



## THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

**MARCH 18, 2026**

**7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:04 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Miramar City Hall, 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening. The Miramar City Commission meeting is now called to order. An opportunity was given to the public to register to participate, or email the City Clerk 24 hours prior to the Commission meeting with any questions, comments, concerns on items we will hear on this evening's agenda. Any person may be heard on this evening's agenda -- any per -- excuse me. Any person may be heard by the City Commission, through the chair, and upon registering, pursuant to the published notice, for not more than -- excuse me -- any person may be heard -- was the voice of God? If we can have IT mute -- mute your mic, thanks. Any person may be heard by the Commission, through the chair, and upon registering, pursuant to the published notice for not more than three minutes on any proposition before the City Commission unless modified by the chair. This meeting is being streamed live at [miramarfl.gov/commissionmeeting](http://miramarfl.gov/commissionmeeting), and televised on Comcast channel 78, and AT&T U-verse channels 99 for the City of Miramar subscribers. As of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 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 the IT staff will unmute their mic for them to be heard. 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 being 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 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 (Late)  
City Attorney Norman Powell  
City Clerk Denise Gibbs

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

MAYOR MESSAM: We do have a commemoration list of bereaved City of Miramar employees, and the list is as follows: Assistant City Manager Shaun Gayle, Office of the City Manager, lost her aunt; Leslie Ogilvie, Parks & Recre -- Recreation, sister; Jazmine Hall, Parks & Recreation, uncle; Michelle Harris, Office of the City Manager, aunt; Winsome Freeman, Finance, cousin and uncle; Erlande Saintil-Prince, Finance, cousin; Kathleen Perez, Fire Rescue, mother; and Julio Gracino 3:26, I learned this week, lost his uncle. Let's keep our colleagues in our thoughts and prayers, as they transition their loved ones, as well as we -- as we are observing other condolences, and bereavement in our community. Let's have a moment of silence. Thank you.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: I do have a couple of proclamations.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, I invite Director of Financial Services, Kevin Adderley, and team to receive the proclamation in observance of Financial Literacy Month. Let's give them a round of applause. Proclamation, Financially Literacy Month, April 2026:

Whereas, in March 2024, the Senate passed Resolution 316 that officially recognized April as National Financial Literacy Month; and, Whereas, National Finan -- Financial Literacy Month is dedicated to improving financial literacy, an effort to 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 the 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, and coordinated efforts across the City; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar encourages state agencies, public and private institutions, 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, financial wellbeing of the individual and the 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, the 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: Social Work Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time I invite police social worker, Ashley Ferguson, and Dr. Fabio Naranjo to receive the proclamation in observance of the 2026 Social Work Month proclamation; social workers uplift, defend, and transform. 2026 Social Work Month proclamation; social workers uplift, defend, and transform:

Whereas, social workers positively impact the lives of millions of Americans daily in hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, community centers, and within the federal, state, and local governments nationwide; and, Whereas, for more than a century, social workers have worked to improve human wellbeing, advocate for -- advocate for justice, and support everyone's basic needs. In as -- in much as social workers select this profession out of a deep commitment to help uplift, defend, and transform the lives of people, their families, and communities; and, Whereas, the 2026 theme "Social workers uplift, defend, transform" shines a light on the resolute spirit of social workers who transform lives, while bringing hope, healing, and justice to the communities they serve, especially in times of profound change and challenges. Because social workers follow a code of ethics that calls on them to stand for equality in every community, uphold human dignity, and fight injustice; and, Whereas, social workers are on the frontlines defending vulnerable populations, including immigrants, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals, and those facing discrimination or poverty, while uplifting vital social safety net programs, and ensuring the rights of everyone. Considering social workers assist those navigating trauma, grief, and systemic biases, and help people recover from natural disasters, public health crisis, and other issues, while transforming their lives in encouraging ways. In as much as social workers confront oppression and racism, advocate for human rights, and advancing fair policies for all persons by obliterating barriers, and prevent individuals and families from thriving; and, Whereas, social workers care for those who have mental health issues, are recovering from substance use disorders, and support the wellbeing of children, because the profession continues to grow, more than 810,000 social workers in the United States who transform lives by shaping a more just and compassionate society through leadership, education, advocacy, and direct practice. Now, therefore, in recognition of the critical contributions of social workers across our nation, and city, I, Mayor Wayne Messam proclaim the month of March 2026 as National Social Work Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we would like to thank all of our social work professionals here in the City of Miramar for all that you do, and for the lives that you are uplifting, defending, and transforming. Moving the agenda on to presentation.

Presentation: United Way Learning Born Trails Donation to Monarch Lakes Park. (Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers)

MAYOR MESSAM: This presentation is requested by Commissioner Chambers. I invite Parks & Recre -- Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Holly Hicks to begin the presentation: United Way Learning Born Trails Donation to Monarch Lakes Park. Good evening. Press -- press the green -- the button on the mic, at the base of the mic.

MS. HICKS: Sorry about that.

MAYOR MESSAM: There you go.

MS. HICKS: All right. Let's do this again. Good evening, Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and residents. I am Holly Hicks, the Assistant Director for Parks & Recreation. Tonight, I am sharing a brief video on behalf of Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers highlighting the newly completed Born Learning Trail at our very own Monarch Lakes Park. This project was made possible through a strong partnership in collaboration between Commission Chambers, United Way Broward, and the Parks & Recreation Department. The Born Learning Trail is a national early learning program developed by United Way worldwide. It is designed to help young children through simple, everyday interactions. Along the trail, families now have 11 interactive signs offering fun, research-based activities that encourage learning through play, all while enjoying the beautiful environment of the park. Monarch Lakes Park is now the first City of Miramar Park to host this resource. We want to extend our sincere appreciation to United Way Broward and their team for bringing this opportunity to our community, and partnering with us to make it a reality. The video you're about to see highlights the installation process, the volunteers and staff who all helped bring the project to life, and the completed look of the Born Learning Trail. I hope you enjoy the video (video shown.) At this time, we would like invite to the stage Commissioner Chambers, the elected officials, and United Way Broward's Vice President, Emilia Vilaire-Monchery, and her team to give them a small token of our appreciation for their generous donation.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks again to United Way for your generosity, and working with the City of Miramar, and Commissioner Chambers Office for a great asset to our Monarch Lakes Park.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I want to thank United Way again; they have a great leadership in Kathleen and Emilia. It's a tremendous blessing to have them as partnership, and I truly want to thank the Park & Recs Department. All the little ones that came out to help, it was so many volunteers, so it takes a village to make sure children

have learning opportunity. I want to thank you and your families as well. Thank you all so much.

