



THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 1, 2026

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 everyone. The meeting of the Miramar City Commission is now called to order. An opportunity was given to the public to register to participate, or email the City Clerk 24 hours prior to the Commission meeting with any questions, comments, concerns on items we will hear on this evening's agenda. Any person may be heard by the City Commission, through the chair, and upon registering, pursuant to the published notice, for not more than three minutes on any proposition before the Commission unless modified by the chair. This meeting is being streamed live at miramarfl.gov/commissionmeeting, and televised on Comcast channel 78, and AT&T U-verse channel 99 for the City of Miramar subscribers. As of April 1st, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. no member from the public has registered to participate virtually in this meeting. If someone has registered later than this time, and would like to speak, they can raise their hand, and, at the appropriate time, our IT staff will unmute their mic to 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 Commission prior to any action taken.

ROLL CALL/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Present.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Here:

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Edwards.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Manager Dr. Virgin.

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Norris-Weeks.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Powell.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Here.

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

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

The following members of staff were present:

City Manager Dr. Roy Virgin
City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks
City Attorney Norman Powell
City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MAYOR MESSAM: We do have a commemoration list of bereaved City of Miramar employees: Carolyn Fenton, Utilities Department -- Department, lost her aunt; Sharon Wynter, Finance Department, cousin; Dereck Payne, Storm Water Division, uncle; as well as the City of Coral Springs -- we lost our friend and colleague, Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer-Bowen tragically today, and in the City of Miramar, we stand with our neighbors in Coral Springs. So, at this time, we'll observe a moment of silence. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: On to presentations.

Presentation: Legislative Update (Representative Robin Bartleman)

MAYOR MESSAM: Before we go to our proclamations, I would like to invite our very own State Representative Robin Bartleman to the podium to give us a legislative update. Let's give her a round of applause, please.

REPRESENTATIVE BARTLEMAN: I'm sorry. I'm still in shock about Nancy, so -- thank you for that moment of silence; we all loved her, and she is definitely, definitely going to be missed. Okay. Let me get myself together; okay. So this legislative session lasted 60 days; we had over 2,000 bills filed, close to 2,000 bills filed, but only 242 passed. They have recently been submitted to the Governor, and I am proud to say that two of my bills passed, so I have passed 17 bills in five years. I'm sorry, it's really hard. This is just -- I'll get through it. I'm sorry, I -- HB 47 that I passed with Senator Sharief regarding child abuse; there are many, even people here in Miramar -- we know of families that see injuries on their newly born babies, and I have no idea how that bruise, or the pain -- or the bruise got there, or the bone was broken. And what happens is they usually end up taking them to the hospital, and reporting it, saying, "Help me, help my baby, and they get charged with abuse." And we had 12 families come and testify at every committee about this, the injustice of this, and I'm going to speak to one case that illustrates why we need this bill. The mother brought her baby in, she -- the baby was taken away immediately, shortly after birth. The baby was kept in foster care for 18 months, so the family didn't get to bond with the baby. She had to pay 200 to \$300,000.00 in legal fees so she could obtain a second opinion, and the baby had brittle bone disease, and it was only because she could mortgage her house, and afford to pay that and fight that she got that baby back. Now an -- almost an 18-month old that had to learn to bond with their mother. So this bill was written because of cases like this. Because parents deserve the right to get a second opinion. And in terms of when an infant is diagnosed, they are usually five diseases that mimic signs of abuse: Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, which is a connective tissue disorder; brittle bone disease; Rickets -- Rickets; and a Vitamin D deficiency. So this bill, two years Senator Sharief and I ran it; it was a passion project for her, and we were able to get that through; it's headed to the desk. And my second bill that passed

has to do with human trafficking, so that when nurses enter the workforce, they're trained immediately. We have 30,000 new nurses enter the workforce every day, or every year, and these victims are in the shadows, so the only time you're going to see a -- a human trafficking victim is if there is an emergency room visit, or an urgent care visit, and now they're trying to identify it. I want to thank the Mayor, and the City Commission, and Devan, who came up to Tallahassee two or three times, all of you came up at least once, but we really, really fought against that incinerator this year. We fought hard, and we had 31 registered lobbyists against the bill; I have never had so many bills against one bill; it was crazy. And I'm happy to say that in the House we got it moving, I had it passed unanimously, and both of my committees, but because it wasn't moving in the Senate, it got stalled, so this is not over. We were able to work with different parties, and get to compromised positions, because none of us want that incinerator in our backyard, and even though it's supposed to be off the table, having it in statute would codify that, and that's what this Commission wanted, that's what they tasked us to do, and we're not going to stop until it happens. So if you could give your Mayor and Commissioners a hand for fighting so hard for this. The one thing I want to talk about, though, because your City Commission, they're hands are going to be tied, and they're only going to be able to educate you all is about the property taxes. Never once have I had some -- well, you guys can see me up there, but I feel like my backs towards you, especially the garden club behind me. Never once have I had someone call my office and say, "My property taxes are too high." They call me and say, "My property insurance is too high." And we have been able -- unable to provide you relief. So we spent all session dealing with a whole bunch of silly bills, and property taxes; only one bill passed; there were eight proposals, and it only passed in the House, which is good news. And it is an elimination of property taxes for homesteaded properties, and only schools are protected. Now in the legislation, it says that public safety is protected, but it creates a floor and a ceiling, so if your men in blue here want to get raises ever, or new equipment, it's going to be incredibly difficult to afford any of that, because Miramar will lose 42 percent of its budget if the bill passes as it is. 116 cities in the State of Florida will not be able to afford level funding for their public safety. Parkland loses 90 percent of their budget; Southwest Ranches, Pembroke Pines, and Weston will not be able to afford level funding for their police force, so even though the statute says keep -- keep public safety at bay, don't touch it, what's going to happen is they're going to lose 42 percent of their budget. They're going to have to keep you whole, but the chances of you all ever being able to get a raise, or get what you need is going to be a problem. And they talk about DOGE, we have to DOGE our cities, we have to do all the stuff with the waste of money; we need to DOGE our state government as well; you know, we have to not just -- we can't just talk the talk, we have to walk the walk. But I -- I am sure everyone can tighten their belt a little bit, but this will be devastating to your city. In Miramar it pays for your parks, and your green spaces, all of your fire stations, your police stations, your cultural center, your sports complex, your senior center; you have two senior centers here. You have childcare facilities, you have three of them, if you utilize them; your community shuttles, your transportation, your youth, adult, and senior programming, your aquatic centers, your streets and roads, your garbage. Imagine them losing 42 percent of their budget, and having to maintain those services and maintain level of funding for public safety. It is going to be near impossible for them. And

the biggest problem with this bill that I have is they say, "Well, we're going to give it to you, the voters." The way it's written is this bill, if it would have gone through both the House and the Senate and passed is that they would have eliminated the property taxes, put it on your ballot, and you would vote for it. But they're not going to tell you how they're going to fill the \$46-billion hole statewide. Never before has the government -- the state government put something on a ballot without an implementing bill. So what this does is it's going to ask you to vote, and it's going to sound really good to you; you're going to say, "I can't afford my gas; I can't afford my rent; this will put some money back in my pocket." So you're going to vote for it, and it has to reach 60 percent, and then if it passes, you have to wait a year to see what does that mean, and I debated this bill, all of the bills in Ways & Means, and we asked very important questions on the floor: how are you going to fill the hole? We heard: We could raise sales tax; it's projected your sales tax would go up 14 or 15 percent. If you're a renter or commercial business owner, the City can raise taxes on those properties, that doesn't help renters. Or you would have to resort to fees. So all you're going to do is instead of paying out of your front pocket, you're going to pay out of your back pocket. And so I voted against it, because I believe every single one of you deserve to know what the implications of the vote is. And you should not be sold a bill of goods without all of the information. Luckily for us, the Senate, after we raised all the concerns -- we uncovered all the prob -- the issues with it, especially -- I filed an amendment to protect public safety after a report came out that 116 cities would not be able to afford their public safety, the Senate backed off and said: Okay. We can't be a one size fits all. And so right now there's supposed to be a special session on property taxes, but I need you all to pay attention, because we have tied their hands; they're not going to be able to campaign for or against it; they're going to educate you during their budget process; and I'm going to be the one out there saying, "This is really going to hurt you," unless they do a proposal that everyone can live with. So I need you all to pay attention to it, because it's very enticing to say, "Let's cut it, and get money in our pocket," but a year from now, if you lived in your house 30 years, your property taxes aren't a lot, because you have a homestead extension. You could be paying more fees than you pay in taxes right now. If you're a renter, those new -- that -- those raise in rates are going to get passed onto you, so pay attention to all of that. Also, very important, the South Florida Water Management District, it doesn't just cut your cities, the South Florida Water Management District is in charge of when it floods out west, they're the ones taking care of the flooding; the Everglades, they're the ones taking care of the Everglades; they're the ones in charge of your water quality; they're in charge of all of those projects. They lost 35 percent of their budget. We have the South Broward Hospital District in this County; we go to Memorial; they lose 34 percent of their budget. And near and dear to my heart is the Children Services Council, and all the programs we have for children in our community, they lose -- they're going to lose 35 percent of their budget. So this impacts everybody -- oh, and by the way, public safety does not include 911 operators. So you have to wait for the implementing bill. And if someone says to you, "Well you never really own your house, because you have to keep paying taxes." You're paying taxes because when you call the fire department, you want them to show up. You're paying taxes because you want to have police, and you want your garbage picked up. You need to look at it like that. That's what your taxes are paying for. You can own your

