Colbourne, and she took up the challenge and the initiative, and it is moving forward. So I appreciate you being a part of it, and being here, but tonight it's a little bit unbalanced, because UNCF is not here; their representative is not here. All right. So thank you once more, and I'll see you later.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, for the record, who do you work for? The City of Miramar, correct?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: The City of Miramar, yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: You represent the City of Miramar in this agreement, correct?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Is it outside of your scope of work to be asked a question regarding a program under your administration?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: No, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Have a good evening.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: All right. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Next on the speakers list is -- I see Mrs. Eubanks, but that's the same subject, right? Okay. All right.

MAYOR MESSAM: Christina Bannister -- did I pronounce your name right?

MS. BANNISTER: Bannister.

MAYOR MESSAM: Bannister. Good evening, ma'am.

MS. BANNISTER: My name is Christina Bannister; I reside at 11750 Canal Street.

MAYOR MESSAM: Can you raise your mic?

MS. BANNISTER: I'm sorry.

MAYOR MESSAM: That's okay.

MS. BANNISTER: I'm sorry. I'm a little nervous, because --

MAYOR MESSAM: That's okay.

MS. BANNISTER: -- I experience a very traumatic --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MS. BANNISTER: -- experience here on this property, and that's why I'm here today. So, as I shared, my name is Christina Bannister; I live at 11750 Canal Street, Miramar, Florida. I relocated here in 2022, okay. Unfortunately, on November 18th of 2024, while walking my cocker spaniel, she was viciously, and violently attacked, myself and her on 11750 Canal Street by three pit bulls the size of right here. The dogs resided in apartment 105. I followed the guidelines; I reported the incident; I took my dog to the hospital, and eventually she died from puncture wounds, and I have not been functional since. It was a traumatic experience. I reached out to the police department; I filed an incident report, and, unfortunately, as listening to the gentleman that was speaking before regarding code enforcement, I'm not sure what's going on with the payment, but, unfortunately, the process was the police department completes the incident report, code enforcement reaches out to animal control for them address the issue. I reached out to Mosaic of Miramar the same day the incident took place. The managers there basically told me that the owners of the dogs were there illegally on the property; the dogs were not on a leash. And they told me that the dogs would be removed, and they gave the tenants 70 -- seven days to remove the dogs from the property. Unfortunately, that did not take place. I waited three weeks to receive the police report from the police department after going there on numerous occasions to secure it, but, again, as I heard earlier, there's a problem with the system. Okay. Maybe it was during the holiday season, maybe the pay overtime; I don't know what the issue is, but that's not my concern. My concern is I was violently attacked by three pit bulls on this property, and no one has done anything to protect me as a constituent, and as a tenant. The -- I came here, actually,

last week; I met with Mrs. Gibbs, and she told me to come here today to speak to you all on behalf of what happened.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Ms. Bannister for a -- I'm so sorry for your loss, and -- and this unfortunate incident. I guess, Mr. Manager, if we could have the Chief of Police -- I'm not sure what communication, Chief Moss, if you've had with Mrs. Bannister, but Ms. Bannister, if you could go with -- you can raise your hand, or -- and -- and the appointed police department, or -- or code enforcement, so that they can discuss your -- your -- your matter for -- for follow up, and some means forward as relates to getting some resolution, or action regarding this unfortunate situation.

MRS. BANNISTER: Okay. The dogs are still on the property, just to let you know.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. And you can provide all of that information to Chief Moss, and our code compliance, and they'll be able to take it from there. Thank you so much; thanks for coming.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Question, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Excuse me. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I just want to ask what's the guidelines, and the rules in Broward County, or in Miramar in regards to unleashed dogs, or -- because this is not the first time something like this is happening here, and people want to know how to protect themselves. We all have dogs, we all love dogs, we have dog park, but, you know, residents are in danger if there's a oversized, and dangerous dog. How can we protect ourselves? Is -- is there any -- what's the rules? The attorney can shed some light on this as to what residents need to do? I get these calls all the time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next speaker is Tiffany Marquez. Good evening, welcome.

MS. MARQUEZ: Good evening. Thank you. My name is Tiffany Marquez. I live at 3751 SW 137th Avenue. I'm here because I un -- as I understand it, we have an upcoming election on March 11th, if I'm not mistaken, for commission seats. Is that correct? That being said, I hope everybody comes out to vote, because as somebody who's worked at the polls before, there's very little turnout, and local elections are very -- excuse me, are very important. With that said, I'm here this evening to respectfully request your consideration in allowing Mr. Luis Pedraza to be included on the ballot for the upcoming commissioner seat election. This request is not just about an individual's right to run, but about ensuring a fair, and transparent process that is supposed to reflect the diverse interests and values of our community, which I don't get to see every day here. Our democratic system only thrives when it provides multiple voices and choices, giving citizens the opportunity to -- to select a candidate best representing their concerns. Denying Mr. Pedraza the chance to be on the ballot would not only limit voter choice, but would also discourage the participation, and trust in the electoral process in this city. Mr.

Pedraza brings a much needed, and fresh perspective to this race, and his name being on the ballot gives voters the chance, excuse me, to make an informed decision. It is crucial that we maintain a process that upholds fairness, and fosters a competitive environment, in which all eligible individuals are afforded the opportunity to contribute. I believe allowing Mr. Pedraza to be included on the ballot would benefit our city by promoting greater engagement, which I hope to see, and ensuring a more robust election, which is someone, like I said, who worked at one of the last -- at one of the last polling locations, it really seems to be lacking in the City. And it's unfortunate because local elections matter, and too many of our residents don't show up when they need to. That's all I have to say. Thank you for your consideration.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for your -- no clapping, just -- thank you. Our next speaker is VJ Ramjit.

MR. RAMJIT: Good afternoon, Mayor, staff. Following up what Tiffany just said a second ago, we do support Mr. Pedraza. Everyone you see here, I'm speaking on their behalf. We also want a fair, and equitable election. I don't know how that's going to happen if he's not on the ballot. That being said, I am pretty sure you guys have a system where you do have to vote, correct? And the Commissioners are going to have to vote as well on it. Assuming that I don't see how it would be fair if he's running for seat two, and Ms. Colbourne is there, I would respectfully ask her to recuse herself, if there is a decision that has to go before the Commission. It's -- it's only fair, because she has a personal interest in this matter. And, again, I'm just asking if something that's -- I think it's fair. It's commonsense to me. I don't know your system very well, but that's the only assumption I can come with if everyone here is -- that's your commission, and it has to do with something of her interest, it's only fair for her to recuse herself -- recuse herself. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank -- thank you for your comment. Our next speaker is Armando Rojas. I want to make sure I'm pronouncing your last name properly, sir. Ro -- Rojas, okay, Rojas. Good evening, sir.

MR. ROJAS: Good evening, Honorable Mayor, Honorable Commission, Mr. Manager. My name is Armando Rojas, and I live at 3450 SW 141 Avenue, and that's in Miramar, Florida. I'm a proud resident of the City of Miramar. And, again, I -- I'm here to support Luis Pedraza on -- on this next upcoming election. I agree with the previous speakers. A -- a fair, clear, election would have mister's name placed on that election to give everybody an ability to vote. I think it's important that we honor this to attract good talent to run our cities, which is a very difficult job to do to find those talents, such as yourselves on this board. Mr. -- Mr. Pedraza is my neighbor, and a friend, and I've seen him in the past with the -- with the passion he has for this city, so I think it's important that he's placed on that board. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir, for your comment. Luis Pedraza. Good evening.

MR. PEDRAZA: Hello everyone. Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, City officials. Thank you for letting me speak. I'm only here for one reason; it's just to -- I'm seeking justice. I want justice to be -- to be done in my case. It is -- it is important -- important to remember what democracy or what makes democracy in the U.S., and that's to have a choice. I think every voter, every person should be able to have that choice to -- to -- to choose someone that -- that is fit for the job. By having my name on the ballot on the upcoming elections on March 11, and allowing me to be, and -- and have a fair race, election race, it will give the voters the ability, and the opportunity to -- to vote, and to choose for the proper individual, or that person that truly, truly represents themselves. And also it will make the election process -- it will make it stronger. So I'm asking all of you guys, Mayor, Commissioners to kindly revise that, and -- and make -- hopefully, have my name in the ballot, so I can have a fair, and clean election race in this process. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. JC Planas, Planes?

MR. PLANAS: Good evening, Mayor, Commissioners. You guys have been put in a difficult --

MAYOR MESSAM: State your name, and -- and address.

MR. PLANAS: JC Planas. I'm an attorney. I represent Mr. Pedraza. This is --

MAYOR MESSAM: And address?

MR. PLANAS: -- on the record. I'll give you my home address: 8325 SW 118 Terrace, Miami, Florida.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MR. PLANAS: I understand this is a difficult position that you guys have been put in, but the truth is is that we have filed suit, and we believe we will win tomorrow. We're asking that you rectify that, so the City doesn't have to go through that, and do an expense. I believe the City Clerk, and by extension the City Attorney has made an error. There is no recount provision in your Charter. You have no -- not recount, I'm sorry. You have no write-in provision. Write-in candidates don't exist in the City of Miramar, so any error on the state form where it checked off should have been ignored. In fact, your Charter specifically states, not just qualifications, it says the name of the candidate shall appear on the ballot if you give a paper saying what seat you're running for, and you tender a qualifying check. Not only did Mr. Pedraza turn in the qualifying check, the City cashed it. You basically completed the contract formed by what your Charter says for the name to appear on the ballot. There's no provision for write in. We believe we're going to win the hearing tomorrow. But, at the end of the day, what you should you want is peace in the City. Everybody else is giving you the political argument, I'm giving you the legal argument as to why one of you should make a motion to just direct the Clerk to place Mr. Pedraza's name on the ballot, end this. Let's not start an election with a litigious action.