Presentation: Miramar Cultural Center 2026 Sun Sentinel South Florida Favorites Winner (Cultural Affairs Director Camasha Cevieux)

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, next on our agenda we have a second presentation that will be presented by the Miramar Cultural Center, and by Cultural Affairs Director Camasha Cevieux, and Sun Sentinel Regional Director of Media Sales, Caroline Pinsker to begin the presentation titled: Miramar Cultural Center 2026 Sun Sentinel South Florida Favorites Winner. Let's give a round of applause.

MS. CEVIEUX: So good evening, Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, members of the Commission, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. My name is Camasha Cevieux, and I am the Director of Cultural Affairs. It is an honor to stand before you tonight to mark a point of maturation for the City's Cultural Center/ArtsPark. As a 24-year employee of the great City of Miramar -- yeah, 24 years, gratitude is not lost on me to be a part of the reflection that it has been to make this center a brand for the community at large within its 17-year history. Developing brands might not be something that you hear coming from government, but it was the very job that was necessary at the City at the time. Receiving this project 17 years ago was an uncharted space; the City never had infrastructure dedicated to the community in this way. The pioneers, which included many people, most importantly the City Commission not only had the foresight of constructing it, but the latitude of space to offer a destiny. Interestingly enough, in 2026, opposed to 2009 when the facility was built, we found that in order to get to a level where brands can measure customer affinity, there exists a combination of data-driven behavioral metrics, and direct sentiment analysis. They help indicate a strong emotional connection, rather than just a transactional loyalty. Can this audience join together with me and say, "We are MCC." (Chorus of voices: We are MCC.) Yes, we are. We is not only the why it was built, but how it has a future. And because of that, tonight we are the recipient of Sun Sentinel's 2026 South Florida Favorites Award in several categories, where over 1,000 businesses competed bringing in over 86,000 votes in 245 plus subcategories for -- from the community. These votes elevated our live theater, gallery, and summer camp to winner status. Now, let me show you why we are the people's choice -- me or you? Me? Okay. It's me, again -- (video shown.) Now, without further ado, I'd like to bring forward Sun Sentinel's representatives Cala -- Caroline Pinsker; she's the Regional Media Director, and Danny Davidson, Danny is here, Director of Premium Accounts for the presentation of our awards plural -- plural, followed by a photo opportunity with the City Commission, where I'll ask the Cultural Affairs members to please come with us on stage with Danny. Danny and Caroline wel --

MS. PINSKER: Thank you. I just want to say a little something first. I've been a resident of west Broward for, I'd say, over 25 years; every time I say numbers, I date myself. But I'll never forget the time when this came to fruition, and I saw it for the first time, and I was like, "Wow, go west Broward." We have something on -- you know, opposite -- it's always

east, and here to bring in this type of culture to this level to the west Broward community is amazing. And when I was asked to present this award, it brought me way back -- I know it's been 17 years, but I've been around for 25 years there. And also -- but on behalf of the Sun Sentinel, I've been there, again, I will say over 25 years, and I feel that the Sun Sentinel is part of the community, which makes me extra proud to not only be there that long, but also to present this. So -- this is a great -- it isn't even just us saying this, we're presented it, we created this, but this is the people, these are the residents that's giving you the award, so you deserve it.

MS. CEVIEUX: So now we'd like to take a photo opportunity with the Commission, if you will.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, and -- and we want to definitely make sure that the Cultural Affairs staff join us on the stage, because they do the work, they do the heavy lift, and -- and are the reason for this award with an S.

MS. KELLEY: And good evening again. I am Zakiya Kelley, and it is my honor to proudly stand before you as the Assistant Director of this lovely Cultural Affairs Department. Thirteen years after joining the MCC's team, I am still excited about what we offer to the community, and what we have in store for the future. And here is a glance of our MCC Presents season (video shown.) And, lastly, before we end this presentation, I would like for everyone to follow me. By putting on your red glasses to take a selfie with us to remember this moment with our Marketing Department will take a picture. Our first Commission selfie.

MS. CEVIEUX: But we got to say what, Zakiya? What shall we say? We are MCC? We need it for the gam -- do it for the gram. On the count of three -- are you ready?

MS. KELLEY: -- six, five, four, three -- one -- a chorus of "We are MCC." That was the photo.

MAYOR MESSAM: **(Unintelligible 32:10)** and say, "We are MCC."

MS. CEVIEUX: Got it? Let's do it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Three, two, one, "We are MCC." Three --

MS. KELLEY: -- two, one (group chorus) "We are MCC."

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, all right. So I know we have other departments; you all have won so many awards as well, so MCC has raised the bar, so when you -- when you win your rewards, your awards, you got to come something creative to recognize you, and -- and share with all of the employees here at the Commission meeting, all right? Okay. Bets on; MCC has set the bar high. Congratulations again to our Cultural Affairs Department. Let's give them another round of applause.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. It is now time for public participation. We do have one registered speaker, Christopher Peart, and friends. Good evening, gentlemen; if you could just state your name for the record, and address, and you have three -- three minutes. Okay.

MR. PEART: Good night. My name is Christopher Peart; I live at 7241 Tropicana Street in Miramar, Florida for the last 20 plus years.