house, but as long as you're opting into all the services in your community, everyone needs to pay their proportionate fair share, so I'm hoping they come up with a better way to do it. In terms of the Commission, another bill they passed is a DEI Bill 1134; I want to thank -- I know that Commissioner Eddy, and Commissioner Chambers were here for the Indian Chamber, and we spoke a lot about it, but there's going to be no diversity, equity, inclusion allowed in the City of Miramar, or your elected officials can be removed. So your end up UBE, your Afro Caribbean Fest, your Bahamian Independence Day, your Jamaican Independence, your Latin Music Festival, all of those things we can't have, because you can only have a federal holiday or a state holiday. More important to me is you that you have a great -- you lift up the small business owners here in this city, and your NWE program is exceptional, and the fact that we may not be able to do that anymore is a huge problem, and your attorney will be evaluating the bill; it's for next year, so it's -- it's a real problem. Also, you know your attorney is probably working on House Bill 1329, which is your Transparency and Accountability Act that they're going to have to do their budget forecasting where you're going to have the Commission meeting, and go through how you could reduce the budget, and tape it; it's a lot of red tape, but I think it will be worth doing, because they're going to see that you spend your money the right way. And -- so that's another bill that impacts you. And for people with autism in the community, we're going to be rolling out, as soon as it's signed, the Blue Envelope Program, which is for people with autism, or a developmental disability; they can give a blue envelope to law enforcement when they're pulled over. And one more thing. We did change voting. You have to have your official ID, either your passport, or your star on your driver's license; I am getting phone calls, because I have seniors that cannot get a driver's license because they do not have their birth certificates, so this has been very upsetting. We're working with Bernie whose in Century Village; he's 95 years old; he has no way of getting his birth certificate, so he can't get his driver's license with the validation, so he's not going to be able to vote in the future. That is a real problem. Those are hurdles and barriers, and we had people come up and testify who were born during Jim Crow, or before Jim Crow, and many of them, they did not -- they were not born in hospitals, they didn't get birth certificates; their names were written in a bible, and I didn't even know that part of history, which was very interesting to me. And so if you can't get your birth certificates, you can't get that little star, because you have to have your birth certificate. The name change for women hasn't happened yet -- but once that happens federally -- so if you have an issue getting your star, call my office; I give my cell to everyone: 954-668-3662, we'll help you. If you need help with insurance -- I got a call from someone in Miramar just recently, and their insurance has gone up \$1,000.00 a year; they're not working with him, so we're getting him over to OIR. So whatever you need, don't hesitate to call my office, Medicaid, Medicare, we're here to help. And I'm sorry I'm a little disjointed and off. We lost a real ray of sunshine in the world today, and so Nancy will be missed. So I hope I didn't take too long. I'll open it up for any questions. I don't mean to make people cry, but it's -- it's a terrible tragedy. So thank you, Mayor, and thank you for your support in Tallahassee. Your 7:00 in the morning, 6:00 in the morning; you were amazing. Thank you so much. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Representative Bartleman. And I want to formally just recognize your -- your efforts, and how you represent our communities, specifically regarding the incinerator bill. It was a bill that the City drafted, and presented to -- to your office, and despite the fact that you had a slate of other bills that you were marching through the halls of the Legislature, you pushed that bill as if it was from your inception; from day one you made it a priority. And I think that effort showed, and that is why it was moving in the house, and moved us that much closer to getting that law into - into our Florida statute. So I would like to thank you for that, and wanted to publicly mention that. All right.

REPRESENTATIVE BARTLEMAN: I just want to thank you all; your commission is amazing, and I am very sad about the DEI bill for this community, because Miramar celebrates every person who lives here, and it is a tragedy what we're doing to people, and our community. You cannot erase people, and we should celebrate everybody, and that's what this city does, so thank you. And -- and we'll get -- next year I'm ready to fight for the incinerator bill again. Thank you, guys, and thank you for letting me go, and thank you all very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. We do have -- let me see -- I also -- do we have -- is Commissioner Regalado, did she show -- is she -- is she here? All right. All right, so she's not here, so we'll move the agenda, and move towards our proclamations.

Proclamation: Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month (Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our first proclamation was requested by Commissioner Chambers; I invite City Manager, Dr. Virgin, and Police Chief Delish Moss to receive the proclamation in observance of Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month. Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month, April 2026:

Whereas, Autism Acceptance Month is recognized annually in April to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals on the autism spectrum; and, Whereas, about one in 36 children has been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder, according to estimates from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Autism and Development Disabilities Monitoring Network; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar recognizes that embracing autism acceptance fosters a culture of empathy, passion, and respect for individuals' of abilities within our community, and affirms that every individual, regardless of neurodiversity deserves equitable access, support, and recognition; and, Whereas, City Manager Dr. Roy Virgin as demonstrated a commitment to advancing the City's autism-friendly designation efforts, and the accompanying processes, and under his leadership with the City of Miramar has intentionally aligned municipal operations, employee training, and community engagement initiatives to advance autism acceptance beyond awareness, and toward

meaningful systems level inclusion; and, Whereas, by promoting autism acceptance, the City of Miramar fosters a more inclusive, and welcoming community where all individuals can thrive and contribute meaningfully, and through education, advocacy, and empowerment recognizes that this ongoing commitment requires a collective effort, including autism training for all city employees, and a refresher competency training, and specialized training for law enforcement supported by executive leadership; and, Whereas, the Miramar Police Department maintains an autism registry designed to enhance the safety and wellbeing of individuals with autism within the Miramar community, enabling families to voluntarily provide critical information that assist officers in effectively supporting individuals during emergencies, or situations where communication may be challenging; and, Whereas, the first national Autism Awareness Month was declared by the American Society in April 1970 to educate communities about autism, and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention; and, Whereas, during the month of April, the City of Miramar will host several initiatives to promote awareness, and community engagement, including the emergency preparedness workshop on April 6, an Employee Walk with Autism on April 9th, and Autism Resource Fair on April 18th, connecting families with valuable services and supports, and a Community Walk with Autism on April 25th to celebrate inclusion and unity within the community. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of Commission Chambers, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim April 2026 in the City of Miramar as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. City Manager, I -- I couldn't think of anyone else this year to give this proclamation to. You are truly deserving it, and I know you don't like too much accolade, but this one, trust me, you should accept it, and cherish this one, because it's very special. And I'm going to give you a couple of update as to where we are today. I know the City of Miramar has been at this for a while now over the years with the Police Department, but I know you taken up and making sure leadership really make a difference. So I just want to share some things with you all real quick, and you -- and the public. April is Autism Awareness Month, and tomorrow, April 2nd is World Autism Day. Mr. City Manager, under your leadership, the City of Miramar has shifted from awareness to acceptance with the following key accomplishments: We have received the Autism Friendly City designation from the Center for Autism and Related Disability card. We implement employees autism comp -- competence training with annual refresher. I attend the one last Thursday, and over 500 employees was -- took part in that training, both in the Chamber, and remotely. Specializing -- specialized training for first responder, Parks & Rec, and Social Services. The Police Depart -- the Police Department maintain a citywide autism register to support emergency response, which is timely with the HB 711 spectrum alert; it's coming from the State. Communication boards were installed across

parks; we develop a sensory -- a -- a sensory-friendly space in the passport office, and that place is really nice; I was there when they were setting up. We implemented senior -- sensory backpack -- we implemented sensory backpack in the Multi-Cultural Center, MCC, and to the leadership over there as well. Launch an annual autism resource fair, and community walk to increase awareness and access. Advance technology solution, including GIS mapping of autism resources, and, to date, one in 36 children affected by autism; approximately 823 children right here in Miramar. On in 47 adult impacted by autism. Approximately 2,295 adults right here in Miramar. Upcoming events: Tomorrow, April 2nd World Autism Day, as I mentioned. Tonight, the City Hall was to lit up blue, for those of you who walked in here, you see beautiful blue lights out there. We have an emergency preparedness workshop right here in your Chamber on the 6th, and for the first time, we'll have National Hurricane Center have two of their employees will be here to explain, and answer questions in regard to emergency preparedness, especially during the hurricane season. Community Autism Resource Fair, April 18th at Regional Park, and, of date, we have about 900 persons registered to attend that fair. And also we have about 50 resource vendors that will be there to give out information to all attendees who wish to get information for their self and their family. The Autism Walk, April 25th; as of date, we have over 600 persons registered for the walk, that's April 25th, and Autism-friendly business training for local employees -- employers -- for local employers on May 27th. So these are some of the accomplishments under your leadership, so we want to thank you once more for embracing the autism community, and making sure that all our employees follow your lead with the autism. Thank you so much, sir.

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Commissioner Chambers. Tomorrow is -- we should be here in blue, so I'll certainly turn it over to the -- the man in blue, because the Police Department has worked really, really close with the community, and have been the -- the spearhead of this. As Commissioner Chambers alluded to in his remarks, I -- I was there from the onset when we started this program, and to see where we are today to be designated, I really want to thank the community, and thank the -- the -- the elected body. But men in blue, I want to give you a chance to tell us -- tell us of some of the work that you're doing out there.

POLICE CHIEF MOSS: Thank you, Dr. Virgin. Well one of the things we did talk about is the registry that we have, so that we have advanced information when we have to respond to certain calls to ensure that we respond to those calls appropriately. We have our social worker program that is doing yeoman's work with regard to helping us with regard to follow -- of course, there's the walk on the 25th. You know, one of the things that you never think about until your family is actually touched by autism is that it actually exist, and it brings about challenges. But we got a five-year-old rambunctious kid in our family that is on the spectrum, and because of services like this, he's thriving, so thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And I -- and I must add, growing up in Jamaica, now being aware of autism, so many families' children been picked on, been beat up, try to beat things out of them. We were not aware of what's happening. Myself was picked on

for different reasons, and to have this awareness make it more mindful of others, and I'm truly, truly grateful for this opportunity to understand some of the things that was happening back then to other youngsters in schools, or just on the street, so thank you once more.

Proclamation: National Garden Month (Commissioner Carson Edwards)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation is in observance of National Garden Month, and this was requested by Commissioner Edwards, and we invite the members or volunteers of the community garden, as well as Community Garden Special II, Rita Brown, and all of the volunteers to join us up here on the dais with your nice, bright community garden green shirts.

MS. BROWN: Hello, hello, hello. We bring gifts. We brought some cherry trees to share.

MAYOR MESSAM: Awesome, awesome. All right. If we can all come up, and just split both sides of the -- the dais. I don't want to see any clean thumbs. I need to see some dirt under fingernails, and --

MS. BROWN: We washed our hands before we came --

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, you washed your hands before you came; okay. And also Everglades High School special education teacher, Marsha -- is it Eichel? Yes. If we can have you to come over, because we have a -- want you to hold the -- the proclamation as well. All right. Just make some room for her. Come on in, come in.