It's the right thing to do. There's no provision for write in, and you guys cashed his check, on qualifying checks. At the state level, write in candidates don't even pay a qualifying fee. So the Clerk is saying, "Oh, he checked off a box." The Clerk took the check, deposited it; that's it; you got to put his name on the ballot, and we believe we will win. This is not -- I'm not here to make a political argument; I'm an election lawyer. I teach election law at St. Thomas University School of Law; I was the Democratic nominee for supervisor of elections in Miami-Dade in this last election cycle, and this is what I do. I'm telling you that candidacy is favored, and, in fact, Florida law specifically say it's -- if there is any doubt, or ambiguity, it must be resolved in favor of candidacy. A write in candidate has no chance of winning; it's the equivalent of taking him off. I think the counsel, and the Commission should do the right thing, and direct the Clerk to put his name on the ballot. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for your comment. Just for my background, Mr. Attorney, what -- what actually happened?

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Mr. Mayor, Ms. -- Ms. Weeks is handling this matter, and there's a hearing scheduled before Judge Tuter in the morning. My superficial understanding of this matter is there was a box checked by the applicant that was for write in, and as a result, he was excluded from the ballot, so that's what the hearing is on tomorrow. So -- and so they filed a declaratory action injunctive relief, which is going to be decided by Judge Tuter in the morning. But other than stating that, I think since there is a hearing tomorrow, it's best that the Commission -- if there's not any motion, let the court decide what the outcome shall be in the morning.

MAYOR MESSAM: But in -- in terms of -- well the -- the -- the legal process is the legal process, and whatever hearing is going to take place. But in terms of what has been stated, and -- and what has -- was asked, just have some just general questions, as relates to our qualification process, which is not -- I'm mean, obviously, that process may bear itself out in any hearing. But in terms of this Commission, and our policy as it relates to those who would run for office for a matter of just discussion. Based off what was said just now, and the emails that were sent to the entire Commission and -- and -- and -- and the City Attorneys, it -- it seems that the -- the question is that Mr. Pedraza filed to run for a seat; he did so within the provided time period to file. Based off what I could see is that his oath document that is a State form -- form that is complete had all of his candidate information, and it had the write-in box checked. But it also had on the form where it says: Write your name as it should appear on the ballot. So that in of itself seems to be conflicting, right? If there's a write-in box checked, but the same form is also says that write your name as you wish it to appear on -- on the ballot. So how does one determine which has more weight?

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Again -- again, Mr. Mayor, there is a pending hearing in the morning, and I certainly don't -- do not want to make these proceedings part of the evidentiary presentation by the respondent. My understanding, again, is that the -- there is a process. The Clerk performs the ministerial function; she made a decision concerning

her duties, and that is what the hearing is going to be on tomorrow. To the extent that there is going to be a judicial proceeding in the morning, creating a record at this stage, I think, is not advisable.

MAYOR MESSAM: I'm -- I'm talking about our process, right.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: But --

MAYOR MESSAM: So -- so if our --

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Mr. Mayor, the process that you're asking --

MAYOR MESSAM: But our process -- and I'm just -- I'm saying -- but our -- but our process is that -- our process is that it's -- if -- this is just kind of baffling. And, again, this is not about any race, any candidate. I'm just saying that if -- the qualification -- the City qualifies the candidate, and my question is if there's complete information, the candidate applied, provided all the information, paid a check, his intent apparently is clear that he intended to be on the ballot, who applies to be a write-in qualif -- candidate, and pay a check, and there's no fee to qualify at the state level. The City has its fees, but those fees are predominantly the state costs, because our -- our fees are -- are low in terms of the fingerprinting. So however this shakes out, this needs to be inspected. There was a specific request -- I'm not talking about the Charter. There was a specific request that if the City makes the determine on qualification, what purview does the Commission have as it relates to what was requested? Can the Commission state that a candidate be deemed qualified by -- by virtue of submitting all the documents in time, paying the fee, regardless of what's on the form. But in this case, both the check box, and the information -- does this Commission have the authority to do that.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We don't.

MAYOR MESSAM: I'm -- I'm talking to the attorney, I'm not talking to Commission Chambers. And you're out of order.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I'm not out of order.

MAYOR MESSAM: If you have an opportunity to speak when you -- when you are recognized. I'm speaking right now.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: All right. Just hurry up, and finish, so we can get --

MAYOR MESSAM: I'm asking -- but what -- hey, I have the floor. I'm the chair, and if I keep getting disrupted --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Now you see how it feels, right? Now you see how it feels.

MAYOR MESSAM: First warning. I won't -- don't want to have to do it, but I will if I have to. You will be recognized when it's your time to speak. I'm asking a general question, as it relates to our policy, and qualifications. The legal process would take care of itself. All right. So my question again, does this Commission have the authority as it relates to the qualification process based off what is requested?

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: My -- my understanding of that, Mr. Mayor, -- I'm not sure you're asking me this, is that it is the function of the Clerk in order to determine whether or not an applicant for office has completed the application. She does not -- or he does not look outside the four corners of the application. To the extent the application checks all the boxes, then the applicant has qualified. To the extent that there is an error, or an oversight, which I believe what this matter is about, then you get into this issue that we're in that is also going to be, again, decided tomorrow. So it -- if -- if you want me to answer whether or not the Commission has the authority to override the ministerial functions of the Clerk, I'd have to research that, and give you an answer to that. But that's -- that's not something that I can sit here and tell you, that you can override the decision of the Clerk. I do not believe, from my experience, that the statute provides for that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So when -- this is a question for the Clerk. If there is an omission or a question on a document, are candidates contacted to clarify?

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Mr. Mayor, again, I -- I respectfully request that since we do have a hearing tomorrow, that the City is a respondent, or defendant, and that you let the judicial process run its course in the morning without creating a record today that may be disadvantageous to the City.

MAYOR MESSAM: And thank you for that comment. If I do ask a question, that purview is that I will respect that opinion from you. But I -- we have a -- a Commission Chamber full of people that -- that -- they made a request, right, so I'm -- I'm -- I'm asking a question. So --

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: But, Mr. Mayor, respectfully, I don't believe that Mr. Planas went that far. Mr. Planas got up, and laid out what his position was, and he also articulated that there was an issue with the candidate's completion of the application. He also alluded to whether or not the Commission would make a motion to circumvent the judicial process that Mr. Pedraza and he initiated. Now that we're in that thicket, I suggest strongly that the Commission has no problems in hearing from the audience, Mr. Pedraza himself, his attorney, which we've heard from, but to the extent that we are now going to turn this meeting into a platform where statements can be made by this body, and others, which may be disadvantageous in the morning to the hearing, I'm strongly recommending that we don't do that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. So, again, as I stated, I'm not putting any situation that will be a matter -- the -- the judicial process. My inquiries was more so in terms of -- of our

process, qualifications. There was a request to -- for this Commission to act, and asked if the Commission has the authority to do so.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Right. And my response to that is my understanding is you do not have the authority to override the -- the ministerial functions of the Clerk in determining whether or not a candidate is qualified for political office, to the extent that understanding of the law. You simply cannot just determine, once the Clerk has qualified or someone, or not qualified someone, that that person simply comes before the Commission, and request that the Commission overrides the Clerk's Office.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, we -- what's -- what's the point.

MR. PLANAS: -- yesterday, and yet nobody from the City appeared before the judge. People at the City were notified that this hearing was going to be, and, in fact, the judge emailed folks at the City on Friday, and yet nobody appeared before the judge yesterday. In fact, the judge had a discussion as to whether or not the City could be held in default by not responding. You are the defendants, the City, so you can't override the Clerk, but you can make a motion to have the City basically confess error, and not defend the suit. That is within your realm as a defendant in the case. But already the City has started off on the wrong foot by not even showing up at the status conference to defend itself, and it -- they were told, they were served. They were served two hours before the hearing, and yet nobody showed up on the Zoom hearing. So the City's starting off on the wrong foot. I'm telling you that you have the power to have a vote that says that City will confess error. You're not directing the Clerk to do anything; you'll just say the City will confess error, and the judge will then rule. But the judge said, "What happens if they don't show up on Thursday for the final hearing," and whether or not it's a default. This is not a final hearing. It's an injunction. But, at the end of the day, if the City is saying we're not going defend the injunction, then the judge can just grant it, and you're not def -- you're not -- it will be the judge directing the Clerk to do it, not you guys. So you guys can decide how you're going to defend this today.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: So -- so, essentially, Mr. Planas is just con -- confirmed what I just said. He's -- he's not articulating that you have the authority to direct the Clerk to place Mr. Pedraza on the ballot. What he's, in a circuitous way simply stated that no one showed up to the hearing, allegedly, but there is a hearing tomorrow, where Judge Tuter is going to hear both sides, which was excellent attorneys, and make a decision. Now to the extent, Mr. Mayor, which I do appreciate what you're saying, if there is a wrench in our policy, procedures here, we have to look at that. But I don't necessarily believe that that's the argument that or the discussion we should be having right now.

MAYOR MESSAM: The -- but the fallout, though, is that you have a situation where someone is being deemed a write-in candidate. The -- the process to go through to -- to --

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Right.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- a policy does not address the issue.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Allegedly, allegedly. And, again, the -- it has been stated here that there was a mistake made; how that is being handled -- unfortunately, it is being handled judicially. That's going -- there's going to be a hearing on it tomorrow as to whether or not the court will direct the Clerk to include Mr. Pedraza on the ballot.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any comments from any members on the Commission.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Sure.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Attorney. How long you been practicing?

MR. PLANAS: I've been an attorney since 1998. I was elected to the Legislature in 2002, and my opponent didn't like it that I had beaten him, and so he sued, and that's how I started learning election law. Four years later, Marco Rubio, and David Rivera didn't like the fact that I didn't pay attention, so they filed my second cousin against me, and I had him kicked off the ballot, and I learned even more about election law. When I was termed out of the Legislature in 2010, I knew more about election law than pretty much any attorney in Miami, and I became, essentially, the "better call Saul" of Miami politicians. I teach election law at St. Thomas University. Again, I was the Democratic nominee for supervisor of elections. I live and breathe this stuff. I'm not -- I'm not -- yes, I have a client, but I'm telling you what the law is. You don't have write-in candidacies in the City of Miramar, and you cashed the check.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: A question for you. A question for you.