SUNDAY MORNING KICKERS OF MIRAMA MEMBER: And so we're collectively a group of members of a -- of a 501(c)(3) club called Sunday Morning Kickers of Miramar; some of you guys here are familiar with the group, because we've done social events in collaboration with some of you guys, you know, along with Mayor Messam, and Maxwell Chambers, Alexandra P. Davis. We've -- we -- we've come together and collaborated on social events before. We're -- we're a group of men that originally came together through soccer, but we decided to start a 501(c)(3) club that we use as a -- as a -- a caveat to create mentorship, promote mentorship in the community. We -- over the years, we've -- we've created scholarship for high school recipients moving on to colleges; we've given back to schools, and -- and -- and classrooms, and -- and books, and back-to-school events, and so on. We recently also been recognized for our outstanding contribution during the COVID epidemic. So, you know, all of that started just by us playing soccer, and our -- our original field of play was Perry Wellman. As you guys know that area has been taken over by a new development, and we removed from that development to, I believe, 34 Wildcat -- Wildcat Way, that's where we are presently. And right now we're -- we're -- the conditions that the field is under we just want to bring to your attention, and see if we can get some help from you guys to get that -- that area up to speed, so that we can continue the program that we've been, you know, pushing through the years, and -- and we can continue having young people come out, and be supported in the way that we want to support them. So right now the field, as it stands, if it rains, it's saturated, right; it's not graded well; it needs some work from a grading standpoint, so that we can perform properly on the field without damaging the field. But also I think that originally when it was mentioned to -- to build that park, it was two phases; one phase was first get -- getting the field in place, and then the second phase was to do some pavilion type of set up. Right now it's -- if our kids are out there playing, and we're on the soccer court, and it's really hot, as you know it is in the summer, or it start raining, because it's Florida, and it -- it rain -- it rains on a whim, there's no place for our kids to -- to -- to be, or to hang out, and so we have to then disperse, you know. So what we're asking is for the City of Miramar to come together, and help us get that park up to the same level as we see some of the other parks in Miramar, right. So that we can continue, you know, be -- being motivated to continue our program, and -- and -- and **(unintelligible 37:19)**.

MAYOR MESSAM: So can you just provide -- he provided name and address for -- it's on Tropicana, so thanks so much for -- for coming formally to -- to the Commission. I know there's been some conversations going on, and do know that all of us here on the



Commission want to ensure that the legacy of what you've built, in terms of football, and your community in -- involvement can evolve to the park, and the facilities that matches, you know, the spirit of what takes place every weekend, and throughout the week on -- on the course. So Mr. -- Mr. Manager, I think, in terms of the -- any capital improvements in terms of shade structures, pavilions that our staff is more than capable of putting together, that we ensure that we include, you know, the -- the Sunday Morning Kickers Club, and other users of the park to get the community input, in terms of what the ultimate vision can be, and what is desired, and some of those desired have been expressed tonight. So our commitment is that we will ensure that -- that our staff kind of do a -- get some input in terms of some of the assets that you would like. You know, obviously, there's a balance between available resources, and goals, but at least we can get on paper everything that is needed, put cost to it, put a plan around how we phase these assets into the park, so that it can, you know, meet the needs of -- of the community. So thanks for coming out this evening. And -- and -- you're familiar with our Parks staff; you're intimate with our Parks staff; you know the -- the managers of the parks, and we'll ensure that we have a formal kind of charette or meeting where our Parks staff can explain in terms of what some of the opportunities are to help bring some of these desires to life. Yes. So -- yes, Mr. Manager, if you can just direct them to connect --

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Thank you. After this, I'm meeting -- for you to meet with right after this meeting with the Parks Director, Mr. Billy Neal is there. He'll provide you with his contact information, and all the other stuff, and then we -- right now, we're -- we're in the budget process, so this is, maybe, a good time for us to start looking at some of those areas.

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Neal is sitting right there in front of the column to your -- to your - behind you on your left, so if you -- don't leave -- walk that aisle, and he'll connect with you, so thanks so much gentlemen. Take care. We don't have any other participants signed up to speak. Seeing no one else approaching, we'll close public participation.

## **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, 3, and 4, the Commission voted:

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

1. Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of November 17, 2025 and Special Commission Meeting of March 4, 2026.

**Approved**

2. Temp. Reso. #R8632 approving the award of Request for Letters of Interest, RLOI No. 25-09-38, entitled "**Historic Miramar Infrastructure Improvements (HMII) Phase V - Watermain Improvements Project**," to Chen Moore and Associates; authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Chen Moore and Associates, to provide professional design and construction management services

in an amount not-to-exceed \$580,770.00. (*Utilities Senior Administrator Marcelin Denis and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*))

**Resolution No. 26-99**

3. Temp. Reso. #R8633 approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 26-005, installation of **check valves in water service lines**, to Plumber Mike's Inc. in the amount of \$264,500.00. (*Utilities Deputy Director Rolando Taylor and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

**Resolution No. 26-100**

4. Temp. Reso. #R8661 approving the procurement of services from the Belony Law Group, P.L.L.C., to perform **code enforcement lien and past due balance collection, litigation**, and all other related services. (*Deputy City Manager Kelvin L. Baker, Sr.*)