MS. BROWN: Come in.

MAYOR MESSAM: There we go. You're going to block the camera -- all right. National Garden Month, April 1st, 2026:

Whereas, the month of April is recognized nationwide as National Garden Month celebrating the importance of gardening, and its positive impact on communities, the environment, and individual wellbeing; and, Whereas, gardening promotes sustainable practices, environmental stewardship, and the conservation of natural resources, while enhancing the beauty, and livability of neighborhoods throughout the City of Mir -- of Miramar; and, Whereas, community and home gardening activities provide access to fresh, nutritious foods, encourage healthy lifestyles, and contribute to indivi -- to improve physical and mental health for residents of all ages; and, Whereas, gardens and green spaces foster community engagement, bring neighborhoods together, and create opportunities for education, recreation, and cultural enrichment; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar recognizes the efforts of local gardeners, community groups, schools, and organizations who dedicate their time and resources to cultivating gardens, and promoting

environmental awareness throughout the City; and, Whereas, the National Garden Month serves as an opportunity to encourage residents to participate in gardening activities, support local green initiatives, and take pride in enhancing the nation -- the natural environment within their community. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of Commissioner Carson Edwards, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as National Garden Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we would like to thank all of our volunteers; they have volunteers in our community garden. Of course, we're biased; we think we have one of the best in South Florida; you can get all of the fruits and vegetables you can think of, so thanks so much, Commissioner Edwards, for bringing this forward.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. You know, our city has a lovely garden, the community garden run by here master gardener, Ms. Rita Brown. We also have -- Everglades High School also has another great, fantastic gardening project, and so for National Garden Month, as we know, you know, gardening brings communities together, bring us together, promotes wellness, and strengthens our community, and I want to celebrate it. Our garden now is going under some renovations, so I don't want to invite you there as yet, okay. But as soon as it's complete, and we have a big smile on Ms. Rita's face, I'm going to invite everyone to come on over and see, and become members of our garden. So, again, Ms. Rita, Happy National Garden Month --

MS. BROWN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: I'm going to give you a couple of minutes to say something.

MS. BROWN: Thank you. Oh, thank you, Mayor, and Commissioners for this wonderful opportunity, and thank you for recognizing the garden, and for what we do; and all of our members thank you guys so much, because it wasn't for you guys coming constantly to make the garden look beautiful, it wouldn't be that. So I thank you very much, and also, on behalf of the garden, we have a couple goodies for you guys, so -- we got some cherry trees, we got a couple goodie bags. We're having our annual plant sale on April 18th, and we're also having a "Be healthy" campaign. So we're going to sell all types of teas; you can sample the teas; everything is grown at the garden, so please come join us for our plant sale, and our "Be happy -- be healthy" campaign." Thank you.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: All right, quickly. Ms. Eichel, Ms. Mary from the Everglades.

MS. EICHEL: Thank you everyone. So about nine years ago we started with the Special Needs Department; our school garden was donated to us; the teacher had left, retired, and he asked us to take over. So since then we've gotten lots of plants, from bananas to

tamarind, and so many more trees in there, and we have benches, and it's very welcoming. The kids go there during lunch time, and sit, and lots of them sit around the bougainvilleas, and take selfies, so it's really nice to see them active in the garden. On early release days, or PSD days, professional study days, our students go and fix the garden. We've gotten a lot of grants from Whole Foods, and the Broward County Farm Bureau, and so many more; we have lawnmowers, and weedwhackers, and scissors, and so much more to maintain the garden. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. So, I'm going to speak -- we have a photo -- our photographer is in the rear, so if everyone can watch Andy right there in the back, so if we can look up, just -- all right. Thank you all again.

MS. BROWN: I'm going to leave this bucket here, and make sure -- want proof of life by summertime. Thank you. Thank you for Sprouts grocery store for providing all the goodies that we have on workday; thank you Ms. Escalante and Sprouts. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much.

Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month (Commissioner Avril Cherasard)

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. And our next proclamation, we invite Children Services Council of Broward County's representative, Cynthia Reynoso, to receive the proclamation, and this proclamation was requested by Commissioner Cherasard, and it's in recog -- in recognition of Child Abuse and Prevention Month. You don't look like Cynthia. All right. Ken; how you doing, sir? Welcome. Child Abuse Prevention Month in Florida:

Whereas, Florida Bright Future depends on the health -- healthy development, and wellbeing of its children; and, Whereas, adverse children experiences, including abuse, and neglect of children can have severe, and long lasting consequences of children, families, and society as a whole; and, Whereas, every child has the right to a safe, healthy, and happy childhood where they are supported in achieving their educational developmental milestones; and, Whereas, resource demonstrates that parents and caregivers who have strong support systems, and access to resources are more resilient and better equipped to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children; and, Whereas, it is essential for individuals, school, community, organizations, and local governments to prioritize children, and take action to support their physical, social, emotional, and educational development; and, Whereas, the Children Services Council of Broward County is committed to supporting families by funding family support programs designed to reduce the incidents, and impact of child abuse, neglect, and trauma. These programs stabilize families in crises, promote positive parenting strategies, prevent out-of-home placement, and reduce involvement in the dependency system; and, Whereas, Broward

Aware, a countywide campaign led by the Children Services Council and its partners aims to raise awareness of children abuse -- excuse me, of child abuse prevention by promoting health child development, positive parenting practices, and community engagement; and, Whereas, Child Abuse Prevention Month provides an important opportunity to encourage all Floridians to participate in activities that strengthen families and communities, creating environments where children can thrive. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of Commissioner Avril Cherasard, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim April 2026 as Childhood Abuse Prevention Month in Florida.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you. Good evening everyone. Some of the words from this proclamation says that every child has the right to a safe, healthy, and happy environment; we are their guardians, we are the adults. And we have huge responsibilities, not just to our own children, but to all the children of the world to be aware, to be cognizant, and to participate in making sure that they have healthy, happy, and sound environments free of abuse. The Children Services Council is responsible for the pinwheels that everyone saw blowing in the wind as we walked in, because the pinwheels are the symbol of childhood abuse prevention. And spinning freely, just as kids should be, healthy, happy, worry free, safe from abuse. So I do encourage once again, as the proclamation says, that we do participate in activities, whether they are personal or public to make sure that we look out for the children of the world in our own individual ways, as well as collectively. So I want to thank the Children Services Council for all that they do, not just during this month, but year round for the betterment of our children, who are our future. Please say a few words. Thank you.

MALE SPEAKER: Good evening everyone; thank you, Mayor and Commission. The City of Miramar is one of the best places to come when we look at programs that strengthen families, and look out for children. The Children Services Council is for the people; we fund over 200 programs that support children and families here in Broward, and we love that work, and we love coming to cities like Miramar, looking at the work that you do, and how we can support it. So thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, sir.

Proclamation: Water Conservation Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, I invite Utilities Director Francois Domond to receive -- and team to receive the Water Conservation Month proclamation. Let's give them a round of applause. Yes.

MR. DOMOND: Come on team. Hurry up, guys, come on.

MAYOR MESSAM: We know you don't do all the work.

MR. DOMOND: No, I don't -- all right. I like that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Let's give our Utilities Department a big round of applause. We all know -- I'm always bragging on our Utilities Department; one of the best utilities in the state; one of the largest producers of reuse water, so we're very proud of that. All right. Water Conservation Month, April 2026:

Whereas, Florida's natural beauty, crystal blue waters, and the white sandy beaches attract residents, and visitors from around the world; and, Whereas, clean and sustainable water resources are vital to Florida's environment, economy, quality of life, and is basic, and essential need of every living creature. More than 90 percent of Florida's drinking water is supplied by underlying aquifers; and, Whereas, every business, industry, school, and citizen can help by saving water, and, thus, promote a healthy economy, and community; and, Whereas, the South Florida Water Management District is implementing a cons -- a comprehensive water conservation program to instill a lasting culture of conversation in our communities; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar has partnered with Broward County's water conservation incentive program to encourage residents and businesses to adopt an enduring water conservation ethic that supports long-term water resource sustainability; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar with grant assistance from the State of Florida is investing millions of dollars to develop alternative water supplies, upgrade drinking water facilities, reclaimed waste water for beneficial use, and reduce waste disposal; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar is the pioneer in the South Florida region on water conservation by establishing facilities that can produce up to 7.5 million gallons of reclaimed water per day as an alternative water supply for irrigation. The City of Miramar has also developed the brackish water from the Floridan Aquifer as an additional alternative water supply to meet future consumptive demands; and, Whereas, the South Florida Water Management District, and the State of Florida have desig -- designated April typically a try month when water demands are most acute, Florida's Water Conservation Month to educate citizens about the importance of water conservation, and how they can help to save Florida's precious water resource. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as Water Conservation Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all so much.

Proclamation: Government Finance Professionals Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, we're almost done, almost done. I invite Director of Financial Services, Kevin Adderely and team forward; they'll be receiving the next two proclamations, so I'll just read them both consecutively, so we can move through. Finance -- Director of Financial Services? You don't have to be embarrassed because you're not as large as Utilities; come on up, come on up. You do great work, needed work. All right. So come -- come over, yes. Okay, our first proclamation is in recognition of Government Finance professionals Week:

Whereas, the Florida Government Fin -- Finance Officers Association was founded in 1937, and serves more than 2,800 professionals from state, county, and city governments, school districts, colleges, and universities, special districts, and private firms; and, Whereas, the FGFOA is dedicated to being a professional resource by providing opportunities, through education, networking, leadership and information; and, Whereas, this Government Finance Professionals Week sponsored by the FGFOA, and all its governmental organizations is a weeklong series of activities aimed at recognizing government finance professionals, and the vital services that they provide to our state, and our community; and, Whereas, during this week, government finance professionals throughout the State of Florida will be acknowledged for their hard work, dedication and leadership. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission we do recognize our Financial Services staff.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we appreciate all that you do, and I know our employees appreciate every time they get their paychecks on time, and we thank you. And we know that we could not be our city without your hard work, so thank you all so much for all that you do.