MR. PLANAS: So I've been practicing since 1998, --

MAYOR MESSAM: One -- one --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Question --

MAYOR MESSAM: -- but I've been exclusively in election --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I -- I heard that already, sir. Please. I have a question. If you were representing me, as a defendant, would you encourage me to talk to the person who filed the case against me? Is -- is that a normal practice?

MR. PLANAS: If I was representing you, and -- I'll give you an example.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Not -- not in this case. Like personal --

MR. PLANAS: If I was representing you -- and I -- again, I just got hired by the City of Riviera Beach in Palm Beach County, and they had a client -- they had a candidate that tried to qualify with a debit card. You can't do that. So my advice to my client, the City of Riviera Beach is, even if your Clerk qualified them, it was wrong. You got to --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Let's -- let's --

MR. PLANAS: You got to disqualify them.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Let's say -- let's say I stole the Mayor car, and --

MR. PLANAS: You stole the Mayor's car.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right. And he filed --

MR. PLANAS: After this meeting, I sort of believe that.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: No, no, no. Before the meeting. Before the meeting. And he filed charges against me, --

MR. PLANAS: And you --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- and I hire you as an attorney.

MR. PLANAS: And you what?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And I hire you as an attorney, would you tell me to go talk to the Mayor after he file a court case?

MR. PLANAS: I would tell you to hire a criminal attorney, because I'm an elections attorney, and not a criminal attorney.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: All right. For everyone that showed up tonight, for everyone in the audience, there's a litigation; there's a case filed in court against the City. And there's a hearing tomorrow, and it's not usual for the defendant to override the court case, because it's a legal matter, right. So it -- it's kind of out of our purview to address this matter. And the election law is governed by the County, and the State, not by the City.

MR. PLANAS: Actually, the election law goes back to -- to federal system. In fact, again, the -- the underlying principle in Florida election law is candidacy is to be required. There -- there is a case, Vieira vs. Slaughter out of Jacksonville that -- that basically said it. In fact, one of the -- the most influential governors in Florida history, Leroy Collins, became governor after the death of the current governor, and he goes to run for reelection; Florida

did not allow reelection at that point, but since he had only just become governor, the Florida Supreme Court set the precedent forever, and -- and they said in Ervin vs. Collins, and allowing Leroy Collins's candidacy, saying if there be doubt or ambiguity, it must always be resolved in favor of candidacy. This is a supreme court precedent that goes back to the '50s. So the -- the truth is -- is that you are the government. You have the ability to do the right thing. You are held to a higher standard --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And those cases was handled by the court, right.

MR. PLANAS: That's why you should confess error in this.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Those cases were handled by the court, right? Correct?

MR. PLANAS: Yeah, but --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: The cases that you're referencing?

MR. PLANAS: -- there are -- no, there are tons of cases where the -- the defendants have confessed error, and said, "No, we are the government. We should do things differently." And we should do this. There -- there are tons of cases, and they -- they get reported in the press, but they don't get -- I mean you don't have case law on them, because they were settled. But there's been -- heck -- there's been times that I don't go to court, because I called the city attorney, and I say, "Hey, this is this, this, and that." Heck, even in Dade County, the Supervisor of Elections before, not the current one, but the Supervisor of Elections has said, "Yes, you know, it -- it was like stamped at 12:01 when qualifying ended at noon. But they were in line. We're going to allow the qualifying." There is tons of issues that do not get to court cases. In fact, before I filed, I called the City Attorney, and I said, "This is it." And they're like, "Oh, no, the Clerk made a determination on the check mark." I'm like, "You don't have write-in candidacy." So I tried to solve this. I'm here, again, trying to solve this. --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Let me ask you. Have you spoken to the City Attorney?

MR. PLANAS: I spoke to Ms. Norris-Weeks the other day.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And what -- what --

MR. PLANAS: And if I knew, I could have called Mr. Powell. Mr. Powell and I have known each other since we solved the problem in North Bay Village once, where we kicked out a city commissioner who hadn't disclosed he was a felon, and wasn't eligible to serve. And -- and that's how Mr. Powell became city attorney of North Bay Village, because we kicked the guy out. I mean these things happen.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: What time is the hearing tomorrow?

MR. PLANAS: -- kick him out --

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. I'm going to jump in. I'm going to -- hey, listen, I'm -- I'm going -- I'm going to jump in. This is not -- this is not the hearing. So --

MR. PLANAS: Mayor, you've been very kind. I appreciate it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. So -- so in terms of --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- comedic.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Mr. Powell, all right. I get it, in terms of the ministerial duty of the -- of the Clerk. So did the Clerk make this decision solely on herself? Did she consult with the City Attorneys about this issue, or she made it on her own? Did she receive an opinion from -- she had to ask somebody? It's a -- it's a conflict, right, on the document?

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Again, Mr. Mayor, if I may reiterate --

MAYOR MESSAM: That's just a yes or no question. She -- she just processed it, or did she --

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Respectfully, it's more than a yes or no question. Because the yes or no question precipitates an answer that is going to be articulated in some hearing tomorrow.

MAYOR MESSAM: I'm asking a question, Mr. Powell, respectfully.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Let me answer the question as best I can.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: I'm not aware of what conversations happened with the Clerk's Office, and the City Attorney's Office concerning this particular matter. This matter is being handled by Ms. Burnadette Norris-Weeks, as I said, and the hearing is tomorrow morning. My understanding from looking at the form, and Mr. Planas has also stated it, the applicant made an error in completing his form. To the extent that there's an error, I don't -- I -- I can't surmise why the Clerk would seek a legal opinion from some form that's been filled out indirectly.

MAYOR MESSAM: I didn't hear that last part.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: If a form on its face is filled out incorrectly, and it's -- or is missing a requirement, I don't understand why the Clerk would have to seek a legal

opinion on it, unless someone asked for a reconsideration of it, which is where we're at right now.

MAYOR MESSAM: I don't see how that answers my question.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Well, you --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can -- can I --

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Because I'm not aware of it.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- finish up the floor here? I -- have the floor, and I didn't --

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: I did answer your question. I said I'm not aware of any conversations. But I went further to say --

MAYOR MESSAM: There was a conversation. So what I'm saying --

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: What do you mean I'm lost--

MAYOR MESSAM: So I'm -- but, no, but you -- you just said that she made the decision.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: I didn't say that she made the decision; I said I'm not aware of --

MAYOR MESSAM: You said the Clerk made a ministerial decision --

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Mr. Mayor, with all due respect, you asked me a particular question as to whether or not I'm aware of any conversations. I said, "No. I'm not aware of any conversations that happened between the Clerk's Office, and the City Attorney's Office seeking guidance on the application."

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. Here -- here is why I am on -- on the issue. I'm not going to cross the -- I'm not going to cross over into the litigation part; that part is going to take care of itself. But if there's a question on a document, -- and when you look at the -- this is a new form by the State, I'm aware of. This is the first city election with this form. Okay. One form says: check write-in candidate; there's a box to check it if you want to be a write-in candidate. Right below it, the same form states: write your name as you wish it to appear on the ballot. Those are two conflicts that presented itself with the name being written on the ballot, which means there was -- he wants his name on the ballot, and then you have a check box says write-in candidate. So how do we decide it's going to be write in candidate oppose to his name being written on the form as he wished it to appear on the ballot. So as a process for the City -- I'm not even getting into determining on the -- the legal side, a decision was made to choose write-in candidate opposed to the

name as he wrote it on the form to be a candidate, who files, pays a check to be a write-in candidate. So that's my question, and that has nothing to do with the legal case, that has to do with us, as a Commission, understanding how our staff deals with, in this case, this specific part of staff's work. Now I have all the respect for Madam Clerk. She has been exemplary in her job, even through this situation. She was placed between a rock, and a hard place not of her choosing. But I'm just saying how I see it. They're constituents out there, okay, that are asking a question, and I'm just trying to make sense of it, of the decision that was made. Now the court case will determine this, but I'm saying in terms of our process, the name is on the ballot. Commissioner Colbourne may win; that's for the people to decide. Mr. Pedraza may win; that's for the people to decide. But I do think that every -- that this city should have a choice when it comes to elections, especially if someone comes in to make themselves a candidate. So on the surface, not going into the legal matter, there's a form that has check write-in candidate, and on the same form it clearly says: write your name as you wish it to appear on the ballot. How do we choose between that's a write-in candidate because it's checked, or he's going to be -- if he -- if -- if we qualified him, then Ms. Colbourne could have a -- a case to say that well, he checked the box. So it's a rock between a hard place. I'm not here to make that -- to -- to choose a side. I'm saying that two situations presented itself as fact: a checked box, and the name as written, and my question is how do we choose between the two? Well we chose between the two, and what I'm saying is that if we chose between the two, what policy that we have that says we choose the most restrictive one? Or which one that says we choose the most lenient one? So I understand we want to protect the legal process but -- but I'm just saying I represent the people, okay. I don't know most of these people out here, okay. They are supporting their candidate, and they're coming to us with questions, because as I'm seeing it, and what was sent to me via email, that everyone got, I just want to know how we make that decision, what policy makes that decision. If guidance was provided, it's based off of what? So that's the question why I'm asking. So I just don't want to just -- I don't want to come across like I'm trying to put us in any legal jeopardy. I'm talking from the standpoint of what just makes sense.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: -- I answered your question; I'm not aware of any questions, or guidance that was sought concerning the form from -- from our office.

MAYOR MESSAM: There was a conversation.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Again, if I'm not --

MAYOR MESSAM: But I'm telling you there was a conversation.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: What conversation are you referring to?

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. There was a conversation between the Clerk and the Attorney's Office, okay. I'm -- I'm not going into the details about it. I'm saying there was a conversation, because a question was asked. So I'm just asking the question how do we choose between these two options that presented themselves, that has pres -- that

now has caused this? So that is -- that is where I am on this matter. And I'm hearing there's legal constraints in terms of what the City or what this Commission can do, which I raised the question -- this is the forum to raise that question, and I stand by that, and I also stand by when it comes to matters of this, that we should err on the -- we should err on the side of someone putting themselves on the ballot when they've done everything, and filed on time, when there's not a question, or at least call to say, "Okay, this is what was checked. All right. And your name is non the ballot." So I'm asking that question, because this is fresh to me. I'm not on the ballot. And, again, like I said, the City should err on the side of somebody wants to run, they file on time, let them run, let the people decide, okay.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can I get back the floor?

