



THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 23, 2026

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:02 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Miramar City Hall, 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida.

MAYOR MESSAM: The meeting of the Miramar 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, and 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 -- /commissionmeeting, and televised on Comcast channel 78, and AT&T U-verse channels 99 for City of Miramar subscribers. As of February 23rd, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., one 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. Please be sure to mention your name and address for the record, and before addressing the Commission. All comments submitted will be included as part of the record for this meeting, and will be considered by the City Commission before 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 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 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: At this time, we do have recognition and a commemoration list of

bereaved Miramar City Employees. We'd like to recognize Yenevin Capote from Management & Budget Department who lost her mother; and we'll also keep in our thoughts and prayers any other condolences that we are experiencing in the City of Miramar, and our county, state, and around the country. Let's have a moment of silence. Thank you.

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MAYOR MESSAM: We do have one modification to tonight's agenda; item number ten has been continued to the next March 4th Commission Meeting. Item ten has been continued to the March 4th agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: Onto presentations.

Presentation: Property Taxes Update (Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our first presentation will be a property taxes update by our very own Broward County Property Appraiser, Marty Kiar. Hello sir, welcome. Good evening.

MR. KIAR: Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Thank you so much for having me today; I really appreciate it. And before I just quickly talk about just kind of my thoughts as to where the property tax proposals are going, I want to, of course, thank you all. I believe that this is such a fantastic city; you all do a great job. I -- you'll be very proud; I think that my oldest daughter is about to become a Nole, so it's a --

MAYOR MESSAM: Go Noles.

MR. KIAR: -- absolutely, so I'm very proud of that. And I do want to let you know that I think that, out of all our 31 cities, Miramar's staff is just one of the easiest and best to work with. Every single week you all are kind enough to provide us all of the permits, and things, so we can put things on the tax roll, and you have been so helpful in allowing our office to be here in Miramar, and to get the word out for owner alert, and how we can help people save money in their property taxes. And so I appreciate you all just so, so very much. And, with that said, Mr. Mayor, I appreciate you all inviting me today just to kind of talk about what's going on with property taxes up in the State Legislature, and I think this is very important, because, as you know, whatever vote our legislators make and put on the ballot will be, by far, the most consequential vote I think they'll ever take. And the reason being is it because it can drastically change the way that local government collects its revenue, and it can drastically change the way that you all provide services to our residents. Also, whenever they put something on the ballot, it's been my goal to kind of educate the public as to what's in the proposed amendments, because then the public, all of us, when we go and vote it's going to be the most consequential vote that we'll ever take if we decide to amend the Constitution or not. And so what I was hoping to do, Mr.

Mayor, is just quickly talk about how we got here for the public, where we are, my conversations recently with people up in leadership in Tallahassee, and I was hoping to just quickly go through some of the proposals that the Florida House has put through. Now, as you know, there's no guarantee anything is going to make the ballot. There's no guarantee that the proposals from the Florida House are going to make the ballot, and something entirely different can make the ballot. But I wanted to go over these proposals, because they're the only concrete ones that are there at this time, and I think they paint a really good snapshot as to what could feasibly be on the ballot, and the impact they can have for our residents, both with their savings, loss of revenue to local governments. Before the residents, you may remember about a year ago some random person from north Florida got very mad about his property taxes, so he tweeted: Property taxes are horrible; we got to get rid of them. And it just so happened that the Governor saw that tweet, and retweeted it; and when the Governor retweets something, it kind of starts a very big conversation over something, and, of course, this one was about property taxes. And so when that happened, the first thing that occurred was a very important nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank in Tallahassee called the Florida Policy Institute decided to do a study. And they basically said: Okay, if you eliminate all property taxes in the State of Florida, that's residential, commercial, everything you could think of, what does that mean? Well, it basically means that about 55 to 60 billion dollars would be taken out, and not given to local governments to provide really important services, whether it's police, fire, the education of our children, roads, and bridges, so it's about 55 to 60 billion dollars. And they said: Okay, well if you take away 55 to 60 billion dollars as a result of no property taxes, how do you replace that revenue? And they basically said: Well, you'd have to increase the sales tax, possibly, 12, 13, maybe 14, 15 percent, most likely higher in the areas of South Florida where our cost of living is much higher. So then they decided to poll the electorate in the State of Florida, because for anything to change, and for property tax initiative to past the ballot to come -- become law, and to amend the Constitution, it has to pass through the voters to amend the Constitution. And so they decided to poll all the people that are likely to vote in the November 2026 election, and they basically asked those folks whether or not they would support getting rid of all property taxes, but at the same time significantly increasing the sales tax. And overwhelmingly, people said no; they said it was a very, very bad idea. More than 70 percent of the people polled said it was a bad idea; all political parties said it was a bad idea; and all areas of the state said it was a bad idea. And when that happened, the conversation changed a little bit from eliminating all property taxes to just focusing on homesteaded property taxes, and that's where the conversation has been. And right now, as you know, the three most powerful people in Tallahassee are the Governor, the Senate President, and the Speaker of the House. The Governor has not yet come out with a plan; he has advocated for the elimination of all homestead property taxes, but he hasn't come out with a plan, and -- but it's very important to note that he doesn't have to, because, at the end of the day, the Governor really doesn't have a legal say as to what makes the ballot. He has a big microphone, he can say whatever he wants, but he doesn't sign into law or veto anything passed by the Legislature when it gets put on the ballot, that's solely up to the Florida Legislature. Then the Senate, of course, hasn't come out with their plan yet either, but I do believe the Senate President has said many times publicly that they're looking at