Proclamation: Financial Literacy Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, don't leave, last one. This proclamation is in observance of Financial Literacy Month, April 2026:

In March of 2004, the Senate passed Resolution 316 that officially recognized April as National Financial Literacy Month; and, Whereas, National Financial Literacy Month is dedicated to improving financial literacy in an effort ensure that all Americans have access to trustworthy financial services and products; and, Whereas, financial literacy can help families establish and maintain healthy financial habits to improve their quality of life; and, Whereas, 2026 is the City of Miramar's eighth year participating in Financial Literacy Month, which creates public awareness designed to help residents and other consumers better manage their personal finances through collaboration in coordinated efforts across the City; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar encourages state agencies, public and private institutions, regular -- regional agencies, and community organizations to

provide instruction, activities, and initiatives that contribute to the developing and enhancing financial literacy knowledge and skills to ensure economic success; and, Whereas, when Miramar residents increase their personal financial knowledge, and skills, the financial wellbeing of the individual, and the entire city will improve; and, Whereas, national research continues to highlight points of concern for how Americans manage personal debt, retirement savings, and daily budgetary challenges; and, Whereas, the designation of Financial Literacy Month helps raise public awareness about the importance of financial education in Miramar; and, Whereas, for Financial Literacy Month, the City of Miramar will host financial seminars at various locations throughout the City where Miramar employees and citizens will learn how to budget, increase their cashflow, investment strategies, and planning for their futures. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim April 2026 as Financial Literacy Month.

Proclamation: NAREB Realtist Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And our final proclamation for this evening, I invite the members of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers; are they present here this evening, NAREB members? All right, so we do have one of our colleagues, who's a member of NAREB. NAREB Realtist Week, April 12th through April 18th, 2026:

Whereas, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers was established in Tampa, Florida, in 1947 as an organization dedicated to promoting equal opportunity, and advancing civil rights for African American real estate professionals, consumers, and communities across the United States; and, Whereas, as the nation's oldest minority real estate trade association, NAREB played a pivotal role in advancing for the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Act, and the establishment of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and, Whereas, NAREB's five strategic priorities include: faith base and civic engagement, women's initiatives, women investing in real estate known as WIRE, diversity and inclusion, small business development, multigenerational wealth building, and government relations and advocacy; and, Whereas, April 12th through 18th is recognized as NAREB Realtist Week, during which more than 100 chapters nationwide commemorate events, such as: A Day of Worship and Prayer; Political Advocacy and Fair Housing Act Day; Community Day of Service; Membership Recruitment and Appreciation Day; and Community Wealth Building Day. And now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim April 12th through 18th as NAREB Realtist Week.

Presentation: Florida Neuroinclusion Toolkit (Miami-Dade County District 7 Commissioner Raquel Regalado)

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Next on our agenda, I would like to give a nice Miramar welcome to our colleague down south, Miami-Dade County District 7 Commissioner Raquel Regalado, who will do a presentation on the Florida Neuroinclusion --

COMMISSIONER REGALADO: Neuroinclusion, so Raquel Regalado --

MAYOR MESSAM: Neuroinclusion toolkit.

COMMISSIONER REGALADO: Yes, Neuro --

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, welcome.

COMMISSIONER REGALADO: Thank you. Thank you. And I told you when you came down to see us that I would visit you also, so here I am. Thank you for your advocacy, we really appreciate you, and having you as a partner in Miami-Dade County. So my name is Commissioner Raquel Regalado, and for those of you who do not know me, I am the proud parent of two neurodivergent adults; both my children are on the autism spectrum. My daughter, Isabella, was diagnosed in 2010, and I ran for a position on the Miami-Dade School Board. I served on the school board for two terms, and my son was later also diagnosed in the spectrum. I was elected to Miami-Dade County in 2020, and decided to work on neurodiversity, and not just autism when I came to the county. So neurodiversity is an important term; even though tomorrow we celebrate International Autism Awareness and Acceptance Day, neurodiversity includes a lot of people. So on the neurological delay are children like mine with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, my daughter has both, dyslexia, downs, Tourette's, epilepsy; there's a host of things under the -- that side of the spectrum, and then in the middle you have traumatic brain injury. On the other side of the spectrum you have neurological decline, which is Alzheimer's and dementia. While a lot of people don't think of that as neurodiversity, it is, and one of the first kind of markers of neurological decline is issues with sensory perception and reception, so there are folks that will start having issues with light, with sensory overload, issues with touch and sound, and that's one of the first markers of neurological decline. So that's why the work that I've done at Miami-Dade County is not just about autism, but covers the entire spectrum of neurodiversity, and today I just wanted to present to you our official Florida Neuroinclusion Toolkit. So we're going to email all of you the site; I brought in -- I brought a physical copy to give you all, so that you can look at it, but what it is is -- is a toolkit that looks at everything that we've done at the county, and how any city or county can step into this space; not all of it is super complicated; I brought some props with me. So one that is a very simple, like, entry point is the sunflower lanyard, so we use this at our airport; we also use it in transit, and this is for invisible disabilities; so when someone is trained with this lanyard and they see it, they know that the person that's wearing it may need special assistance. And, normally, what we do is we put the Florida ID on the end of this; our Florida ID, after several years of battling with the State, can now include a disability. So for many years that was an issue; it is completely voluntary, but now when you go, and you get your Florida ID, which you can get starting at five years old, you can put autism, dementia, Alzheimer's, anything on there, and that

becomes your -- that becomes one of the way that you can identify that person, and provide them with specific services. I focused, in Miami-Dade County, with starting with training; I really believe that training is infrastructure. Obviously, Miami-Dade County is very big, so we can do this kind of work. We partnered with one of your partners, UM-NSU CARD; I did not create anything new; I partnered with CARD, and they did a wonderful job of training over 2,100 police officers, all of our firefighters, and we even did our emergency response teams. We also trained our parks officials, and all of our library staff with UM-NSU CARD. Once we were halfway through with the police training, we launched our special needs occupant with autism decal, and the registration -- I will tell you that the registration is more important than the decal. The decal goes on your car, or outside your home, but the registration allows the parent to put in very specific information that would be needed at the point of conflict, so if they're nonverbal, what their deescalation, you know, needs are, and the parent contact information. So that's been very successful, and our sheriff has actually now rolled out a second part of that this year, and we're doing it for car registrations also. Our libraries are very easy entry point; we did sensory stories, right; social stories for each library, we did that for 50 of them, and also created sensory spaces. And then I've worked to really open up public events. A lot of our families simply do not show up; they don't go to public events, and they don't come for services, because the entry point is so painful for us. So whether it's Neuroinclusion Days at the Tax Collector's Office, where it was just to get IDs and make everything a little bit easier, turn down the lights, calmed everybody down a little bit, or at the youth fair, which we worked on a three-year plan; we started with a sensory room, then we did stories, then now we're doing sensory hours from 12:00 to 3:00 where we turn off all the music, and we turn off the lights, even the neurotypical people like it, I'm just going to say. We've really focused on providing folks different opportunities, so that families can come. I will tell you that in Miami-Dade County it's been very successful; our families are very happy. The other easy entry point is to create a committee, so whether you want to do a tax -- taskforce, or a standing committee, it's an opportunity for parents to join together, and talk about what they need in our community. I've done them all over my district, so that we don't duplicate services, because sometimes we'll have something right across the way, and a parent won't know about it, so it's a great opportunity to educate caregivers and parents on availability. One of the other things that I've focused on is on providing employment opportunities within our government, so I worked with Miami-Dade Kendall Campus; we created the Kendall Learning Academy, and these are cohorts of autistic adults that learn (unintelligible 1:04:47) credentials, and data analytics, and then were placed in internships in Miami-Dade County, and later at the Tax Collector's Office. And we're actually working with CareerSource for the second, third, and fourth cohort. So the toolkit has all of this and more, whether you want to start with public spaces, or you want to start with a committee, or you want to start with training. It really allows you to come at this at any point. It has all the legislation that I've drafted over the years; it has all the examples of all of our partners; how private sector partners have stepped up; everything from mobile sensory room to physical sensory room; and how to draft your own social story. So I just wanted to -- to give you all this resource, and tell you that I'm always available if you want to do some of this work. It is my life's mission; my children are amazing; when I received the diagnosis over 20 years ago, I would have

given anything for my daughter to be neurotypical, and today I wouldn't change a thing about them; they're wonderful human beings. They just think differently; they have a lot to offer, so in April, and every day, I just ask you all to consider neurodiversity, and how important it is to reach out to these families, and to make them part of our community. We're already here; it's just about making services a little bit easier for them to navigate.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much for that presentation. Prior to your arrival, we had a -- a series of proclamations in observance autism awareness, and we have a lot going on in our city, and there are some great ideas that I see that is being done down in -- in Miami-Dade County, and thanks so much for being a part of making South Florida more inclusive, or neuroinclusive.

COMMISSIONER REGALADO: Neuroinclusive, yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, so --

COMMISSIONER REGALADO: And we brought you a flag, if you want one; not pushing the flag, but we brought you an autism acceptance flag, if you want one, and -- and we have the physical copy of the kit, and we'll be emailing you all the information tomorrow on the official launch, so I'm happy to present you with that if you like.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much. And I would be remiss, Commissioner, if I did not acknowledge just your objective, and thoughtful debate down in Miami-Dade County as it relates to the incinerator; we know it's a big issue for you all down there that happens to have an impact on the City of Miramar. And in your -- your words and your comments to bring objectivity into the discussion is not only appreciate by the City of Miramar, and we'd just like to let you know that we thank you for that discourse, and -- and that support during that process. Thank you. Yes, Commissioner Cherasard, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER REGALADO: Thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: And thank you, Commissioner Regalado, for coming and speaking to us about this, especially during this month where we do need to educate the public on what the spectrum looks like. And I wanted to ask one question first. Adults with neurodivergency, not many understand that their quirks are actually diagnosable. What are some resources that somebody who has been kind of marginalized through adulthood, what can they do to just find out some information about specifically their neurodivergency.