MAYOR MESSAM: I have a speaker, Commissioner Barnes, then followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Let me state very, very, very clearly. I'm not going to sit here and make it seem -- not saying it is happening, and make it seem as if we're going to make our City Clerk a sacrificial lamb. I'll walk out of the meeting before that happens. So, please. I'm also not prepared to support any motion to command the City Clerk to anything. The matter has been brought to the courts, let us leave it until it takes that course.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Just to be fair to the audience, the City does not generate the form. This was sent down to us, either from the County, or from the State, and it's a new form. Yes, it was a little complicated. I saw that line, and I almost checked it, but after carefully read through the whole thing, I realized that it was something else. Now we do -- the qualifying was opened from the second of January to the 9th of January, and this gives someone time to file, and if they make a mistake, they can remedy the situation before the closing at 12:00 noon on the 9th, because it open from 12:00 noon on the 2nd, and it closes on 12:00 noon on the 9th. I'm not sure what happened, but once your paperwork is filed, and 12:00 noon on the 9th came, it closes; there's no time to go back and remedy the situation, unless it's through a different medium. This happened to me before, where I filed, and where I thought I filled out for my middle name to be on the ballot, it did not, so when it printed, I realized, okay; so I learned from that. So, moving forward, I ask question as to where do I need to put my name to make sure that the name that I want to appear in the middle is there. And I went over that with the City Clerk this time again, and it was corrected. So it's not like we running some kind of scam, scheme, or anything here at the City of Miramar. This process is solely done through the City Clerk. Not by any attorney, and not by any commission. We don't have the authority; we all have to abide by the same rules. There's a boundary here. Okay. And I just want you guys to understand that. If this need to be remedy at this point, where it pass the closing date, then the court will do so. They have the jurisdiction, and the authority to do that.

The court, with the County, and the State. We don't want to mislead anyone, and have you leaving here upset that the City Commission can do something, and we didn't. We can't; clearly. Especially, in any case, whether it's -- there was not a court case, or you just come to us, we cannot remedy that situation; it's not within our jurisdiction to do that. I just want that to be clear with all of you. Thank you for coming. You know, we wish you guys well, and we hope that the court will remedy the situation tomorrow, and everybody is happy, okay. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Seeing no other comments or questions, we'll move on to Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discuss -- sir, we're -- we're moving the agenda.

MR. KATES: I'm Gian Pablo Kates; I reside in Miramar, 400 SW 139th Avenue, and also concede a portion of my time to Angela. You brought up some valid points, and thank you, Mayor, for opening the right questions. You're asking some of the key questions that we need to unpack. You're stewards of our dollars; we're taxpayers, and you have a fiduciary responsibility to do what's right with the taxpayers' money. I was sitting there hearing about scholarships, which is a right thing to do to elevate our community. How much money are we going to spend hearing this case? How much of our tax dollars are going to be wasted when a simple error to your point could have been corrected. You cashed his check. That was a contract. But yet we're going to go through litigation, and spend our taxpayer dollars. Earlier you talked about all the great things you've done over the past 70 years, congratulations. We have a lot more to grow, and a lot more to do. The only way you're going to continue to grow is diversity, and I don't see diversity here; I see diversity out here. The biggest growth you're going to see in this pop -- in the community is going to be attracting more blacks, and Hispanics to do more here, and opening more businesses, and spend more money at the restaurants. You need to have diversity in representation; that's what Luis brings. Let the people decide on election day who should be the right candidate. Put the power back in the people, but you got to give them a chance. Put him on the ballot, not as a write in. I concede the rest of my time.

MS. MESSAM: Angela Messam. I am a resident of Miramar, 18961 SW 30th Street. For the record, I want to say that the Mayor is my husband. I -- you sit here as the Mayor, and you sit here with a -- a blight as your tenure as mayor. This is not what Martin Luther King represented when he died for the right for people to vote in America, when black people, our very own descendants, our very -- we're the descendants of those very people who died for slavery, and the right to vote, the right to be on the ballot. Err on the side of caution, Miramar. I ask that you do not do this to our lovely, and beautiful city. And also, the Clerk is not a sacrificial lamb; the Clerk consulted, from what I heard with the attorney, and the attorney made a decision, solely without even consulting the Commission, to -- to make a decision to allow him to be a write-in candidate. She will not be a sacrificial lamb. A motion can be made tonight to make this go away; save us money. We don't have money right now to spend on a -- a -- a facetious lawsuit. Let the people decide.

And, Commissioner Colbourne, you should be the very first speak up, because guess what, you were elected --

MAYOR MESSAM: No, no, order. No clapping. No clapping.

MS. MESSAM: -- by the people. And, guess what, know that everybody on this dais, guys, in our City, everybody in this da -- on this dais have the power, because they hired the attorney. The attorney does not work for the people; the attorney works for the Commission, per our Charter, so you have the right --

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam --

MS. MESSAM: -- to make a decision tonight. Thank you, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the comment.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Order in Messam court. Order.

MAYOR MESSAM: I said I wasn't going to let Commissioner Chambers make me laugh, but --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: This is really funny. Oh, my God.

MAYOR MESSAM: So at least from the people, is -- is there a motion? Just to make sure, is there a motion? Last chance. Is there a motion? All right. I asked. Onto Consent Agenda. I didn't miss anyone. I think I called everyone's name on this list, so Public Participation is now closed. Thank you all for your -- your participation.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: Consent Agenda. Items listed on the 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 Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately. The Clerk received no requests to speak from the public on the Consent Agenda. Does any member of the public present in the Chambers wish to speak on any items on the Consent Agenda? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any items by the da -- dais that wish to be pulled?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Four.

MAYOR MESSAM: Number four, Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Fourteen, and 15.

MAYOR MESSAM: Also wanted -- also I'm pulling 15 as well. So, Commissioner Chambers, you said items four, 14 and 15, correct?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right.

MAYOR MESSAM: If there are no other items, may I have a motion for the balance of the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Commissioner Colbourne	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

1. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of November 6, 2024 and the Workshop Meeting of November 20, 2024.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R8307 approving the purchase of **theater production services** from AV Technician, Inc. d/b/a AV Event Group, in the amount of \$325,001.00, in Fiscal Year 2025. *(Cultural Affairs Assistant Director Zakiya Kelley)*

Resolution No. 25-59

3. Temp. Reso. #R8315 authorizing the City Manager to execute a **Local Agency Program Agreement** with the State of Florida Department of Transportation, providing financial assistance to the City for construction, and construction engineering and inspection services of **Project FM # 443945.1 - Miramar Complete Streets Phase III**. *(City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

Resolution No. 25-60

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number four, please.

4. Temp. Reso. #R8313 authorizing the City Manager to execute a **Local Agency Program Agreement** with the State of Florida Department of Transportation, providing financial assistance to the City for construction services of **Project FM # 446552.1 - A.C. Perry K-8 School Improvements Project**. *(City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Local Agency Program Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation, providing for financial assistance to the City for construction services of Project FM # 446552.1 - A.C. Perry K-8 School Improvements Project; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, would you like staff to give you a report -- I mean a presentation?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Just a question. Is this actual school improvement, or is this sidewalk improvement?

MR. ZUNIGA: Good evening, Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. Yeah, this is for sidewalk improvements in the vicinity of A.S. Perry school.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank -- thank you. And --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I would actually like a -- a presentation on it, if you don't mind. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Can we -- can we have -- can we ask our guests out in the lobby if they can hold it down? At least close the door. All right. That's fine. That's -- if the door is closed -- just leave the door closed. Thank you.

MR. ZUNIGA: Good evening again, Sal Zuniga, city engineer. So this item is for the approval of a LAP agreement with the FDOT for the A.C. Perry K-8 School Improvements Project. So issue: City Commission approval is required to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Local Agency Program known as LAP, agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, the FDOT. Background: So Miramar was awarded a grant fund through the State's Safe Route to School Program known as SRTS for the construction of approximately 10,000 linear feet of sidewalk in the vicinity of the A.C. Perry K-8 School. We refer to A.C. Perry K-8 because the -- the -- the grant program is -- is -- it has to be related to a benefit to a school, walking to schools. So the FDOT allocated the fundings for the grant in the Five-Year Work program through financial project number 446552.1 with -- with the construction funds in fiscal year '25. This project has to be delivered through the FDOT Local Agency Program, which requires the City to manage the project, and upfront the cost first, and then we'll be reimbursed on a quarterly frequency. So this LAP agreement is for the construction phase in an amount not to exceed \$1,017, 772.00. The City has already allocated funding in its -- in its Capital Improvement Program project 52100 to up front the cost. So once we execute this agreement, then the City will be given a notice to proceed to start procuring a construction contract, so we will come back to the dais to award construction contract award. So this is a project location map; this just shows the locations of the proposed sidewalks. As you can see, the kind of -- it's in the vicinity of A.C. Perry K-8, so we're either missing -- missing gaps of sidewalks, or constructing sidewalks where we see the most students that -- that walk to school. So the agreement: This agreement tonight, it -- it just provides for the FDOT participation with financial assistance to the City for an amount not to exceed \$1,017,772.00, and it sets forth the terms and conditions, and the City's responsibility to deliver the project. The City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. Any follow up questions, Commissioner Chambers?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I just want to make sure this improvement coincide with the construction that's going to happen out there, that way we're not going to double tear up, and have to redo, and so forth. But good project.