**PULLED**

**End of Consent**

**RESOLUTIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 5 please.

5. Temp. Reso. #R8268 approving the award of Construction Manager at Risk (CMR), Request for Information No. CMR-RFQ 25-08-35 (Re-Bid) for the project entitled, "**Pre-Construction and Construction Manager At Risk Services for the New Community Recreation & Multi-Purpose Facility**"; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed CMR Pre-construction contract agreement with H.A. Contracting Corporation in an amount not-to-exceed \$70,568; allocating a project contingency allowance of \$4,000.00 for a total of \$74,568.00. (*Support Services Project Management Administrator Daryll Johnson and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar to approving the award of CMR Request for Information No. CMR-RFQ 25-08-35 (Re-Bid) for the project entitled, "Pre-Construction and Construction Manager At Risk Services for the New Community Recreation & Multi-Purpose Facility"; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed CMR Pre-construction contract agreement with H.A. Contracting Corporation in an amount not-to-exceed \$70,568.00; allocating a project contingency allowance of 40 -- of \$4,000.00 for a total of \$74,568.00; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. JOHNSON: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, members of the dais, Daryll Johnson, Construction Support Services. Issue: The City request City Commission approval to award this RFQ to procure the preconstruction, and construction manager-at-risk services for H.A. Contracting Corporation to execute, and establish the guaranteed maximum price, which is known as a GMP for the proposed new Community Youth Recreation & Multi-Purpose Facility progress. Background and procurement: On September 26, 2024, City Commission approved the FY 2025 budget, which included the new Community Recreation & Multi-Purpose Facility -- Youth Facility. On August 28, 2025, the RFQ entitled Preconstruction and Construction Management-at-risk Services for the new Youth Community Recreation & Multi-Purpose Facility was advertised on DemandStar, Broward County's website, social media, and Sun Sentinel newspaper. Procurement continues: On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, the due date of the scheduled RFQ submission, the City received responses from eight contracting firms. On December 29, 2025, city staff -- well, a selection committee made up of city staff evaluated the RFQ responses, and references, and selected four of the highest rated firms to return for oral presentations based on their qualifications. Procurement continues: On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, oral presentations were conducted by the selection committee made up of city staff, and deemed H.A. Contracting as the highest rated firm. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, the City's Procurement Department received a cost proposal from H.A. Contracting in the amount of \$70,000.00 for preconstruction services, and project contingency of \$4,000.00, for a total price of \$74,568.00. This is what we're seeking approval for tonight. The preconstruction scopes of services include: construction design document review; constructability review; and also valiant -- value engineering, if -- if necessary. Review of onsite and offsite conditions, project scheduling, and also subcontracting bidding -- subcontractor bidding, subcontractor negotiation, and the submission of a guaranteed maximum price, known as a GMP, for constr -- for construction of this newly proposed facility, and also contingency. Before you I have a -- this is an overall floor plan of the proposed 12,000 square feet facility; this facility consist of -- it will have multi-purpose rooms. In the center there, you have a formal lobby area; in the upper right, you have administrative reception, and administrative offices for staff. To the right, you have multipurpose rooms for -- for various events, and also in the center there at the bottom in purple you have a -- also a warming kitchen, and also back -- back of house facilities as well. These -- this is a rendering of the front elevation of the proposed facility, 12,000 square feet facility. This is another rendering, looking from the -- from the east looking west, and, as you can see, to the left you'll see the covered fitness court area, and behind that is a covered -- that 10,000-square-foot basketball -- basketball facility. This is a rendering of the formal lobby area, and here you have the covered basketball, 10,000 square feet covered, regulation size basketball courts, and to the right you have a covered fitness court. This is another rendering of the covered basketball -- regulation sized basketball court. City Manager recommends approval. I'll be happy to entertain any questions you may have.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. The Clerk received no request to speak on this item. Does any member of the public present in the Chambers wish to speak on this item? Any members from the public that wish to speak on item number five? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any comments or questions from Commission, or may I take a motion on item number five?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, it's not showing on my end. Commissioner Cherasard, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you very much for presenting. I just had two questions. One, wanted to know if you can tell me if the rooms that are the public meeting rooms combine to make one great room in case we needed maximum capacity for that area or not?

MR. JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am. As a matter of fact, if I go to the floor plan itself, yes. In the upper right-hand corner, I guess I could say the upper -- I'm sorry, left-hand quadrant of this -- of the facility, that is actually a multi-purpose -- there are three multi-purpose rooms, and also a corridor that will open up to a -- to a banquet-type facility, and it -- and it mimics what we have here at the Cultural Affairs building, so it will open to like 5,000 square feet.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Do you happen to know the capacity of -- when it's open?

MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. The cap -- the occupant load for that area when it's opened up is 300.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Good, beautiful. My second question is -- I saw the renderings, but I'm not sure if the playground area is outside of this park, or --

MR. JOHNSON: No, the -- the pray -- playground area will be purchased by the City Parks & Recs Department, although you don't see it there; the architect and the overall site plan has given room for a playground area.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Wonderful. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I -- I just want to say --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I actually have a --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay, so I -- I assume -- all right. So Commissioner Chambers, followed by Vice Mayor Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you for the --

MAYOR MESSAM: Can you get your mic -- yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you for the presentation. I like the idea that we -  
- we're going to be able to open up the rooms that mimic the Cultural Center; that's a great idea.

MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And so far everything looks good. The -- over to my right with those two -- the dark green, and the light green, --

MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- I assume it's going to be the same thing --

MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- where --

MR. JOHNSON: That is correct, sir, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: All right. Right.

MR. JOHNSON: So all -- also auxiliary rooms that could open up to one large room as well.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right.

MR. JOHNSON: It has a movable partition right in the center that's --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right.

MR. JOHNSON: That is correct.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Awesome. Looking good, thank you. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Colbourne, followed by Commissioner Edwards.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. I just wanted to say thank you, and just to express that, you know, I -- I am really happy tonight to see that we have come to this

point, and, you know, I know the community, as well as myself looking forward to seeing this to fruition. This is a community that truly can benefit from a community center, so thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Edwards.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Thank you. Great presentation. The question I have here, I know you just mentioned capacity of 300. With regards to parking, what's the capacity on parking?

MR. JOHNSON: We have a tot -- we have a total of 104 parking spaces, and five of which are handicap.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Okay, that's sufficient. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. All right. Beautiful -- beautiful facility.

MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: My bet is that the basketball courts will be the most pop -- most -- most popular -- especially with the court -- with the --

MR. JOHNSON: Covered.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- with the covering, so. It's going to be a wonderful -- wonderful asset for our community. All right. Now we're ready for a motion?

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 #R8268, as presented, the Commission voted:

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

### **Resolution No. 26-101**

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 6 please.

6. Temp. Reso. #R8662 directing the City Manager to establish a **centennial birthday recognition program** that honors City residents who reach their 100th birthday; providing for Mayoral Letters of Recognition; providing for coordination with the White House Centenarian Greeting Program and Congressional recognition; providing for presentation of commemorative certificates or proclamations. *(Sponsored by Commissioner Avril Cherasard)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar to directing the City Manager to establish a centennial birthday recognition program that honors City residents who reach their 100th birthday; providing for Mayoral Letters of Recognition; providing for coordination with the White House Centenarian Greeting Program and Congressional recognition; providing for presentation of commemorative certificates or proclamations; providing for implementation; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. This item was brought forward by Commissioner Cherasard. Is there a presentation -- presentation, Commiss -- Commissioner, or you just have some remarks?



COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: No presentation. Just some brief remarks. I find that so many opportunities in our city to celebrate our residents do exist. But I do feel that there is a need to formally recognize those who have attained such a beautiful milestone in their journeys, and to work towards any special celebrations, and proclamations, and observations that we can do for our centenarians in the City of Miramar. Even since the one that we did last month, our offices have been contacted by other centenarians who would like to be able to enjoy that same honor, and I'd be absolutely overjoyed if a program like this could happen our city, so that we can continue paying homage to our legacy citizens.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. I think it's a great idea; I support this, and -- and I urge a motion on this item, if there are no other comments.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I -- I guess the queue is not working or something.

MAYOR MESSAM: No, it's not. If the Clerk can check on the system; I'm not getting the notifications for those who wish to speak, but I'll just -- on each item I'll -- that's remaining, I'll just ask those if you have any comments. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you -- thank you so much. I just want to say it's a great item. Just this week, I've done one of the PACE Center at Park -- Park of Commerce, and it's the second one. And folks just like when we come out and celebrate with them. That's -- that's the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday or more, and it's a wonderful thing. I -- I think this will go over pretty well with our community, and with our seniors. It's going to help them to live a little longer; at 60, you want to get 100, because you know we're going to be there with you at 100. So I'm in support, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. May I have a motion on item number six, please.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: 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 Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Cherasard, to approve Resolution #R8662, as presented, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 26-102**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 7.

7. Temp. Reso. #R8660 **appointing** a Director, Alternate, and Second Alternate to the **Broward League of Cities Board of Directors**. *(Mayor Wayne M. Messam)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, **appointing** a Director, Alternate, and Second Alternate to the Broward League of Cities Board of Directors; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, this is the annual appointing of our representation on the Broward League of Cities Board of Directors. Currently, right now, I sit as the director; I think Commissioner Chambers, are you the alternate? Who's our -- who's our -- who's our -- you're the alternate. Who's the current second alternate? Okay. All right. Okay. I think I -- I think it's -- I think it's you, Commissioner Chambers. So, alright, is there a desire for any changes, or nominations? If -- if -- if there are not, then we can move forward with the current representation. So what's the pleasure of the Commission?

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Motion to stay the same.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. Record the votes, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

**Advisory Board Updates.** (Written reports only. No presentation):

- Blasting Citizen Advisory Committee
- Civil Service Board
- Education Advisory Board
- Elderly Affairs Advisory Board
- Historic Miramar Advisory Board
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG) Commission on the Status of Women
- Sister Cities Board
- Teen Council Advisory Board

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 Commissioner Cherasard, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R8660, as presented, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 26-103**

**8.** Sunday Morning Kickers of Miramar

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay, on item number eight, Advisory Board Updates, these are written reports, and no presentation. I do think we do have a couple of vacancies on the

Cultural Affairs Board, I think. I'm not sure. So if there -- if city staff, if you can just check the advisory boards that you're responsible for, so that if there are any vacancies, that that -- those vacancies be communicated to the Commission, as well as to the appointing commissioner, so that we can ensure that we have any vacancies filled. All right. So no action tonight on those items.

### **Reports and Comments:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Commission reports, starting -- I'll start on the end with Commissioner Edwards, and work our way down. Commissioner Edwards, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Thank you. Just recently returned from the League of Cities Congressional Conference, my first attendance. It was quite educational. One item that I wanted to just bring to this Commission; you know this year the USA celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and there's some celebrations that I think we could participate in, suggesting from the Fourth of July, moving down to the end of the year, and would love to look into it, and create some celebration. America is a great country, even with its flaws, and I think 250 is a milestone that, as a city, we should celebrate, so I look forward to us putting that program together in conjunction with what the League of Cities recommends, and we can also create our own, as we move forward, to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Apart from that, I just want to thank staff, again, for their support in -- in all that I do from my office. Looking forward to the expansion of the Miramar Community Garden, and I think we're making some strides there. Some special plans that we have in play. We will share those as -- as we move forward, and get closer to some final developments, and those plans. Apart from that, I'm -- I'm good. Thank you, sir.

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

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you very much. Good evening everyone. I wanted to start off with honorable mention for staff members who have received commendation: Yolanda Sylvester, **Giovan 59:43** Thomas, Janet Gonzalez in the Building, Planning and Zoning Department got a honorable mention for their exceptional work helping Pastor Eric Robinson, so I just wanted to publicly tell them thank you for your service to the community. How and organization staffs their mission critical departments shows a lot about what we prioritize, and as our city prides itself on the growth, the development, the spread of our city, we have to also make certain that all the departments that have to deal with that growth also grow. And in recent months, there has been a conversation about the upkeep, and maintenance of the City in terms of cleanliness, and so just on a whim I asked how many people staff the department that make sure that the City is clean. And I was a little bit miffed that there is a very low number of people in that department, which may be a part of the reasoning there are growing complaints. We have to balance the growth with making sure that we accommodate what happens when a city grows; trash accumulates, people -- as much as we want to pride ourself on being a clean city, some of the kids growing up, they