COMMISSIONER REGALADO: So there are -- specifically women are diagnosed later, so there -- there is data to support that women can mask much longer than males; a lot of -- and for many years -- and that's why they wear blue and everything; people thought that it was just a male disease. So one of the things that we brought you are our

cupcakes, which are pink and blue, because neurodivergency does not see gender, so we have a wonderful partnership with Misha's Cupcakes for this month. But for the adult, you can still get diagnosed; you can speak to a neurologist, or a psychologist, you can be tested. And I can tell you from people that I've known that I've worked with that have been diagnosed as adults; you are completely on point; it is life changing, because they always thought that they were broken; that something was wrong with them; that something didn't fit. We have the same issue with dyslexia; there are people -- you know, there's no test for dyslexia in elementary school; you know, you find out about dyslexia if your parent is on top of it, or if you're in a program that is on top of it, but there really is very testing for dyslexia. Some people find out about it in college, you know, or as adults that -- say they ask someone, and someone one mentions to them what dyslexia is. So once you know that those traits, A, are not something that you can fix, and then, B, what are the coping mechanisms, and ways that you can regulate. Stimming, for example, you know, the cost of max -- mas -- masking, there's a lot of autistic adults that feel exhausted when they go home, and they don't understand; they think that it's depression, it's not, it's just they've been masking all day. So there's a lot of different things, and there's a movement now for self-advocacy, and layer 1:10:07 diagnosis. But you could do it through a neurologist, or through a psychiatrist, and just ask the question, you know, "Could I be neurodiverse?" And, by the way, one out of five people is, so it's not -- neurodiversity is -- is -- is more the norm than people think, and what I want to do is eliminate the stigma, and have those conversations, and give people tools. I can tell you my -- my son was a runner; I don't know if any of you know like what a runner is, but there are some autistic children who just like take off running; it -- it -- it's -- it's scary and jarring, and -- and all those things. Now, as an adult, walking is his form of self-regulation. I put him in track, you know, I taught him like where -- how and where to do it, and for him that is such an important part of self-regulation. He did Miami-Dade -- you know, he did the KLA, now he's studying AI, and -- and coding, but -- but he does need to regulate because he has moments in time that are -- that are difficult. My daughter wears noise-cancelling headphones all the time; for her, that's a very important thing; she's very susceptible to noise. He wears the earbuds, and one of the things that we train our police is don't make them take it off, because they actually can hear more if they take it off. So I think having that conversation about adults is important, and a lot of people get diagnosed when there children are diagnosed, so that's another interesting -- another interesting phenomenon that we're seeing, that when they bring in a child, and they give the diagnosis, and the parent says, "Oh, but I do that too." And then the doctor says, "Well, wait a second," you know, "you may also be neurodiverse." And, lastly, I will say that it is very common for neurodiversity to ride together, so my daughter is in the autism spectrum, but she also has ADHD; it usually rides with something else: autism and epilepsy; autism and dyslexia; ADHD and dyslexia; and they're not always diagnosed at the same time. So sometimes we have the first diagnosis, and then the later diagnosis which explains why certain things were not working, and why ADA was some -- sometimes challenging. So -- but you guys have a great partner in UM-NSU CARD. They actually, you know, do some of this work, so I'm glad; I'm sure they will be willing to have, you know, some webinars or something on that to help adults. I will tell you, last thing, I did a CLE for the Florida Bar, I'm an attorney by trade, on ADHD and autism; it was one of the highest attended CLEs, and we

had over 500 attorneys after that CLE contact the Bar and tell them that they were neurodiverse, and they never felt that they could tell their boss. So --

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Incredible.

COMMISSIONER REGALADO: Yeah, it's a thing.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Well thank you for that. I wanted to just say a lot of us, we deal with the access, we deal with the inclusion, we deal with those two prongs, it's now to take the next step further, which is they actually need to enjoy their lives as well, and so we need to make opportunities for them to now, not just be seen, but to enjoy themselves in our cities as well, so thank you for all you do.

COMMISSIONER REGALADO: And I -- and what I tell parents is it's not about surviving, it's about thriving, so I think that's the next step, and they can -- they can thrive; with the right support, they can thrive. So thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank you so much, and safe travels back home.

COMMISSIONER REGALADO: Thank you.

Presentation: Police Update (Police Chief Delrish Moss)

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be re -- I have one more? Oh, that's right. Before we go on to Consent Agenda, we do have a presentation by Police Chief Delrish Moss with a police update. Oh, okay.

POLICE CHIEF MOSS: Good evening, Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, members of the Commissioner, Mr. City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, I just wanted to update -- update you on one of the things that we recently discovered. As you know, we have a -- a tremendously good relationship with our neighbors to the south, the Miami Gardens Police Department, and from June the 13th through the -- through July 5th, the -- FIFA is going to be hosted there for their World Cup. One of the things that we discovered in one of the meetings recently was that a part of the plans included using Miramar Parkway and University Drive as a checkpoint for residents going back into Miami Gardens, and that would sort of route people back through our city. They had not notified us of this, and one of the justifications for that was that University Drive is a state road, and DOT, and FHP can actually do that, and they have the full backing of the Governor. Well, recently my deputy chief attended one of those meetings, and we found out about that plan, and so we strenuously objected to, 1), not telling us, and, 2), to making a plan for our city without including us in our city that would affect our residents. Currently, they are rethinking that plan. They are looking at some other ways to -- to do that that won't impact us, but we think that we're still going to be impacted by traffic anyway, so one of the things that we've asked them to do was include us in those plans, so that the Miramar Police Department is also a part of serving our community, and making sure that our residents

are not inconvenienced during that. They haven't decided what they're going to do yet, but we're going to be continually attending those meetings, and making sure that we keep the City updated, so that we know how to plan, how to prepare, and how to adjust, and address those issues. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much for the update, Chief.

Presentation: Strategic Planning Update (Chief of Staff Kassandra Carvalho-Lindsay)

MAYOR MESSAM: Next on our presentations will be strategic planning update by Chief of Staff Kassandra Carvalho-Lindsay.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. I am Kassandra Carvalho-Lindsay, and I am the Chief of Staff in the Office of the City Manager. Now at the March 4th Commission meeting, the City Commission approved the project agreement with the White House Group to develop the City's strategic plan. So in response to the Commission's feedback, emphasizing the need to have all our residents and employees involved in the strategic planning process, we have developed a community engagement plan, which we will -- which I'll be sharing with you this evening for your feedback. But before we go into the plan, I would like to introduce the members of the Strategic Planning Committee, also known as the North Star Navigators; so this committee is made up of myself, there is Shalima Mohamed, Chief Strategic Administration Officer, our Management and Budget Director Mr. Rafael Sanmiguel, our Public Works Director Shana Coombs, our City Engineer Sal Zuniga, Nixon Lebrun, our Building, Planning and Zoning Director, Dr. Shakera Bucknor, our Deputy Police Chief, Tara Wagner, the Deputy Fire Chief, Ronnie Navarro, our Assistant Director of Utilities, Lorna Walker, our Marketing Director, Natasha, our Marketing Assistant Director, and Winsome Freeman, our Finance Deputy Director. And this group, so you know, will act as the sounding board, a support team, and, most importantly, a review team, so before anything goes to the Commission or to city administration, it would have already been vetted by this committee. So there are three major initiatives that we will be rolling out over the next six months that will, ultimately, inform the strategic plan. So the first initiative will be an educational campaign; the second initiative will be a community outreach -- community outreach meetings; and the third initiative will be leadership sessions. So starting tomorrow we would like to begin our educational campaign to inform residents and employees, and also Miramar businesses about the purpose and importance of the City's Strategic Plan. So the theme of this educational campaign will be "You City, Your Future." And as part of this effort, we will share a series of "Did you know" messages on our social medial platforms to build awareness and understanding of the strategic planning process. So there are two examples on the screen of what the messages will look like, and the educational campaign should take approximately three to four weeks. So once the educational campaign ends, we will have our first community outreach meeting on Thursday, April 30th at the Multi-Service Complex from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our second community meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14th at the Sunset Lakes Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Our third community meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28th right here at City Hall, so we're having three community meetings, and these meetings will give residents an opportunity to have face-to-face interaction with -- with staff to ask any questions they want to about the strategic planning, and to complete the survey which will be available in various formats. Now prior to these community outreach meetings, we will be partnering with the consultant, the White House Group to -- to get some kind of guidance and training from them as to ways that we can strengthen our outreach approaches. Now to encourage attendance, because we've -- we've noticed in the past -- to encourage attendance, we will be -- we'll be raffling some \$100.00 gift cards at the end of each community meeting; we'll also be raffling some iPads. And these com -- these gift cards and iPads will be sponsored by a company -- we've already reached out to the company, and they've committed to sponsoring the gift cards and the iPads. So at the end of each community meeting, we'll be -- we'll be raffling, and giving away some -- some gift cards. So this is our way of encouraging residents to come on out to be a part of this process, and to --to -- to do the survey. So once the residents complete the survey, their names will be entered for a -- a chance to win a gift card or an iPad. And we're asking you, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners to please encourage the residents to come out, and be a part of these important community meetings. So once the final community meeting is held on May 28th, we will then launch the gen -- the survey to the general public the following day, which is May 29th, and these are the platforms we will use to engage our residents, our employees, and our businesses. So we're planning to use our utility bill; there's going to be a QR code in the -- on the bill; it will give residents an opportunity to scan the QR code to complete the survey. We're also going to be door hangers; the QR code will be on the door hangers. We are also -- we also have a team -- the committee will be attending HOA meetings, the advisory board meetings to talk to -- to the residents. We're going to place the A-frames strategically in -- in various areas throughout the City with the QR code that residents can go ahead and scan the QR code, enter their name, their address, which is very important, because we want to make sure that these are Miramar residents who are completing the survey. The -- the survey is going to be available on our social media platforms. We're going to be utilizing Miramar TV as well, Hello Miramar; we're going to be utilizing the bus benches; we're going to be using Everbridge; also the billboard; we're planning to have a tent at some of these special events that are coming up. Of course, there's the City website, the Miramar newspaper, and the most impo -- but not most importantly, but -- but for our seniors, our dearly beloved seniors, we're planning to -- to do in-person meetings with them; we were planning to attend some of their -- those senior events that takes place throughout the City, and we're also planning to mail the survey out to them, and ask them to return it, or to call us; we'll pick it up from them. Now the survey questions are currently in development, and will be reviewed by the -- the committee prior to submittal to the Commission for feedback. Now for a city of 150,000 residents, a statistically strong sample is anywhere between 380 to 400 completed surveys, which -- which is approximately 0.26 percent of the population. Our target for this -- for this survey is 1,000 responses, which is -- which is 0.7 percent of the population. And, as a reference, like I said at the last Commission meeting that -- at the March 4th Commission meeting that this consultant, they did the strategic planning for the City of Hollywood, and they reported that they -- the survey response was 732 with a