MR. ZUNIGA: Yes. We -- we've coordinated all projects, yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And -- and I just want to say thank goodness the Broward County School Board are removing all those portables from the school site. They no longer needed those portables, and, hopeful, some day we will have them rebuilt that school into a new school. Thank you, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just wanted to make sure that our residents had an opportunity to hear the project. In that area, we do need a lot of

sidewalks, and we have -- tonight we approve two of those projects, and I know it's been some time in the making, but it's -- it's coming, and it is a good thing, especially near the school. This is part of -- this is a project that came through MPO as well, so I'm -- I'm very happy to see that. Thank you for -- for your work with -- with the MPO, and -- and with all these projects, because I know we are -- we're -- we're sending a lot of projects your way. We're approving a lot of projects, and the City of Miramar has been able to obtain a lot of these projects, and, as a representative on the MPO, I do appreciate working with them, and working with you on this project, so thank you.

MR. ZUNIGA: Thank you, and right back at you for supporting all these projects as well. And making them -- and making them push through.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Good job, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion on --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion approve.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- item four, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R8313 as presented; the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Commissioner Colbourne	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

Resolution No. 25-61

5. Temp. Reso. #R8304 accepting an **Absolute Bill of Sale and Easement** from ESS WCOT FL, L.L.C. for the **water system improvements** to serve **Extra Space Storage**; authorizing the Release of Letter of Credit No. SLCPDXX07829 in the amount of \$340,170.00 and accepting a One-Year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$31,581.25 from ESS WCOT FL, L.L.C. (*City Engineer Salvador Zuniga*)

Resolution No. 25-62

6. Temp. Reso. #R8303 accepting an **Absolute Bill of Sale and Easement** from 10315 USA Today Way, L.L.C., for the **water system improvements** to serve **Adtalem Miramar**; authorizing the release of Surety Bond No. 285069719 in the amount of \$144,578.13 and accepting a One-Year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$26,341.81 from 10315 USA Today Way, L.L.C. (*City Engineer Salvador Zuniga*)

Resolution No. 25-63

7. Temp. Reso. #R8301 approving the **renewal of software services and licenses** with Sirius Computer Solutions L.L.C. and UKG Dimensions (formerly Kronos, Incorporated), in an amount not-to-exceed \$181,300.00 for Fiscal Year 2025. (*Information Systems Manager Vanessa J. Sauveur*)

Resolution No. 25-64

8. Temp. Reso. #R8300 approving the **renewal of support maintenance services** from R2 Unified Technologies to support network infrastructure, and firewalls, in an amount of \$129,250.00 for Fiscal Year 2025, through the utilization of NCPA Contract # 01-96. (*Information Technology Network Manager Jerry Logan*)

Resolution No. 25-65

9. Temp. Reso. #R8310 approving the award of Invitation For Bids No. 25-002 (Re-Bid), entitled, "**Retrofit Existing Generator at Fire Station 19,**" to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, All Florida Contracting Services, L.L.C.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate agreement with All Florida Contracting Services, L.L.C., with a total bid amount of \$892,236.00, and a project allowance in the amount of \$100,000.00 for a total project amount not-to-exceed

\$992,236. *(Utilities Senior Project Manager Eric Francois and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 25-66

10. Temp. Reso. #R8309 approving the purchase of parts and services from Parkson Corporation for **bar screens and backwash sand filters** at the **Wastewater Reclamation Facility** using the approved sole source justification in a total amount of \$51,592.00, and for a total expenditure of \$109,881.00 for the Fiscal Year 2025. *(Utilities Assistant Director Jinsheng Huo and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 25-67

11. Temp. Reso. #R8308 approving the purchase of **pipes, meters, fittings, and other parts for water and wastewater systems** from Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., using the Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group Contract #ITB 2018-19/12, in a total amount of \$95,026.00, and for a total expenditure of \$115,026.00, for Fiscal Year 2025. *(Utilities Assistant Director Jinsheng Huo and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 25-68

12. Temp. Reso. #R8305 approving the purchase of **pipes, meters, fittings, and other parts for water and wastewater systems** from Core & Main L.P., using the awarded contracts through the Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group in a total amount of \$77,526, and for a total expenditure of \$152,126 for the Fiscal Year 2025. *(Utilities Assistant Director Jinsheng Huo and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 25-69

13. Temp. Reso. #R8317 approving the purchase of **HVAC maintenance and repair parts and services** from Trane US, Inc., in the additional amount of \$98,050.00, for total expenditures during Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of \$170,810.00 and utilizing OMNIA Partners (National IPA and U.S. Communities) Contract No. 3341 entitled, "HVAC Products, Installation, Labor Based Solutions, and Related Products and Services". *(Acting Public Works Director Kirk Hobson-Garcia and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 25-70

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 15, please.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: For the record, 14 was also pulled.

MAYOR MESSAM: Fourteen.

14. Temp. Reso. #R8331 approving the engagement of the Goldstein Environmental Law Firm for **legal services to oppose Miami-Dade County's siting, permitting, construction, and operation of a Solid Waste to Energy Campus at the Opa-Locka West Airport Site** that is located adjacent to the City of Miramar's border in an amount of \$400,000.00 for fiscal year 2025. ***(Sponsored by Mayor Wayne M. Messam) (Deputy City Manager Kelvin L. Baker, Sr.)***

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Item number 14; a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the engagement of the Goldstein Environmental Law Firm for legal services to oppose Miami-Dade County's siting, permitting, construction, and operation of a Solid Waste to Energy Campus at the Opa-Locka West Airport Site that is located adjacent to the City of Miramar's border in an amount of \$400,000.00 for fiscal year '25; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner, would you like a presentation?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: No, I just have a question. This \$400,000.00 in -- is this addition to the 300 that we already approve?

MR. BAKER: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. Plus other expenses that we already -- when moving forward with this project?

MR. BAKER: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. So do we have any idea how much we have spent so far, or not yet?

MR. BAKER: Approximately \$600,000.00.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: About 600, okay. All right. Do they finally chose the site yet, or no?

MR. BAKER: I'm sorry, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: The -- the Airport West site, did they finally chose that site, or they didn't --

MR. BAKER: No, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: I have another speaker. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes. Mr. Baker, would you -- would you do a presentation on this. I think it would be good for the community. Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. I'm Kelvin Baker, your deputy city manager. Authorization to engage the professional services for the Goldstein Environmental Law Firm, Temporary Resolution No. 8331. The issues before us is that the City Commission approval is required for expenditures exceeding \$75,000.00 in accordance with the City Code section 2412(a)(1). The City desires to procure professional services from the Goldstein Environmental Law Firm, P.A., for \$400,000.00 for fiscal year 2025. Background: On May 3rd, 2022, the Miami-Dade County Commission approved a resolution directing the Miami-Dade County Mayor to develop, and issue a solicitation for design criteria package for a new waste-to-energy facility. On February the 12th, 2023, the Miami-Dade County Resource Recovery Facility suffered a major fire, rendering it inoperable to mass incinerated solid waste. On March the 27th, 2023, Miami-Dade County Commission directed the County Mayor to analyze, and recommend an alternative site for a new waste-to-energy facility. As the background continues, on September the 7th, 2023, our city passed a Resolution 23-87, urging the Miami-Dade County Commission to reject the Mayor's suggested site. On February the 7th, 2024, Resolution 24-69 passed directing the City Manager to seek alternative funding sources to carry out the City's opposition campaign. On February the 21st, 2024, Resolution 24-77 passed, authorizing the engagement of the Goldstein Environmental Law Firm. It was on May -- March 6th, 2024, Resolution 24-83 passed, urging Broward municipalities to oppose the Airport West site, and contribute to the opposition campaign. It was on March 8, 2024, the City of Pembroke Pines passed a resolution to contribute \$100,000.00 to this effort. On November the 6th, 2024, Miami-Dade County Mayor issued a revised recommendation that stated to no longer develop at the Airport West location, instead preserving the safeguard of the site; recommended rebuilding this waste-to-energy facility back in Do -- in Doral. On January the 28th, 2025, Miramar will be presenting at the Miami-Dade County workshop on this matter. The Goldstein Law Firm will be representing the City. On February the 19th, 2025, the Miami-Dade County Commission will vote, and that will vote will take place to determine the actual location for this waste-to-energy facility. In terms of the procurement, on November the 2nd, 2024, the City received a letter of engagement from the firm in the amount of \$400,000.00, utilizing procurement authority exemption 24132 for professional services. The scope of work encompasses representing the City with local, regional, state, and federal government agencies; representing the City, and the elected officials at all public proceedings; present the City with briefings, strategies, as well as recommendations; engaging environmental, solid waste, and engineering experts; providing guidance on the permitting, and the construction of the facility; engage, and work with litigations co-council, as needed, and provide government affair services. On November the 2nd, 2024, -- I'm sorry. So those -- those activities are the activities that did -- that did take place, and we are -- we're here this evening requesting approval to enter into this agreement

with the Goldstein Environmental Law Firm. City Manager recommendation -- City -- City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks for the presentation, DCM Baker. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. Mr. Baker, if you would do two things for me, really one, but two. Give me the two dates again, so the public can hear them one more time, because we want everybody in our city to know that this is happening, and we want them to be part of it. Can you make that last plug?

MR. BAKER: Yes, I will. We have two dates. Before us is the -- the first date is January the 28th at the Miami-Dade County Commission; there will be a workshop, an opportunity for the community to be heard concerning this issue. The next very important date is February the 19th, 2025; the Miami-Dade County Commission will vote on this matter before us.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you -- thank you very much. And I'll take this opportunity also to encourage our residents, our neighboring residents, anyone who cares about the environment, and I think that reaches most of us, to please help raise our voices at Miami-Dade County Commission workshop, and meeting, and that will be January 28, as well as February 19th. So please come out and support; we do not want an incinerator built close to our borders. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Baker, February 19th, if the Miami-Dade County -- Board of County Commissioners does not approve the Miramar site -- Opa-Locka West site, do we save this money, or this money going to be spent before that? Or do we get a refund?

MR. BAKER: I -- I would venture to say most of it will be saved.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Baker. I'm just -- I would say, in terms of the Goldstein Law Firm, they've done a very good job in putting the City in the position where we are today. We're almost -- over a year ago, had we not been able to move forward and quickly, we may not be in the position that we're in today. So I would like to thank the nearly two -- 200 residents that showed up last week for the community re -- meeting to prepare for the January 28th meeting; our understanding is this will be our final opportunity to speak before the County Commission votes in Miami-Dade County, and we're urging our residents to show up, and to be present. Buses will be leaving from Regional Park, as well as Ansin, I believe beginning from 5:30; we're leaving early to beat the traffic to get their early. Do know that it will be -- it will be different this time, because the Doral residents are anticipated, or expected to be there as well, so we need to ensure that Miramar is there, not just in -- in symbolism, but in voice, as well as in -- in advocacy.