haven't gotten that level of pride yet. And there's a lot of movement on the streets, and if the department that's supposed to make sure that our streets are always picked up, always clean isn't staffed enough, then I could see where this miss -- these miscomings happened, and so I just wanted to really ask if there is a way to just really take stock in the department that has to do with cleaning the community, and see if there's any wiggle room for a few good men, or a few good women, or a budget, so that we won't have the level of complaints we have about cleanliness in the City. I also want to say, now that we're talking about well-staffed departments, Parks & Recs is a well-staffed department, and they're a well-oiled machine, and they do excellent work. Case in point, last Saturday's Joy & Happiness Fest, not even going to say too much except, wow. Huge, huge kudos and congratulations, and thank you to that department for taking something that was just a brainchild of mine, something that I said: Let's see what we can do on -- on -- on a dime, and bring some joy and happiness to our families, and our children. Extremely well executed; hats off to Parks & Recs for, once again, knocking it out of the park. Tomorrow into the following day marks the end of Ramadan, so Eid Mubarak to everyone who will be breaking fast. The season was definitely one of reflection, discipline, empathy, and so much in learning how to have self-control, let me say that. So to those who are celebrating, happy Eid to you. Yesterday made one year since our swearing in, Commissioner Eddy Edwards and myself swearing in. And if anyone recalls, I made a statement during my swearing in that I would spend the very first 12 months of the year as commissioner observing the City, observing how it operates, getting to understand the organization through the citizen experience. And not many people really know what that meant, but what it did mean is I walk the -- I walked in the seat -- I walked in the shoes of the resident of the City of Miramar; I watched processing; I watched how their responses were given. I paid attention to a lot of things without making a big deal that I was doing it, and I have been completely amazed by how hard our city staff works to take care of the residents. I do have notes, but I can tell you I'm extremely overwhelmed with the response that our city gives to our residents, so thank you very much for doing an amazing job as employees of the City of Miramar. And, with that, I just want to say that I believe the soundtrack of children playing is -- could be the highlight of my life; I would have no complaints. As long as we keep our families, and our children in the City of Miramar happy, we're doing an excellent job for the resident. As long as we take care of what we need to, so our big -- businesses can flourish, we've accomplished our goals. And let's just keep doing that. Thank you everyone.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Commissioner Cherasard, thank you so much. I remember a year ago you got sworn in; you asked the community to give you grace, because you have a ailing mother that you were taking care of. And you're also a -- a wife, and a mother, so -- but you've been, so far, living up to your duty, so I hope that the community will still give you grace. Thank you. I just want to share that -- the fact that those gentlemen came here tonight from the Kickers, it shows that when we're doing -- making changes to our community, or doing things that will impact families, community,

we should make every effort to have the stakeholders -- stakeholders at the table. And this was a big change for that community out there, and I'm sure it's impact this Kickers a lot. You know, we had a -- a drone show at that park, and it rained, and the whole thing was just under water, seriously under water. We spend a lot of money for that park, and it should never happen like that. Somebody should have been watching, making sure that we get a -- a suitable, what should I say, field done right, and now we're going to have to come back and probably done -- do the entire area. And the covering, we definitely need out there to make sure families, children have somewhere to cover. And, as it go back to Monarch Lake Park, I remember when I just got on board, there was a few folks did not want that park to have any bathrooms, or any pavilion at all, not even parking. And sometime, as elected officials, we have to look for the greater good of the people, and not being threatened by the very few when we can do the right thing. And I'm really happy that we had pushed, and did at least bathrooms, and one pavilion, and, see, we had to come back and do another pavilion, and come back and add parking; would have been cheaper if we had done it from the beginning. And -- and this is what I noticed throughout our parks with bathrooms; we got to make sure we do more bathrooms, because one bathroom doesn't really work, especially when you have a very active park. We look at River Run, very, very active park, and the bathrooms are limited, and we pay a lot of money to get that done, and it's already broken. So, moving forward, this is something that staff, management, elected officials need to make sure that we get something that really serve the public well, because we -- we're paying good money, and it doesn't take a lot more to add an additional bathroom. Everything is being done -- it's just buying another toilet, little -- little couple more feet of plumbing, you know, so these are things that we need to look out for. I want to thank United Way again for partnering with the City Parks & Rec to make sure we have these learning signs in our park. It's really went over pretty well. I want to thank the City Clerk; her daughter was there, and she was really good with the kids, making sure that they go around, and they read all the signs and so forth; so it was truly a blessing to have that. I just want everyone to pay attention to the upcoming Easter event, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and also April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be here in the Chamber from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; for the first time we will have NOAH, the National Hurricane Center here, along with two lovely young lady for families who are dealing with autism, or any kind of disability. They will be giving a good presentation, and demonstrations, and showing families how to be more prepared for any kind of disaster. And to have the National Hurricane Center on board coming here to help with the presentation, this is a wonderful thing. All right. Moving forward, please pay attention to our Autism Fair, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and then the walk, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and for those of you who want to attend, upcoming Reggae here in the City for the first time, Rebel Salute will be here at Regional Park on April 19<sup>th</sup>. It's an event where you have no liquor, and no meat; it's a part of the Rastafarian culture, so that event will have no liquor, and no meat. All right, for the younger folks, for this weekend at Vizcaya Park, this Sunday we will have the Mojito Under the Sun from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. With that said, thank you so much; have a wonderful rest of the week.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. Hello everyone. I am also I'd say, freshly back from the National League of Cities Conference, and it -- it was great to see our teens over there as well, our Youth Advisory Council, and -- and hear remarks from others come -- very complimentary remarks as to how well they're doing, so I did want to mention that. And Commissioner Edwards mentioned 250-year celebration, and you do that -- you do see a lot of signs of that celebration in D.C., and I do think it's a good idea for us to celebrate. But what came to mind when I -- when I heard of the different things that they were doing to celebrate is the City of Miramar, and the employees, we do a lot of service projects, a lot of volunteer work from our employees, and so forth. And I would certainly like to see if we could document those, and if we could, you know -- if we could actually do 250 service projects for the year in celebration, and I -- I don't know that we're so far away from it, when we think of -- of all the volunteer work, whether it's -- it's -- it's reading, or -- or helping a -- a resident in some kind of way, the food distributions that we do. If we could identify 250 of those projects for this year, I think it would be a nice way to celebrate, and to acknowledge the things that the City of Miramar work on here with our residents. So I would like to propose that. I want to say thank you so much; I'm not surprised that the Cultural Arts Center is being recognized by others. They do an amazing job with everything they do, and this past week they put together the Women's History Luncheon, which I've had the honor to host, and it was -- it was just really, really inspiring. Every detail of it, I think, they addressed in -- in such a wonderful way, so I want to say thank you to them. I want to say thank you to the Miramar Police Department, who act -- who also worked with them in the execution, and to -- and to escort the speaker as well. So I just want to say thank you to both of those departments, and anyone else who really had anything to do with it. Our Marketing Department is -- is always in -- in the back -- in the background of all these events, so I don't want to forget them either, so -- so thank you for that. And I take this opportunity to invite everyone to come on out and fly a kite with me this Saturday; 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Miramar Regional Park; please. If you have a kite you can bring one; if you want to take the time to make one -- because I know some of you have been making kites, so you -- you have a little experience. Ms -- Mr. Baker, I see you shaking your -- your head. I know that, as a kid, I -- I made kites, so you're welcome to do that. But Parks & Recreation Department, they do have kites that they will be providing as well. But it will be fun, you know, fingers crossed, we'll have a beautiful day, a kite day like we have had in -- in the past, and there's always a great wind blowing at Regional Park. So, Parks, I'm ordering the wind again. Look forward to seeing you all. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Yes, in return -- in regards to the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration, I do believe during the July Fourth Celebration, or annual celebration, I think there's going -- I think Parks & Recs have some programming to emphasize 250 years of our nation's independence. I'm not sure if it's an expanded show, but I think there's a -- some highlight of it. So in addition to -- to some of the ideas that have been discussed on the dais to recognize 250 years of our nation's independence, I think it's -- it does add to us being able to highlight, you know, just the -- you know, the great -- great privilege we all have, you know, to live here in this -- in this nation, especially with so much discourse that's going on right now. As a community, and as a city we can