population of 159,000. So we believe that we have residents who are more involved in - in the City, and so we believe that we're able to get a better response rate, and we're aiming for 1,000 -- at least 1,000 responses. So to -- to conclude, the final initiative in the community outreach plan is to host two separate retreats to -- to integrate the outreach achieved into actionable strategies, and then this will be an opportunity to incorporate the October 2025 Vision in Session, and then we'll begin developing goals for the strategic plan. So the retreat that we're looking for, we're suggesting for the City Commission is Wednesday, August 26th with the morning session from 10:00 to noon, we'll break for lunch for an hour, and we'll come back at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon for the -- for the afternoon session. And then the leadership retreat would be the following day, and it would follow the same format. Now this concludes my presentation, and I'm available for any questions you may have. Also, so you know, the consultant, Mr. Todd Brauer is also here, and he's available for any questions you may have.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the update, and questions -- update on the strategic plan. We do have a couple questions. Commissioner Cherasard followed by Commissioner Edwards.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you. Chief of Staff Cassandra, I so appreciate the enthusiasm you delivered that with; kept me on my heels the entire time, and I was extremely excited to hear some of the opportunities to reach into the community to get this data. I just wanted to ask -- I know we're formulating the survey questions. Your data in is only as good as the questions that you ask, and I am just making sure that as we go through our questions that we are as exact, and down the line with the questions that we're asking the residents in regards to their goals for the City of Miramar, and that the survey would not be laborious, so that we can get that number that we're looking for. In our attempt to have outreach for answers, at the tents for public events, will there be someone actually taking the survey for people, and submitting it?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Absolutely, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Okay.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: The committee will be at these events with our iPads for those who want to do it electronically, or the paper survey, whichever they're more comfortable with.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Awesome. And one other arm that -- I'm not sure if it's somewhere in the long list of ways you're reaching out, I strongly believe in meeting people where they are. I'd like to know if there's any option we have for -- I heard door hangers, and I didn't know if that meant we're going to people's doors, and knocking, and if they don't answer there's a door hanger left?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Okay. So we'll be at people's houses where they are?

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Beautiful. Thank you so much for this. This is exciting. Thank you.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: My pleasure.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Edwards.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Thank you. Yes, Madam Chief of Staff, quite an exciting presentation indeed. I have just a couple of quick suggestions based on some of the things that you listed there. First I want to suggest Nextdoor, because when I go -- when I go on there, that's where I find a lot of folks are engaged, especially when you want to hear a grouse about the City, so I suggest that as an outlet. Also, I really would like to -- two marketing assets, your bus benches, and your billboards, please, don't put too many writings on it, --

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: No, no.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: They're driving along at 30, 40 miles an hour, and bus bench, you don't read much, so those may not be your best sources to use for this project, because you really need to engage folks a little bit more with some detailed information. And then I would strongly suggest, and I know we won't have a problem here that the members of this Commission play a very, very active role in engaging the community, engaging the -- we have a number of different ways that we do our outreach to the commit -- to the community, and I suggest we play a very, very, very forward role in assisting to make this a success. Thank you.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, seeing no other hands raised, thanks so much for the update.

MS. CARVALHO-LINDSAY: Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Onto the Consent Agenda. Before we go to Consent Agenda, please be advised that item number four has been withdrawn, has been pulled from the 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 pro -- pro -- pulled from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately. The Clerk received no requests from the public to speak on the

Consent Agenda. Does any member of the public present in the Chambers wish to comment on any items listed on the Consent Agenda? Are there any members from the public that wish to speak on any items listed on the Consent Agenda? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any items desired by the Commission to be pulled? Seeing none, may I have a motion on the Consent Agenda?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Edwards.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

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

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

1. Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting of February 23, 2026.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R8664 approving the Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and City of Miramar and accepting grant funding associated with the construction of a **reuse distribution expansion project** in two medians located along Miramar Parkway located at the I-75 Interchange from SW 148th Avenue to SW 160th Avenue in an amount not-to-exceed \$190,000. (*Grant Manager Alison Adams*)

Resolution No. 26-104

3. Temp. Reso. #R8637 approving the renewal of VMware Live Recovery software licenses, Microsoft Azure subscriptions, and VMware Reserved Instances for the cloud-based disaster recovery solution from R2 Unified Technologies, L.L.C., in an amount not-to-exceed \$575,361 over a three-year period, as well as VMware **software licenses and maintenance** from Carahsoft Technology Corporation in an amount not-to-exceed \$409,116 over a three-year period; utilizing National Association of State Procurement Officials Contract Number 43230000-NASPO-16-ACS. (*Information Systems Manager Vanessa J. Sauveur*)

Resolution No. 26-105

End of Consent

RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number four please.

4. Temp. Reso. #R8645 selecting a **Vice Mayor** for a one-year term. (*City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, selecting a Vice Mayor for a one-year term; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: G

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Edwards.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Congratulations Vice Mayor Edwards.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Congratulations, sir.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Cherasard, to approve Resolution #R8645, as presented, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 26-106

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number five please.

5. Temp. Reso. #R8646 supporting the Annual **Wyland National Mayor’s Challenge** for **Water Conservation**. (*Utilities Administrative Manager Pamela Siler*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, in support of the Annual Wyland National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MS. SILER: Good evening. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Commissioner, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney. My name is Pamela Siler, Administrative Manager with the Utilities Department here to present the Wyland -- the -- the Wyland’s National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation, TR# 8646. Issue: City Commission approval

is required to declare support of this initiative. Background: Mayor Wayne Messam is joining mayors across the country in the 16th National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. The City has engaged in this initiative since 2018; also included in this slide is a let -- a letter from Mayor Messam supporting this initiative. The annual challenge takes place throughout the month of April; it is a nonprofit, national community service campaign to inspire residents to use water more efficiently, reduce pollution, and save energy. Residents are encouraged to take the pledge at mywaterpledge.com to adopt simple water conservation habits, improving community health, and reducing pollution. The overall challenge inspires civic participation, and action around water conservation, efficiency, and sustainability of water ecosystems. Cities with the highest percentage of residents taking the challenge are entering into a drawing for ecofriendly prizes; one lucky national participant will win \$3,000.00 in paid home utilities, Tyrrell smart irrigation products, gift cards, and more. This is a nonprofit, community service project presented by the Wyland Foundation in association with the following sponsors: National League of Cities, Water Sense, Toro, and ZENNI. City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item. Are there any members present in the Chambers that wish to speak on -- on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any questions or comments from the Commission? Seeing no hands raised, may I have a motion, please.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Edwards.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Cherasard, to approve Resolution #R8646, as presented, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 26-107

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number six please.

6. Temp. Reso. #R8639 approving the award of Invitation for Bid No. 26-004, entitled **“Water and Sewer Emergency Repair Services,”** to Cacique Utilities, Plumber Mike’s, Inc., and Foster Marine Contractors, Inc., on an as-needed basis in an annual amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00. *(Utilities Director Francois A. Domond and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, approving the award of Invitation for Bid No. 26-004, entitled “Water and Sewer Emergency Repair Services,” to Cacique Utilities, Plumbing -- Plumber Mike’s, Inc., and Foster Marine Contractors, Inc., on an as-needed basis in an annual amount not-to-exceed \$1,000 -- \$1,000,000.00; authorizing the City Manager to execute an appropriate agreement; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening. Hit the green button -- yeah, the button. Is the green light on?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorneys, City Clerk, good evening. Mark Williams presenting on behalf of the Utilities Department. TR# 8639, Water and Sewer Repair Emergency Services. Issue: The City Commission -- City Commission approval is required for purchases exceeding \$75,000.00 per vendor per fiscal year in accordance with section 2-412(a)(1) of the City Code. Background: The Utilities Department is responsible for the maintenance, repair, and improvement of the water and sewer infrastructure throughout the City. Eme -- Emergency repair services require specialized equipment, and the expertise of supplemental contractors to maintain city standards and regulations. The City utilizes these specialized contractual services as needed. Procurement: On November 19th,

2025, the City advertised invitation for bid number 26-004 IFB in a newspaper of general circulation and on DemandStar. On December 11th, 2025, six bids were received and reviewed by the Procurement Department. The three lowest responsive, and responsible bidders were Cacique Utilities, Plumber Mike's, Inc., and Foster Marine Contractors, Inc. Award of agreement: The Utilities Department request approval to award the agreement to the three lowest responsive and responsible bidders in a total amount of \$1,000,000.00, which is the department's annual budget. The terms of the agreement is for two years with three one-year optional renewals. The City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. The City Clerk received no requests to speak on this item virtually. Are there any members present in the Commission Chamber that wish to speak on item number six? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any questions or comments? I do see one hand raised, two hands. Commissioner Cherasard, followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you very much. I just wondered, if you would please -- and thank you for presenting clearly, three contractors doing three different things; is it round robin? How do the three come into play for the services?

MR. WILLIAMS: The three contractors will be called on an as-needed basis on a rotation.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Will they all bid on each project, and the best, highest, most qualified bidder wins that one, or is it literally round robin: you're next, you're next, you're next?

MR. WILLIAMS: No, the bidding is over. They are -- they were selected, so we will use each one on an as-needed basis.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: I was just trying to understand if there -- there's an opportunity for each of them to get called for the same issue?

MR. WILLIAMS: Correct.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: And then it's decided based on their cost for the issue? Whose get -- whose -- whose the one doing the service?