So I'd like to thank the staff, our residents, and the -- the Commission for supporting these efforts. May we have a motion on item 14, please.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R8331 as presented; the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Commissioner Colbourne	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

Resolution No. 25-71

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 15, please.

- 15.** Temp. Reso. #R8329 approving the first one-year renewal of the **Building Permitting and Inspection Services agreement** between City of Miramar and C.A.P. Government, Inc., from February 21, 2025 to February 20, 2026. (*Building, Planning, and Zoning Director Nixon Lebrun & Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the first one-year renewal of the Building Permitting and Inspection

Services agreement between the City of Miramar and C.A.P. Government, Inc., from February 21st, 2025 to February 20th, 2026; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Presentation, please. Good evening. .

MS. JORDAN: Good evening. Good evening, Mayor Messam, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, colleagues, and guests. I am Tekisha Jordan with the Building, Planning, and Zoning Department, and before you this evening we have Temporary Resolution No. 8329. Pursuant to -- which is a request for Commission approval, pursuant to section 2-4112 (c) of the City Code for the first one-year renewal of the Building, Permitting and Inspection Services agreement between the City of Miramar and C.A.P. Government, Inc. The original agreement to provide permitting and inspections services to the Building, Planning and Zoning Department was approved on February -- February of 2004 (*sic* 2024), with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms. The RFP entitled Building, Permitted, and Inspection Services was advertised on August 31st, 2023; proposals were received from Calvin Giordano & Associates, and C.A.P. In November of that year, the evaluation committee determined that C.A.P. was the highest scoring, responsive, and most responsible cost -- proposer. As mentioned, on February 7th, 2004 (*sic* 2024), the City Commission adopted res -- the resolution approving the agreement, which became effective on February 21st, 2024. In order to continue utilizing the services, the City Manager recommends approval. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much. I pull this item, but I did not request a reading. My question -- I don't know if you going to answer this question, or someone. It's -- the reason why I pull this item is regards to I -- I believe a two-year-old building that sits at the -- across from Regional Park, the church property. Now this building is a new building, and each time there's an event in the park, especially kids event, there's one resident that, self-appointed, and she's having issue with the noise in that building. And my conversation with her at New Year's Eve day is that if your building is new, and you are experiencing these kind of noise that your exper -- explaining to me, then the Building Department -- the City of Miramar fails, because this is a new building that should have been insulated properly with the correct hurricane windows, and so forth. So I just want to know between the Parks & Rec, who have to deal with this lady, and the Building Department, and the City Commission what happened. Was there a breakdown into the building code? I just want to know, so we can deal with this accordingly, because it's been going on now for a long time.

MS. JORDAN: Thank you the question, sir. Will you be able to provide the address for the property, just so that we have the correct building?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I -- I don't have the address, but Miramar Regional Park, 16801 Miramar Parkway, on the opposite side where we have that senior building that

was just built, I believe it's two years ago; it's -- it's a senior building, church property. This was a state, and city sponsors stack -- taxpayer dollars to build that building. I don't know. I've been inside the building, but this one lady constantly sending email, and coming over to the park, and city staff have to be getting with her, Parks & Rec staff. So I don't -- I haven't been in the building. I don't know what the noise is like in there, but if she's experience what she says she's experience, then we failed her, or we failed the building completely. I just want to know what can we do, and what happened, and I need a follow up, maybe not tonight, but -- with this situation here.

MS. JORDAN: Absolutely, sir. Thank you for bringing it to our attention, and we will follow up.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And I'm going to also ask -- is there a required hurricane window for like a structure like that that's going to be senior living? Because I know the hurricane load goes from 75 miles an hour, all the way up to maybe 200, I believe for -- for hurricane window. I don't know what they got. But if we allow that building to build right there in front of this park where we're going to have music, and all kind of activity going on there, and not make sure that this building was properly insulated, then I'm not happy with that.

MR. LEBRUN: Again, Nixon Lebrun, Building, Planning, and Zoning Director. So we will follow up with that -- with that inquiry, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. Another issue I'm having is with inspectors, when they goes into people houses. Can we buy them these shoes protector, so they can put on before they walk into people houses. Because they seem to have a problem taking off their shoes, and making a mess of people hou -- houses, so we need to address this, so that they know how to behave, and how to inspect these -- these property, and not get into a confrontation with the residents that they are inspecting. We are here to serve our community, and we are also here to protect them. All right. Thank you, sir.

MR. LEBRUN: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. I also pulled this item, and I requested the presentation, so thanks so much for the presentation. Just really briefly, since the inception of this -- this contract between our building inspect -- our building official, and our inspectors, and with the supplemental assistance with C.A.P., in general, how has that relationship been, and just in general, how -- how is that relationship? How has everything been working. Obviously, it's -- we're going for renewal, so, overall, it -- it's positive. But, in -- in general, how has it -- how has it been going ?

MR. LEBRUN: Yeah. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, you know, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, city staff, members of the public, Nixon Lebrun, Building, Planning, and Zoning Director. Yeah. Since we passed the agreement, the Commission approved the agreement last year, and we -- we've been working with

C.A.P., but there hasn't been much activities, you know, because there hasn't been any bid project that has been submitted, but we still been using them on the previous contract; we're piggyback on Dania Beach. But we use them for one project so far, which was our daycare, and then -- I mean so far, you know, the relationship has been good, and then it's just basically doing -- they review the portion for the permit review. This is still ongoing, it's not finished yet. But, generally speaking, this is a good relationship, so we have nothing to complain, really, about of the provider.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks so much for the response. I'll continue to ask that the administration to stay in close communication with the building official, as well as even conversations with our plan reviewers, and inspectors to get their feedback, so we make that relationship even stronger moving forward. Thanks so much for your comment.

MR. LEBRUN: And then if -- if I may, Mr. Mayor. Even when we do have, you know, C.A.P. review the plan, you know, our chief -- building chiefs, and our building official also kind of, you know, make sure to ensure quality control, and to make sure everything, you know, is according to Florida Building Code. So this has been ongoing.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much. May I have a motion on item number 15, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R8329 as presented; the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Commissioner Colbourne	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

Resolution No. 25-72

End of Consent

RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: Onto Resolutions. Item number 16, please.

- 16.** Temp. Reso. #R8319 approving a **three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement** between the City of Miramar and the **Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, Inc.**, as the bargaining agent for the police officers and sergeants bargaining unit, for the period from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027. *(Human Resources Deputy Director Na'Imah Martin)*

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving a three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Miramar and the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, Inc., as the bargaining agent for the police officers and sergeants bargaining unit, for the period from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening. .

MS. MARTIN: Good evening. Good evening, Mayor, Commissioners, City Attorney, City Manager, and City Clerk. The item before you is for the FOP collective bargaining agreement, effective October 2024 through September 2027. Issue: The Fraternal Order of Police, FOP for short, represents all sworn police officers, and sergeants in the Police Department. And I did forget to say my name; and my name is Na'Imah Martin, Deputy Director of Human Resources, and so there you have it. Conditions of employment are governed by a collective bargaining agreement, also known as a CBA for short, which has a three-year contract term. Commission approval is required to authorize the new collective bargaining agreement. To give you some background: The current CBA went into effect on October 1 of 2021, and expired in Septem -- on September 30th, 2024. Representatives for the City and FOP have negotiated in good faith, and reached an agreement for a new CBA effective October 1st, 2024, through September 30th, 2027. And FOP -- the FOP members have unanis -- unanimously ratified this proposed agreement on January 10th, 2025. And I want to just take a moment to just recognize the partnership, as we talk about this here, just recognize the partnership with FOP, and with the City to get this agreement to the finish line, and bring it before you this evening. I'm very thankful; and you can see we have representation here from all of those who

participated. We had a team that participated for negotiations, representation from the City from HR, as well as the police command staff, and we bargained together with FOP led by their president, Sergeant Brent Steffan. Here is a snapshot of the financials; we also, during negotiations, our Budget Director Rafael Sanmiguel, he had his laptop up, and ran calculations to ensure that what we were doing was within budget, and prudent for the City. The total cost of this three-year contract is \$16.2 million, and that's over three years. So let's talk about a few of the contract highlights. So the FOP membership will experience cost of living adjustments, also known as COLAs, at four percent for year one, six percent for year two, and eight percent for year three. Membership will also experience a pension contribution reduction of one -- one percent; so, currently, the membership pays 13.4 percent into the pension, and it was bargained to be reduced to 12.4 percent. Membership will in -- will also experience a uniform allowance increase of roughly about \$150.00, and education incentive changes have been made to mirror what other collective bargaining agreements already experience. So a maximum reimbursement per year of \$7,000.00 for a bachelor degree, and \$10,000.00 for a graduate degree; and it's -- again, it's to mirror all of the other collective bargaining agreements that have this educational benefit, which is excellent for the City, and excellent for the employees of the City as well. In addition, another highlight to mention is the schedule change notification reduction is now realized in this contract. So now management requirement to provide days' notice of a schedule change, currently, is at 28 days, but with this new agreement, it will be at 14 days, which allows for operational efficiencies for the department. And, again, I just want to recognize our partnership that we had with -- with FOP, and Sergeant Brent Steffan, and thank you for that partnership in bringing this collective bargaining agreement before the City Commission. Thank you. Is there anything you'd like to say?