highlight the best of what makes us a great city, as well as a great nation, because we all are living our American dream here in the City of Miramar. Also would like to re -- remind the community about the Rhythms of Africa that will take place on April 18<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>; it's two days right here at the Miramar Cultural Center. It was organized by Willie Stewart, and his Embrace the Music Foundation. And he will be showcasing our students from Somerset Academy Central in Miramar, where he has taken these students who have no percussion experience, and for those of you have not attended a Rhythms of Africa, you would be amazed on that production. Our local students playing with some of the world's best international artists, showcase -- showcasing the journey of the diaspora and our influence, so looking forward to that experience. And you can get your tickets -- follow our City of Miramar social media platforms to be able to participate; every year it sells out, so we're telling you now while it's not sold out, so you can get the available tickets, because our phones always ring asking for tickets, and it's -- it's sold out, so act now at the sound of this heading. Also would like to announce that on Sunday -- I think every elected official may have gotten the formal communication or -- or invite from the Consul General of Jamaica's Office is on Sunday; the City of Miramar will be the site for the official announcement and launch for the Jamaica Diaspora Conference which will be held in Kingston. We will have the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (*sic: Minister in State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*) with responsibility for the Diaspora, the Honorable Alando Terrelonge, who's a member of parliament to announce the conference, what to expect, the engagement of the local diaspora, and what to expect at the conference for those delegates, and those who will be attending the conference. So it's not always -- have -- it's not always that we would have a -- a -- not just a member of parliament, but a minister here to make these formal announcements, so this announcement is for the community. The event will take place this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. right here in the Miramar City Commission Chambers. Also, Mr. Manager, and Chief Moss, and our Assistant City Manager Adam Burden. I just wanted to take this time to just to thank our police department. Not too long ago, our SWAT team was require to deescalate a domestic disturbance in our city, and the professionalism, the ability to deescalate that situation where no one was hurt; there was a child involved, and to be able to -- just to -- to -- to bring to peace that situation, to take it from a potentially dangerous situation to everyone walking away. I just wanted to extend, you know, thanks for that execution, the -- I know the training that goes into -- into taking care of those situations. You know, you practice, and you train, and then when the moment happens, it's -- it's like muscle memory, because of the -- the work that goes into it, so I just wanted to extend gratitude for a job well done by -- by -- by our Miramar Police Department. And also just wanted to provide some context, at times, as it relates to public facilities, and when they're -- when they're being planned, designed, and in construction. In some development, in some construction projects, we have the opportunity to present all the program needs, all of the needs of the project. The lining of the storm where the desire for the facility, and the use for the facility, and we have the money, and resources to deliver a project. There's oftentimes too where we may have some of the money to bring an asset like a park to a community, and going into the project, you may not be able to provide all of the assets, but it's built in a way where those assets can be added or phased in. So some of our development, some of our parks may, for example, provide the core



basis of a park, but may not necessarily have all the pavilions that a community may want at the time of opening. It may not have all of the facilities, all of the courts, all of the playgrounds, all of the shade -- shelters, but instead of not delivering a park to a community that can use the greenspace, that can use the trails, or can use some of the assets that can't be made available at the time of the park or facility being brought forward, they have the benefit of that us without having nothing, until waiting, until all of the money is there. And sometimes we have to start projects to capture today's cost, because it could cost even more later on. But there could be many factors on why certain aspects are not included. But the example of the gentleman that came today to talk about the park that was built; we have the ball fields, we have a track, and there's some desired assets that are needed, but it gives us an opportunity to phase these assets in when resources or funding may not be there to open up a park with a covering over the field, shelters, all the playgrounds. The City has the opportunity to add these assets, add these facilities. So there can be many factors on why certain components of any city facility -- I know we're talking parks today, but it could be any facility. And -- and sometimes city administration brings forward options on how we can make something possible, because we don't always have the money, or the funding, or there are competing interests as it relates to parks in certain communities versus building something else, or doing them all together. So I just wanted to -- to share that with the public that the city staff really works hard to be able to meet the needs of the community, bring forward solutions that can allow the community to get some benefit of an amenity, like a park, without delaying the delivery of that, and be able to onboard other components to that development, or to that project for the benefit of the community. And tonight is an example of how the City can respond to a park that was delivered to provide the -- the necessities of the community while enhancing other assets to the park. Like it's going to be great when we get those shade shelters there, and the other components that can make the park function better for the community. So that is how community works; when the community comes forward to voice their concerns to bring it to the Commission, and we work together to meet those solutions for the community is how community engagement works. And tonight was a great example of that, so I commend the gentlemen for coming forward to publicly speak. Many of us have had these discussion behind the scenes, but when our community can come together to share the positive impact that they're having in the community while talking about a -- a park in our community that serves more than just playing football; it's bringing the community together. And when we can enhance those facilities that has such a positive impact to that community, that's exactly how city government should work. So I look forward to seeing the progress, and getting their input with our staff, and -- and seeing how we can make the park even better than what it is right now.