MR. WILLIAMS: No, they are called based on our need.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: But it's three of them, so who determines when any of them gets called?

MR. DOMOND: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorneys. Primarily, they're used on a rotation basis, the contractors, and

we do face some emergency situations; the contractors, at times, they are not available, so we call first -- first come, first serve, absolutely.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Okay.

MR. DOMOND: Yeah, if you had the chance to compare the proposals that we obtain from them based on their unit prices that's supplied in the contract, we do that as well. So all depend on the situation. At times we call one contractor; Mark Williams here, when they -- he is the one that lead the -- the -- the -- the contract, and he has the numbers for the contractors. Any given night, any given weekend that we have an emergency, he'll pick up -- the first one that picks -- the -- the -- pick up the phone number that is online, he will -- he will have them do the work, yes, depending on availability, yes. Some of them sometimes they're not available, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Okay. I just --

MR. DOMOND: And, at times, if you have time to compare the proposals, of course we go for the -- for the lowest bidder, yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Okay. So there's a possibility that the first number you call each time could get it every time, and then the other two are just --

MR. DOMOND: The intention and the direction by our colleagues from Procurement to try to rotate the -- the contracts as much as we can. Nonetheless, due to emergencies, we don't have the luxury though, yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Understood, understood. Just trying to make sure that there's no opportunity for somebody to say, "I'm in this round robin with three of them, and for some reason, MJ always gets the call, because he answers first." How do you determine what that next set of calling is? I will answer every time you call; I'm in real estate, I will not miss my call. What happens if the first person you call -- if you don't have a system -- I'm not sure if there's a system for who you call next to get the job.

MR. DOMOND: Yeah, that -- that happened before, to be honest with you. But we will document -- document the calls, we have primarily emails, and say, "Okay, we tried to call you this day, and you were not available." Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Okay.

MR. DOMOND: Yeah, we keep a record, yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Got it. Thank you. Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much. Mr. Director, can you, for the public, explain for the public how does this work. This is a, pretty much a reserve fund that would be spent if there was an emergency. Is that what we're trying to do? Or this is a contract that going to be awarded right away?

MR. DOMOND: Well the way we're trying to -- once again, this is -- for those type of events or situations in which our staff cannot handle -- for instance, there are pipelines that under -- underground eight feet deep, ten feet deep, that's beyond our capabilities. Our -- our staff primarily, they -- they do address breaks, or emergencies. That --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: How -- how often do we have those pipe breaks here in Miramar? Not often.

MR. DOMOND: On a yearly basis, at that degree, could be probably two or three a year, depending. At the treatment plants, we have a isolation valve; at one time that we had to call the divers, because of the -- it was a lot of water in there, so that was treated as an emergency as well. So the situations varies. I'm happy that we're going to -- we bringing this to Commission at this time of the year, because we're entering -- we're going to enter the -- the hurricane season. At that time, it's -- nobody knows what's going to happen, yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So let me ask you, in each occurrence, how much would -- on your estimate -- for each, given your experience, for each occurrence of a pipe deep down break, what would you say would be the cost to repair that pipe?

MR. DOMOND: Yeah, on average, could be between \$200,000.00 to -- to \$400,000.00, half a million dollars.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay.

MR. DOMOND: But the one thing that I probably -- I need to do a better job of making people understand the needs that -- every time -- everything that we do in utilities, unfortunately, the prices are not going down, they're going higher, and higher. Every time we put a shovel in the ground -- we just fixed a leak here in City Hall; it cost us \$50,000.00. We have the luxury to take the time to fix it, because it's a small leak; only a -- a two-inch pipe. But, unfortunately, things in utilities, even the production of the drinking water is costing a lot of money nowadays, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So let me ask you -- because our resident out there -- what our residents normally see is city employees doing repair on waterline break. Are you saying the city employees are not able to repair a waterline that's certain feet down in the ground?

MR. DOMOND: We don't have -- to a degree -- depending on the depth of the -- of the pipeline, yes, we -- yeah, we kind of lack the capabilities, and also the expertise, and also

the tools. The -- the -- the specialized tools that used to go that deep, to that depth, and, yes, we don't have that -- our crews are not construction crews, are primarily operation and maintenance --operational and maintenance crews, so this particular contractors are heavy equipment contractors that do go and reach the depth that we cannot reach.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: But for -- for our residents watching, you understand how would they feel when they see that we are awarding a contract to an outside company, and every time they turn around and look, they seeing the city workers out there, doing repair on a waterline make break. Now there's two different waterlines; you have the transmission line, which is the main line, I'm assuming that that main line is probably anywhere from what, 18 to 24 inches.

MR. DOMOND: We have several sized pipelines. The standard is eight to 12 inches, that's --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I'm talking about the transmission -- the mainline, right.

MR. DOMOND: The trans -- the transmission main that we have -- 20 inches and above, yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Twenty and up.

MR. DOMOND: It reach 20 inches and above, yes, and 24 --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And the service line --

MR. DOMOND: -- 24 is, I think, the highest one, the biggest one in -- no, sorry, 30-inch, I'm being correct. The 30-inch is the biggest one.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And then the service line would be anywhere from, what, six inches?

MR. DOMOND: Service lines are inch and a half, five eighths. The mains, the -- the water mains where -- where the service lines are connected from are about six to eight inches in diameter.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So just for the public, the residents that are watching, you know, so a transmission line would be the big line that would take the water from the drinking plant to, let's say, Sunset Lake community coming from the West Water Plant, and then when it gets there, the service line would be the line that would go from that line to where they would attach -- we would attach the meter. Am I correct?

MR. DOMOND: You're absolutely correct, yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. So I know we recently award the same plumber, Mike, on a contract for other services.

MR. DOMOND: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: All right. I -- I just want to make sure we are in keeping with, you know, good faith, and making sure other contractor have an opportunity to partake, and also making sure that the residents understand how we're spending their -- their -- their money, their tax dollars. I -- I thank you for the presentation. Mr. Mark, thank you for your work; you always there, always there for our residents; you behind the scenes; oftentimes they don't see you, but your work is very valuable to the City of Miramar, so thank you and your team. Thank you so much.

MR. DOMOND: Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any other questions? Commissioner Edwards.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Thank you. Just want to clarify here the item in front of us here is to award a bid for emergency services, so we're not utilizing these companies unless we have an emergency?

MAYOR MESSAM: Correct.

MR. WILLIAMS: As-needed, yes, correct.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Right.

MR. WILLIAMS: Correct.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: So whenever there's an emergency, you do have a system of choosing which company gets to do the job?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Just respond in the -- in the microphone, so we have it clear.

MR. WILLIAMS: We make every attempt to do it on a rotation. So if contractor A is called today, we need contractor B tomorrow, we'll try to get contractor B or contractor C.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: In your -- just from your knowledge, how often do we call upon these companies for this kind of emergency?

MR. WILLIAMS: We needed that kind of service maybe twice -- the second half of last calendar year, and we've needed them once this calendar year.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Okay. So we're not awarding a contract to them of this value, but we -- they're in what -- probably a library that we use whenever there's an emergency?

MR. WILLIAMS: Correct.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Okay. Thank you.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I do have a question. In -- in -- in the issue where a contractor is doing work, and sometimes they might come in and damage one of our waterline, who's responsible for the cost of repairing that line if, let's say, AT&T or a contractor? Does the City got to pay for that, or the contractor going to have to pay for that, the company?

MR. WILLIAMS: It depends on -- Commissioner, it depends on who is at fault. If -- if locates -- marked -- if -- if the contractor request that Utilities locates, and they were properly marked, then the contractor is responsible for the damage.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. Because one of the thing is we, pretty much -- the City of Miramar -- the good thing with the City of Miramar, we try to maintain our lines; we not like Fort Lauderdale where they have old infrastructure, so we really don't have a lot of line breaking, so we pride ourselves on main -- maintenance keep up with the regular year-to-year upgrading, making sure we don't have this disruption too much. And, fortunate for the City of Miramar, we don't have those kind of disruptions like some cities are experience. And the taxpayer, you know, I guess they do appreciate the -- the -- the way we -- we kept up with our infrastructure here in the City of Miramar. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, seeing no other questions, may I have a motion on item number six, please.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Edwards.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R8639, as presented, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 26-108

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

MAYOR MESSAM: On to other business. Commission reports. Vice Mayor Edwards,

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I just want to say thanks to my colleagues for expressing that vote of confidence assigning me as the vice mayor this year. Thank you so much, appreciate it. Totally a surprise here, but appreciate that. Just want to speak about a couple of things. We just had the proclamation for National Garden Day, and I want to say a special thanks to ACM Baker, the team over at Planning & Zoning, Fabio, and our folks over at Sprouts Fresh Garden Market for their support of the community garden. We're doing some work there, and I -- again, I can't speak about it too much here. I'm so excited about the work, and what it's going to look like as we upgrade the garden, and add some new -- new design to the garden, so I'm excited about