SERGEANT STEFFAN: Brent Steffan, President, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 189. Good evening, Mayor, and Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to address you tonight. It is my honor to stand before you representing the brave men and women who protect the City of Miramar. I believe you cannot find a more loyal, dedicated group of individuals who care about the community they served. For the last ten years, our days have been dark, our voice going unheard, from being one of the lowest-paid departments in Broward County, a strained relationship with police administration, accompanied by moral, the lowest I've seen in my 20-year career. We have often felt abandoned, left alone, and isolated by politics. Tonight, we take a step from the past, and look to a future with promise. We have delivered for approval a contract that was many months in the making, and hundreds of hours of debating. We have negotiated benefits -- a benefits package that recognizes the situations police officers see every day. I'd like to recognize the extraordinary work of our executive board -- board: Eloy, Troy, Bryan, Andrew, Wayne, Aaron, along with Sean Kelly, all the HR staff, especially Randy, Na'Imah, and the City Manager's Office. While stories of policing in earlier decades may paint a different picture, the challenges officers face today are unparalleled. Policing in 2025 is one of the most challenging, and dangerous professions in the world, as evidenced by the 342 officers shot in the United States last year. Imagine the mental toll of going to work knowing it's almost guaranteed someone in your profession will be shot today.

Nothing about what we do is easy; in all honesty, it can be outright disturbing dealing with the worst that society has to offer. Confronting downright evil can be ugly. An adult molesting a child is ugly; repeated domestic violence calls where significant others are beating and strangling victims are ugly; a mother stabbing her child 30 times is ugly; people breaking into the house in the middle of the night is ugly; being robbed at gunpoint is ugly; listening to victims tell the details of how they were raped is ugly. And yet when others walk away, our police officers confront the dangers, and handle the call for service with the utmost compassion, empathy, and respect. We face the ugliness of evil to protect our community, and we do it, not for the recognition, but because we love the people of this city. Pulling dead adults and children out of pools and canals is ugly; arrestees who have vomited, defecated, or urinated on themselves, or in the back of our car is ugly; applying first aid to trauma victims is ugly. The harsh reality is police work can be ugly, but the people standing before you today do it every day; day in and day out, we are committed to serve with pride and integrity to keep you, and our residents safe, and we do it for no other reason than we love this community. We know we're not perfect; we're humans with families of our own, but despite the challenges we face, we stand before you tonight asking for your support. Together let's ensure the men and women who serve Miramar feel valued and supported; let's move forward with hope, united in our commitment to this community's safety, and success. Thank you, and God bless our officers.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Thank you for the presentation. Thank you to the team for the negotiations with our Fraternal Order of Police and represent -- and representation of our police officers. The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item virtually. Does any member of the public present in the Chambers wish to speak on this item? Are there any members present in the Chambers that wish to speak on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. We have two speakers. Commissioner Colbourne, followed by Commissioner Barnes. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. Thank you so much. That was a great presentation from -- from both partners. You know, just to hear the word partnership, you know, not "negotiation", "we were fighting"; it -- it really feels good. It really feels like our community continues to come together, because for us to come together, it's -- it's everyone. And I -- I look at this contract, and I'm -- I'm listening to the FOP, and I'm listening to you, and I know that everybody didn't get what they want. But I also know that an important -- an important aspect of what was needed was done in this contract, and that's to recognize our officers, make their salaries more competitive to make sure that we can retain our officers, because we know we have great officers. We know their training, and we know their work, and we know -- we know it, because we see it, and because we hear it from the community as well. So, with that said, it's important for us to continue that conversation, for us to continue to -- to build on that relation -- relationship with the FOP. And I -- I certainly look forward to seeing -- to seeing that happen, and -- and to address the needs, the moral, you know, work with our officers, so that we can get to the point where -- what we feel today is a lot of stuff we hear today, and we can continue to hear that from both sides. So I want to thank both sides, because I know -- I can

imagine -- what I don't know, I can imagine that this wasn't easy. You said hundred of hours -- did I hear hundred of hours? Okay, so that can't -- that -- that wasn't all -- all good, but it was for a good purpose. So I -- I sincerely thank you all. I do want our officers to know that -- you say a dark place; we don't want any one of our officers, any one of our employees to be in a dark place. So today is a start, let's continue to move it forward; we want our -- our officers especially, because they are out there dealing with all these ugly things, we want to make sure that they know that we do have their back, and that we do care. So, again, thank you all for -- for making this possible. Steffan, and -- and Na'Imah, and the entire team, thank you guys, and, you know, we're here if there's anything that I can do. I appreciate being -- working with both of you. Thank you.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Commissioner.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: For both sides, thank you as well for the patience that you have displayed this time around. I continue to say that we constitute, corporately, one of the most incredible municipalities in the entire country. I continue, as well, to preach my gospel of taking care of our staff, so our staff takes care of our residents; it's a simple recipe. I -- I congratulate you both, both sides on the patience that you've obviously -- I mean your contract ended when, last year, and you're just getting ready to sign? That -- that shows a certain amount of goodwill that the City enjoys with -- with the people that work for us, and with us. Just a question, I'm not sure who would answer this question. We are short staffed. Making this package a little more attractive with these increases, I mean -- but they are increases, will this go any distance in helping us to attract new police officers going forward. I see some heads nodding; that's enough for me. Thank you guys, and thank you -- thank you so much. I -- I understand -- I have a very good understanding, after being here for a little while, what it takes to get this kind of stuff done. And, obviously, it demands a certain understanding on the part of organizations like the FOP to -- to get this done, and I thank you so much for helping to make this city so special going forward.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: First, let me say thanks for the presentation, and also thanks to the FOP. I'm so glad that we don't have a chief that involve in politics anymore, because that did not help the troop; it was really sad and disheartening when that behavior was -- been display several time here. And the City fails the troop. We should have cut that person long time ago, and we didn't, but it eventually happened to where they left on their own. It shows that when we work together, and when we don't hold grudges -- because no one felt the hands of the police department, and the fire department like I did, but I did not hold any grudges against them, because I know that these are good people, and they mean well. And sometime one bad apple can try to spoil -- spoil the whole bunch. These are people that I know, that I love, that I care about; they care about me, they care about the community, and they care about them family -- their family, and

themselves, and we have come a long way. It's almost ten years, and I can't thank you guys enough. I see you guys every day, you see me every day. I remember back in the day sometime they would see me at night, and they would think I'm spying on them, but I wasn't. I just happen to be out in my community doing things, and they're out there doing their things. You know, they are patrolling, and so forth, so we always running into each other somewhere in -- in corners that, you know, people don't expect me to be at night sometimes back then. And I was never watching them; I was just doing my thing. And today to see that we have come this far, it gives me great pleasure. And to see the amount of young men and women that we're recruiting, and continue to move this department forward, you don't know how joyous I am seeing you guys every day, talking to you, getting some feedback, sharing your experience with residents, and so forth. I'm truly, truly grateful, I'm truly happy that we are here, and we are continuing to move forward. I love you all; I will continue to support, and let's continue to build this relation, and continue to build this great city we call Miramar. God bless. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Congratulations on the execution of this -- of this deal. And I've said this once, I'll say it again, I truly believe that our police officers should be the highest paid, and we need to continue to work on that. I know we had an exercise a couple years ago, and it didn't land where I wished it would have landed -- landed, because when we adequately compensate, you know, our officers, it allows them to do the things away from when they're on duty, like take care of their families, go on vacation, you know, go fishing, playing golf, you know, or maybe even buying some shoes to come run with the Mayor one day. But -- but we should continue to ensure that we keep a pulse on compensation, because it's a competitive world out there. It -- it -- this is a tough job, and I tip my hat to you all, because you -- everyone can't do that job. When the bullets are flying, everyone's running, and you're going towards the perpetrator; it takes a special kind of man, a special kind of woman to be able to -- to do that. And the least we can do is ensure that you have the adequate compensation for that. I followed the negotiations, you know, from a high vantage point, not in the weeds, because we're not in the negotiations. I -- I hope some discussion was talking about additional resources that are needed, the advancement of policing, incorporating technology, incorporating tools that can help make decisions to prevent, as well as to stop crime, because those things are all important. Because criminals are smart. I mean -- sometimes they would put it to better use, how smart they are. And there a lot of dumb ones too, but there are a lot of smart ones that are out there, and we have to stay on top of it. We have to anticipate, we have to prepare, which means we have to invest in those resources. So continue to do the great jobs that you're doing, and it -- it doesn't go unnoticed. I can call Chief, or ACM Burden any time when there's an issue in the community, and you guys are on top of it. And our residents know it -- know it, and the safer our community feels, the longer people stay, the more businesses that will come, and you are an integral part of that. So as we grow as a city, we want to ensure that you continue to grow as well, so thank you all for all that you're doing in the community, and your service that you do day in, and day out. May I have a motion on item number 15, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Congratulations.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R8319 as presented; the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Commissioner Colbourne	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

Resolution No. 25-73

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 17, please.

- 17.** Temp. Reso. #R8302 approving the creation and implementation of a **Moderate-Income Mortgage Assistance Program** to support homebuyers within the 120-140% area median income range. (*Chief Housing Administrator Katherine Randall*)

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the creation and implementation of the Moderate-Income Mortgage Assistance Program to support homebuyers within the 120-140% area median income range; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Bless you. Good evening.