### **City Manager Reports:**

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

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: No, sir. Just a comment in regards to the U.S. 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are in the initial stage of planning, and we will be reaching out to everyone's office for their input, so that at the end of it we'll have a complete package to

the best that we can within the limited resources that we have. So we will get into all the offices for their input.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Manager. i

### **City Attorney Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: And I think we have a report from our City Attorneys regarding one of the bills that passed that has a direct impact on how the City governs itself, as it relates to diversity, equity, inclusion.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Yes, Mr. Mayor. We've been -- the administration -- the City has been tracking the legislation, Senate Bill 1134, which, essentially was -- it's aim was to dismantle DEI programs in local government. It's passed the Legislature, and the government -- the Governor is going to be signing it. So what this -- the senate bill does it generally prohibits counties and municipalities from taking official actions relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion. And -- so what does that mean? It defines equity and inclusion to mean any effort to manipulate or, otherwise, influence the composition of employees with reference to race, color, sex, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation, or other than -- other than to ensure that hiring is conducted in accordance with state and federal antidiscrimination laws. So what we've done as the City Attorneys Office is we've prepared an analysis, and a memorandum as to how that -- that is going to affect our current efforts in the City concerning our -- our projects and procurements, and we've also given recommendations in that regard. So one of the highlights of the bill, which is very sensitive, in that it also targets officials if there's any violation of the bill, it would be considered malfeasants, and would also give the Governor authority to remove any public official who violates the -- the legislation. Now what it does not prohibit, which is part of the analysis of the legislative process; it does not prohibit municipalities from recognizing federal holidays, promoting state holidays, and special observances. It does not conflict with any federal regulations or laws concerning observances, or state monuments, and the like. What it will do is it will force us, as a city, to evaluate how we procure services, because part of the bill, it also requires that any potential recipient of municipal contracts must also sign an affidavit that there will not be any funds that are used from that contract that would be used towards diversity, equity, and inclusion. Now this is just a general highlight, so I would -- we wouldn't -- when you all have an opportunity, please read the memorandum that we prepared. I'm sure there will be questions. Just like any other legislation that is in -- in its infant stage, there's going to be opinions written about it; I'm sure there's going to be some challenges as to clarity. Some courts will probably chime in. But, generally, we're going to have to makes sure, going forward, that we check our boxes, and make sure that we're not running afoul with the legislation.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Attorney, for the report. I know I had reached out earlier when it passed --

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Right.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- to see exactly how this will impact the City of Miramar, not just the City of Miramar, but -- but other municipalities as well. Has there been any discussion amongst legal, I guess the municipal legal community as relates to the passage of this bill, and, perhaps, any potential challenges to the bill, because there's many aspects that this impacts. Not only from employment to procurement, as well as the chilling factor of just by, you know, any action from this dais, you know, from -- from removal. There's been other bills in the past that -- that we've been a part of in terms of class action lawsuit that prohibit cities from barring ammunitions in our parks, and that was successfully challenged as it relates some of the impacts of removal from -- from office. So just curious to see what -- what has been the chatter in the legal community as relates to preserving some of our home rule authority.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. We are -- we have in Broward a very active legal community, municipal legal community, and we meet quite frequently by Zoom or in person. I suspect although this is fairly new, and there hasn't been any chatter yet, that this will be something that will be high on everybody's radar. In addition to that, there is a municipal conference for Florida municipal lawyers scheduled for next month, and I know that this will be one of the hot topics, and, obviously, anything that we hear that we believe that is coming up in terms of legal issues, or possibly cities being asked to intervene, and those things we will bring to the attention of dais to see what the will of the Commission is in terms of weighing in on that. But we suspect, as a firm, that this will have, certainly, some legal implications, and challenges, and that -- and that it will shortly be on -- before some court somewhere in the State. So we will keep you advised, but this is something that, you know, we're all talking about as a legal community, but as a group, there has been no specific action discussed.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Right. And that's what I alluded to earlier that, you know, it's in its infant stages, and I'm sure there's going to be opinions, and attempts to clarify what it -- what it means. However, I think the -- the reach, yes, is, superficially, municipal government, but when you have tentacles of the legislation that requires recipients of government contracts attesting that they're not using those funds to further diversity, and equity, inclusion in their business practices, it -- you can see how far it's -- they're attempting to go. So that -- that could be Verizon; you know, that could be Bell Sou -- not Bell South; it could be any vendor that provides technology. It -- it's -- it's a very far reach that the bill is attempting to -- to get at dismantling the programs.

MAYOR MESSAM: And just here is my little quick editorial on that. To the community is -- that's why it's so important for our residents to pay attention to what's going on in Tallahassee. We have state representatives, state senators, and, at the moment, the Governor that are passing far reaching legislation that is impeding municipalities in just their home rule authority. It's not dollars. It's one thing to say state dollars that they give us -- okay, you're giving us money, you can tell us how to spend it. That's fair game. But

it's your tax dollars, and now we could very well have vendors who have business practices that ensures equity in their business practices that has nothing to do with the City of Miramar, nothing to do with your tax dollar that will not do business to provide services for you as the community, because their business practice to meet their shareholder, or their private owner goals to have a cohesive organization will refrain from even responding to our procurement opportunities to serve you. Is that right? That just seems to be such an overreach, and as a city, I just know -- I can only speak for myself, and my vote, I will always defend this city's right to govern our city based on how our residents want us to govern. If we want to be fair in procurement processes, fair in our hiring practices to ensure that anybody who is willing and able to do the job, do the work, do the contract in a way that best serves our community, I will be front and center to support that effort. And even if we have to be the only city to stand up to say that this is not right, we have to stand up as a city. Because it takes the one person to get the others who are thinking the same thing, but they're just afraid, because of the chilling fact that if we say or do something, they want to remove us from office. And I don't think that's right. And I don't believe our residents that right -- that that is right. And I know there's a lot of Floridians who don't think that is right, but that's the type of legislation that's being passed in the Legislature, and will be signed before the Governor must sign it, or it fails. So that's my little editorial, and thanks so much for being proactive on this, and I look forward to reading the memo, because I definitely have more questions, as relates to what processes, and policies that we have in place that may have to change, as a result, you know, of this preemption.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: One last thing. It takes effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any other comments? All right. Okay.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **9. VOTE TO ADJOURN**

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, if there's no other comments or thoughts, may I have a motion to adjourn. (Unintelligible response). Good night everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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