it, as you can tell. And I look forward to having our upgraded garden, and -- and some great events there as well for our community. I am working with a group, the Hispanic Community Advocates; we're going to be staging a financial 101 event over at the library; that's coming in May. Also in May, I'm working again with HCA; we're going to be doing a Business Mix & Mingle, May 13th at Juana's, and I, for one, am looking forward to the World Cup, and how this city will benefit from the opportunities that's there. I think we are working to bring some special events here to the City; I know Mr. City Manager is working hard on it; as soon that bird lands, I know he'll be the first to make that announcement, so I look forward to that. This weekend is easter; look forward to the Easter Egg with Commissioner Chambers, and to folks who are celebrating Easter, Happy Easter. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor Edwards. Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you, and good evening everyone. I wanted to just start by saying thank you to everyone who has been supporting all of the City events that celebrated Women in History, and women currently within our city, and throughout the South Florida area. I want to make a special request for everyone who is willing to share their input on the Community Block Development Grant, which details spending for repairs in our city. I am going to publicly state here that I will be making a formal push to make sure that our condominium communities are very much considered, and included in a good portion of the funds available through CDBG, and if you believe that that's something that should happen, the meetings that are scheduled on April 9th, I would encourage you to come out, and share your views. I will be having some at the meeting as well, so please come out in support of home repair, and maintaining values for all of our properties in the City of Miramar, including our vertical communities, our condos. I do have a request from the principal of Everglades High to secure our vacant lot, if possible, the one that is between their school and Glades, because their seniors drive, and park their cars on that lot, and they think it's becoming a safety issue, and they have requested that that lot be secured by the City. I also would like to say Happy Passover to those who are celebrating, and Happy Easter this weekend. We will be having so many fun events; one is at our Miramar Regional Park with Commissioner Chambers, and COOL Church is also having their egg drop with two helicopter drops, not just one this year; they're doing two. So if you're looking for spaces east side, and west side to celebrate with your children, you have lots of options in the City of Miramar. I just want to restate once again before I pass the mic that it is so important during this month to really put our children safety first, make it top of mind when they're crossing the street, when they're walking to school, when they're out having fun at all of the events we do for our city to keep an extra eye on a kid, even if it's not your own to make sure they're safe, and out of the way. I appreciate all that everyone does here in the City of Miramar. Thanks, and have a good evening.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Commissioner Edwards, congratulation again for being nominated to be the next vice mayor. Good -- you good, man. I just want to say thank you too for your work with the community garden. I want to thank all the volunteer that came out tonight, bring all the goodies. I'm going to say it, something I would love to see, Mr. Manager, is that the -- the west community garden, which I would suggest should be located at the east field next to Glade Middle School; that's a pretty large field that would have space to grow, and to have another community garden here for -- especially for our schools, and our retiree, and the mid to western portion of our city. Just having another garden would be a big plus for our city, and would serve us well, so it's something that we could look into and see the possibility of having that community garden here. Also, I would like to thank all the city employees who volunteer at the last minute to go down to Metro Zoo this weekend, this past Sunday for Autism Speak; they had their walk/run event; it was a very well attended, and we want to thank you guys, because you did not have to give up your Sunday to go down there, and we all know who you are. Thanks again to our Public Works Director, Ms. Shana Coombs who quickly assist with transportation, so thanks to you guys so much. Also just want to share that this coming weekend will be our Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Park; we want all the families to come out, enjoy it; it's going to be something new; it's going to be exciting, and lots of giveaways, lots of raffles. For the first time Jamaica National will be there, we do have a Cox Media coming, and lots of surprises and fun for family with their children, adults, everyone is welcome. There's something for everybody from zero to 100, so no one should miss this. It's -- it's -- it's a very engaging, and -- and family-oriented event for, you know, children, sibling, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and your neighbors, all right. And I know that Commissioner Cherasard partner with COOL Church to be at Miramar High School, and that's also a good thing for folks who are coming from further east if they chose not to come to Regional Park, this would be a good location for them to stop by, and participate in that yearly event as well, so there's something going on everywhere. I know last weekend we assist Silver Shores with some eggs donation for the community, and today we also assist Sunshine Elementary to do their annual egg hunt tomorrow; it's the last school year for Sunshine, because of redefining that school going to be relocated to Fairway, and they wanted to do some things there. I'm looking forward to assisting them with their luncheon as well, their Teachers Appreciation Luncheon. Following this Saturday, next Tuesday, April 6, right here in the Chamber from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. we have a neurodiverson training with two lovely young lady, two mothers that their child was diagnosed with autism, and they took it -- took it upon themselves to create the -- create a things that they were able to -- can be shared with other family, which -- a backpack, and they want to teach you how to pack it back, but this is not one size fit all, so it's going to -- real nice training going to be here; we encourage everyone to come. There's so many persons that work for the City of Miramar, and folks that live here in the City of Miramar that have been impacted by neurodiverson or autism, or any kind of disability. And, for the first time, the Center for Hurricane -- the Emergency Management, we will have two personnel here to be a part of that training as well, so it's -- it's exciting. We encourage everyone, every family, because we all deal with emergency, and that will be here next Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., so we encourage the employees who need that training to come and be a part of it right here.

We want folks to come early because the parking is a little challenging, so try to get here at 1:30, get your parking space, and then walk in, and be ready at 2:00; we will start on time, okay -- next -- April 6 right here in the Commission Chamber. And then I'm going to see you guys right back at -- on the 18th at our Autism Fair at the Miramar Amphitheater. And for those of -- those of you enjoy Caribbean music, the Rebel Salute that's usually held over 30 years in Jamaica will be here on the 19th at Miramar Regional Park. Now this is a special concert event, prestigious, and one of the thing with this concert, there will be no alcohol served, and no meat. We're going to have fish, lobster, shrimp, and vegetarian food. So for those of you who want to experience that, other things will be there as well, so come on out and check it out. It's an experience; it's the first one; you don't have to fly to Jamaica to see it, and experience it; most people been travelling to Jamaica for the last 30 years, and this time it's going to be right here in Miramar. And what I like about this, it's going to bring revenue to the City; our police and fire will get paid, staff will get paid, and that's revenue that will not be paid from the City, so they are paying for it, and it's a good thing when we have quality entertainment that come to our city that also generate revenue for folks going to be in our community. Think about the food that going to be sold, gas -- lots of stuff going to be happening; people flying in, staying in hotels, so just check it out. I just want to say one of the things that I experience with Marketing, and I had to sort it out today with my events where folks are not showing up to cover my events, and I had to take care of that today, and I'm hope, moving forward, that that does not continue to happen again. So I'm -- I'm just putting it on the record that in my meeting today, I had to put my foot down and sort this out. So it's not going to happen again, folks going to show up and cover my event, and I don't want no mediocre cover -- covering; social media, the whole thing need to be covered, all right. And -- and on a good note, I just want to say Happy Easter, I love you all, see your right back here tomorrow, and enjoy the rest of the month. And it's not -- it's not April's Fools Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Mayor. First of all, I want to just express my deepest sadness, you know, for the loss of Nancy Metayer. She was a colleague from Coral Springs, a friend in many ways, and I had the opportunity to work with her, serve on committees with her, as well as just support each other throughout, so I just want to offer my condolences to her family, as well as to the City of Coral Springs, and ask that this Commission can have a proclamation, a memorial proclamation made from this -- from this Commission to her family as well, if we can have that done. It is really sad to hear something like that, especially as a result of domestic violence, you know, as we close out Women's History Month; we had a beautiful month of celebrating in so many ways, our achievements, but it's still clear that, you know, vulnerabil -- vulnerability is still there for women, and there's so much more that we have to do. So, with that said, I do want to wish everybody who celebrates -- this is Holy Week, to have a blessed Holy Week. And to our new vice mayor, I'm going to miss that vice mayor title, let me just go ahead and put it up there, it's been a year; congratulations, I'm sure you'll do very well. Thank you. Happy Easter to everyone; Happy Passover to everyone. And just a couple of notes on the Solid Waste Authority Board; on March 20th, the governing -

- the governing board did approve the facility amendment, and the master plan for Miami-Dade -- for Miami-Dade -- for -- for Broward County will be coming before the governing board on April 17th, and once that ha -- once -- once that takes place, and it's approved, it will be coming -- staff is already working to make sure that everyone is planning a work -- I think they're planning a workshop or some sort of individual meetings to make sure that you are aware of what -- what you'll be voting for, and it will be placed on the agenda for us to -- to hear and make a decision as to where our city want to go with the facility amendments. Again, the master plan won't be coming before us, but it's something that has to be approved by a deadline as well by the governing board in order to move forward with the facility amendments, because it does -- they kind work together, but only one of them necessarily come before us, but I will suggest that you all -- you do make yourself familiar -- get familiar with the master plan. And that's it for me; thank you all.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Colbourne. And I'd like to extend just the deepest condolences to -- to Nancy Metayer's family for her tragic -- it's just -- it's just a tragedy, and the City of Coral Springs to have such a disruptive event to take place, and not knowing the circumstances, but it's just a tragedy. And I know many of us are -- were friends with Nancy, worked with Nancy, and had a lot of respect for her, her service to the South Florida community, and to the Coral Springs community. So I would like to, just again to offer those -- those words of solidarity with this -- with our neighbors up in Coral Springs, and yes, the -- the proclamation will be in motion to present to her family, as well as to the City of -- of Coral Springs. Also for all of our Miramar residents, Happy Passover, those who will be observing Good Friday, and Happy Easter this weekend. We definitely support our religious liberties for -- for the Christians that will be celebrating Good Friday and Easter, as well as to our Jewish community as some observing Passover. Look forward to being out in the community at the various Easter events on Saturday; there's a lot going on Saturday. We have the event at Regional Park, we have the event at COO -- COOL Church, we have -- I think we're still having April Pool Day as well, right, on -- at the Aquatic Center at east to get kids and residents to swim, so there's a lot, a lot of actions, and, obviously -- and we have the track meet as well, the Miramar Invitational on April 4th, so there's literally no excuse to stay home. There's something for everyone to do. Also would like to encourage everyone who know they want to go to Rhythms of Africa to go ahead and get your tickets; it will be this month on the 18th and 19th, two shows, Saturday and Sunday to Rhythms of Africa. You could get your tickets at the MCC box office, or at the designated outlets. You can visit the Miramar social media sites to get more information. That concludes my report.

City Manager Reports:

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

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: No report.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

City Attorney Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: And I think we have a shade announcement.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes, Mr. Mayor. At approximately -- this is an announcement of an executive, closed-door session of the City of Miramar at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2025 -- 2026, excuse me, or as soon thereafter as it may be heard. The City Commission shall meet privately to discuss pending litigation pursuant to section 286.011(8) Florida Statutes for the following case: Andrew Turner vs. City Of Miramar, Case No. CACE 24-012686. This executive closed-door session will take place on the third floor conference room at 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida. Present at the city attorney -- city -- attorney/client session will be Mayor Messam, Vice Mayor -- Vice Mayor Edwards, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Cherasard, and -- and Commissioner Colbourne, City Attorneys present will be Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Norman Powell, Michelle Austin Pamies, Jordan Gary, and on-the-record court reporters. The estimated length of the attorney/client session will be 30 minutes, thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

7. VOTE TO ADJOURN

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. May I have a motion to adjourn?

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good night everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, MMC
City Clerk
DG/cp