MS. RANDALL: Good evening, Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. Katherine Randall, Economic Development and Housing. We have before you temp -- did I do that? We have before you Temporary Resolution No. 8302, Moderate-Income Mortgage Assistance, MIMA, Program. The issue: City Commission approval is required to create and implement the Moderate-Income Mortgage Assistance Program, which will provide financial assistance for eligible homebuyers. A little background: The City currently addresses the needs of low-income households at the 80 percent and below area median income through the federal and state funding. There's very little resources available for moderate-income households above the 120 percent AMI threshold. The implementation of a downpayment assistance program for the moderate-income households is needed; the household annual income limit is restricted -- this program household income limit will be restricted to \$165,000.00; this amount is not to exceed 150 percent of the greater of the state medium income, or local medium income for loans made available, pursuant to Florida Statue 4250723(a). The program will set aside \$120,000.00 from General Funds to provide downpayment assistance to moderate-income households. Funding up to \$30,000.00 will be available to eligible households, enabling at least four families to achieve homeownership for the housing market. City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item. Does any member present in the Commission Chambers wish to speak on item number 17? Are there any members present in the Chambers that wish to speak on item 17? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any comments or questions on item 17? If none, I'll take a motion.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve Resolution #R8302 as presented; the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Commissioner Colbourne	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

Resolution No. 25-74

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

City Commission Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Onto reports, starting down with Commissioner Chambers, and working our way back. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I just want to say I was extremely disappointed tonight with the public participation with regard to the City Clerk. This is something that should never happen here. The way it went was just not -- very clownish, and kangaroo courtish, and it's not something that this Commission embodied, and should be engaging in. I just also want to say we had a fantastic day at MLK Day at the park. Also like to thank everyone who supported our Family Day at Perry Wellman Field. Also the grand opening for the new townhomes was well attended. And I'd like to thank Parks & Rec for pulling off a fantastic New Year - New Me 5K Run/Walk; it was very success -- it exceeded my expectation, and it was really good. I'm looking forward to continue that, and to drive health issue throughout my community here in the City of Miramar. And I also want to say welcome everyone back; this is the first Commission meeting back. Thanks to my colleagues, and staff that make this possible, and I apologize for keeping you guys so late tonight. I want to wish you all a very, very great rest of the week, and thanks to you and your families always. Thank you so much. God bless.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. Well, Happy New Year, everyone. It's not that late, is it. Okay. It's -- really glad to see everyone back. You know, as you see, the Commission is back in full force. Community, and everyone is back, ready to go. Look forward to a wonderful 205. The events that Commission Chambers mentioned were re

-- was really good. I do want to thank Parks & Recreation for the MLK event. I want to say that every year it's more and more organized, really doing -- really doing a good job, and this year, you know, I actually got comments from residents as well. It's -- it's a -- it's a good community event, and, at the same time, we're honoring the life, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King in -- in a very -- in a very enjoyable, family-type atmosphere. So I truly -- I truly enjoyed the efforts that -- that's being placed in that event. You know, I thank Parks; I know our Police Department was also a -- a big -- also plays a big role in that. The week prior to that, I did my Adopt-A-Street, and, you know, we -- we had about 100 volunteers, and -- and those kids did -- they're really not kids anymore, you know, these are high schoolers, most of them, some -- some younger ones as well. But the spirit that they exhibit in -- in learning how to do the different jobs, the painting, the planting the flowers, just -- just this environmental spirit that they had was really -- was really wonderful. So I thank them very much for what they do, for getting involved in the community, and -- and showing that passion for community, and service from such a young age, so really -- really appreciate that. Thanks to staff who -- all the staff that helped out with that, and did presentations for them, as well as worked with them. This coming Saturday, I'm working with our Economic Development Department and Hou -- Economic Development and Housing Department, as well as all the staff that will be coming out for our Resource Fair, which will have many different agencies, from here in the City to agencies outside of the City, and with Broward County to bring resources to the community. And this is -- this is much needed in every community. Because many times residents just don't know the services that we provide, and it's essential, because we have great services here in Broward County, we have great services here in the City of Miramar, but if our residents don't know about it, they don't know how to access those services, then, you know, it's -- it's not working for them. So this coming Saturday, Vizcaya Park, from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. we will have lots of resources out there, so we encourage the community to come out, and -- and take advantage of this. Once we're finished in Vizcaya, there will be another one later on planned on -- further on west, and I -- and we do have one -- we already had a couple of them on the east, and there will be others. We will continue to do this to bring the services to our residents. So, again, welcome each and every one of you back. Thank you so much. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, because it's going to be a busy year. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And if I may say thanks to Commissioner Barnes for speaking up on behalf of the City Clerk. Madam City Clerk, I want to thank you so much; you are hardworking, and you have been doing a fantastic job here at the City of Miramar for quite some time. I appreciate you, and know we all do appreciate you. Thank you. I can't thank you enough, and Mr. Attorney, thank you so much for your legal explanation, and so forth.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No reports.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Welcome back everyone, in terms of the Commission meeting. The City never stops, but in terms of our first -- this is our first Commission meeting of the calendar year 2025. First off, for the record, I have no apology for addressing a public inquiry about one of the most important decisions that we have to make in the City of Miramar, that is to elect our leaders. No apology. I asked three questions: I asked clarity on what happened; I raised policy issues, as it relates to conflicting information; and I responded to a question that was raised by the representative of a candidate, as it related to what they asked this Commission to do. I didn't jump to conclusions; I asked the question: Was it legal? That is the part of our process as a commission, so it is appropriate. I also praised our City Clerk as relates to her longtime professionalism, at it relates to processing documents, and being the minister of records in this city. And I think she's one of the best, so my inquiries is no reflection of what happened, and I know she knows that. And I won't sit here and let anybody question what I have been elected to do is to answer questions from our constituents. And as long as I'm in this seat, I will continue to represent in that manner. As it relates to my report, I continue to urge our community on next week to attend the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners Workshop regarding the incinerator. This meeting is very important. We can't predict the political discourse, and decisions that that board is going to make. But this will be the first dedicated meeting that Miami-Dade County has reserved exclusively to discuss this matter, because they -- the commissioners are frustrated; they don't feel that they have had the adequate time, and dedication to an important issue that they have to dissent -- that they have to decide that is going to impact millions for years to come. And this is our time to continue to stress, and urge the point that Airport West is not the adequate site for an incinerator. We've had an amazing response by our residents, who have been totally engaged. I could not be more proud of our community, and our city, as everyone has rallied around this issue, and I expect January 28th to be no different. So I look forward to joining our community in Miami-Dade County very early on January 28th to continue the fight for our wellbeing, to continue to fight for our quality of life, so that we don't have such monstrosity, which would be America's largest incinerator built literally in our backyard, burning 4,000 tons of waste and garbage in perpetuity. Because once they commit to build it, even if Miami-Dade County improves their disposal process to the point where they don't need incineration, once they've invested nearly \$2 billion to build this thing, they will have to import other people's trash just to pay that bill; that's how seared it is -- serious it is. There is no amount of resources that we can put on this issue that would not be worth stopping this incinerator. I'd like to congratulate the new YAC members that -- will join the cohort moving forward. I'd like to thank Chief Moss, and the Police Department. We have the - the tough job of deciding some amazing students, as you saw, which was reflected earlier today; these are the type of caliber students that we have in the City of Miramar. They're just -- they're just exceptional, and I could not be more proud. That concludes my report.

City Manager Reports:

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

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: No report, but just want to extend my best wishes, Mr. Mayor, to staff and -- and the residents for 2025; 2024 was a good year, but we expect even more challenges in 2025, and we will continue to work hard to make sure we continue to deliver the level of service that is expected of us. So we will do whatever it takes to go beyond -- above and beyond what it takes to make sure our residents are well served by the City. I just want to quickly make the point that something that was very, very heartwarming to me last week. And that we had -- I can, maybe, think that we may be one of the few cities who have had a cohort of 22 students who will be enrolling, or who have enrolled in a doctoral program at Barry University, 22 of our own staff members are enrolled. And -- and, you know, it's very heartwarming to see that kind of dedication from our staff to improve themselves, and that means that the City will, in turn, be better for it, so I just want to give them a big shoutout for that, so thank you very much. Good job.

City Attorney Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Attorneys?

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Yes, Mr. Mayor. We have a couple announcements.

CITY ATTORNEY GARY: Yes, I have four executive session announcements. At approximately 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, or soon thereafter, as it may be heard, the City Commission shall meet privately to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to section 286.0118. The case Arbor Ridge Housing Partners vs. City of Miramar, Case No. CACE 24-018160; this executive, closed-door session will take place on the third floor conference room at 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida. Present at the attorney/client session will be Mayor Messam, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Colbourne, Commissioner Chambers, City Manager Dr. Roy Virgin, City Attorneys Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Norman Powell, Michelle Austin Pamies, Jordan Gary, Pam Booker, and on-the-record court reporters. The estimated length of the attorney/client session will be 30 minutes. At approximately 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th, or soon thereafter, as it may be heard, the City Commission shall meet privately to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to section 286.0118. The case Jasmine Jackson vs. City of Miramar, Case No. CACE 23-013682; this executive, closed-door session will take place on the third floor conference room at 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida. Present at the attorney/client session will be Mayor Messam, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Colbourne, Commissioner Chambers, City Manager Dr. Roy Virgin, City Attorneys Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Norman Powell, Michelle Austin Pamies, Jordan Gary, Pam Booker, and on-the-record court reporters. The estimated length of the attorney/client session will be 15 minutes. At approximately 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, or soon thereafter, as it may be heard, the City Commission shall meet privately to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to section 286.0118. The case Omarquia Arcia vs. City of Miramar, Case No. CACE 23-000158; the -- this executive, closed-door session will take place on the third floor conference room at 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida. Present at the attorney/client session will be

Mayor Messam, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Colbourne, Commissioner Chambers, City Manager Dr. Roy Virgin, City Attorneys Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Norman Powell, Michelle Austin Pamies, Jordan Gary, Pam Booker, and on-the-record court reporters. The estimated length of the attorney/client session will be 15 minutes. And, finally, at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, or soon thereafter, as it may be heard, the City Commission shall meet privately to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to section 286.0118. The case Donneth Wedderburn vs. City of Miramar, Case No. CACE 23-018870; this executive, closed-door session will take place on the third floor conference room at 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida. Present at the attorney/client session will be Mayor Messam, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Colbourne, Commissioner Chambers, City Manager Dr. Roy Virgin, City Attorneys Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Norman Powell, Michelle Austin Pamies, Jordan Gary, Pam Booker, and on-the-record court reporters. The estimated length of the attorney/client session will be 15 minutes. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good.

FUTURE WORKSHOPS:

Date	Time	Subject	Location
02/18/25	4:00 p.m.	Master Plans for Water and Wastewater Systems Workshop	Commission Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

18. VOTE TO ADJOURN

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion to adjourn?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Manager, I just want to thank you, sir. Thank you, and thanks to all those students. I'm extremely proud of myself, Mr. Chambers, and Dr. Virgin team up, and we make a difference here at the City of Miramar. I love myself, I love all of you, thank you so much. Motion to adjourn.

MAYOR MESSAM: So moved. Good night.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, MMC
City Clerk
DG/cp