property tax relief, and they want to do something a little bit more measured, and I believe he also said something to the effect that the people of Florida would like some property tax relief, but at the same time they want to make sure that if they called the ambulance it's going to come to their house and pick them up. And so I thought that was very important. Two weeks ago I was up in Tallahassee, and I had the opportunity to speak to a number of people who are in the Senate crafting their property tax language. They're keeping a lot of it close to their vest, but they told me a few things. The first thing that they said was, just like the House, they're going to do -- they're dealing with the homestead exemption. The second thing that they're looking at is making sure they hold fiscally constrained counties whole; now Broward County, Miami-Dade County, we're not fiscally constrained, but you have counties like Escambia County, and Jackson County, and northern counties, for example, that are very fiscally constrained counties. And they also indicated that in order to hold fiscally constrained counties account -- whole, they have to pass a budget, which is very important, because that senator believed that there's a good chance that whatever they put on the ballot will not be in special session, it'll be, possibly, in this current session, which they may have to extend to pass the budget, so I thought that was very interesting. Now, aside from that, the only real, concrete proposals that are out there are the ones put forth by the Florida House, and there's a number of them, and those are the ones I just wanted to quickly touch on today. And the first one I was going to start was -- if I can do this right -- is going to be on page eight, and page eight is this one right here, and this is the one that passed out last week. And the reason I skipped over the first one is because that one is basically this one right here, and here's what occurred. So House Joint Resolution 203, which passed the Florida House last week basically eliminated all homestead property taxes, except for the school portion of the tax bill. It also requires that local governments hold their police, firefighters, and paramedics harmless, so you can't reduce fundings from the -- I believe it's 2024, 2025 levels, if that's what it was, if I remember. And what we decided to do -- oh, and the other thing is, it's very important to note that no implementing bills have yet been passed, and what the Legislature has indicated was that if something passes, then in the next legislative session they will, at that time, enact a statutory implementing bill, which would basically - - could do things such as increase the sales tax, or whatever they need to do to be able to make up for any loss of revenue. And so let me just go through this one, which I think is very important. I wanted to show you the effects on the County, and the effects on Miramar, and what I'd like to do is to show you kind of everything, what the savings to the property owner is, and also loss of revenue to the City of Miramar. So when it comes to Broward County, as you can see, there are 424,899 homesteaded properties; if this was in effect for the 2025 tax year, the average savings for property owner would be about \$3,387.00 countywide, and the median savings would be about \$2,421.00. Now the median is a much better number to utilize than the average, because the average takes into account all the big outliers: the multimillion dollar homes on the ocean; there's even a 100,000-square foot home in Southwest Ranches; those are the outliers, so that kind of skews that number. So the median is kind of right down the middle, and that's the best number to use. Last year the Broward County Commission collected right about \$1.8 billion in property taxes; if this were in effect for the 2025 tax year, they would have lost about \$624,000,000.00, which would be about a 34.6-percent decrease in their loss of

revenue, and which is very important to note for them is more than 50 percent of their current property tax collections actually pays the Broward Sheriff's Office. And so if you reduce it significantly, that is a significant reduction, and doesn't leave as much money as you need to provide all the other services that they utilize. The second one I'd like to talk about is how Miramar is affected, and Miramar is affected pretty significantly, because it's really a bedroom community; you have a lot of people that live here, a lot of residential properties, and a lot of homesteads. And so as you can see, there are 27,740 homesteaded properties in the City of Miramar; if this were in effect, the median savings per property owner would be about \$2,958.00. But, as you can see, last year Miramar levied about \$114,722,504.00 in property taxes; if this were in effect for last year, Miramar would see about a 42-percent decrease, which would be about a \$48,140,000.00 loss of revenue to the City. Now there's one thing I just wanted to quickly touch on just to show you -- I'm going to go back just a few pages to page number six, this one. And the reason I wanted to bring this up is because this page really illustrates how the different cities are impacted when it comes to this property tax proposal. And, as you can see, the cities just like Miramar that have a lot of residential properties, that have a lot of homesteaded properties are affected much greater than other properties that have more commercial, and less homesteaded residential. And the two cities that I highlighted up there are two cities that really show the stark difference between -- what this can do. As you can see, Pembroke Park is minimally impacted. Right up there, there would be the median savings for property owners, about -- right about \$507.00, and they would lose right about 1.3 percent of what they collect for their budget; that's because they have very little homesteaded properties, very little residential; it's mostly mobile homes, and commercial properties. On the other side of the spectrum is Parkland; as you can see Parkland -- Parkland savings is pretty massive; I mean \$6,913.00 is what the median property owner would save, but at the same time, Parkland would lose about 75.2 percent of what it collects in property taxes. And, if you think about that, if you have to keep police, firefighter, and first responder funding whole, and you can't reduce that, and that's more than 50 percent of your budget, but you lost 75 percent of what you collect, that's when the Legislature would have to step in, because the math doesn't matter. The next one I wanted to quickly go through, and I really appreciate this, Mr. Mayor, thank you again, is House Joint Resolution 205, and I wanted to bring this one up, because a lot of the legislators have been talking about this, and it's about helping seniors, and that's basically what this does. So what this would do is very similar to the last proposal, but only affects people over 65 years of age; it basically says if you're over 65 years of age after January 1st, you'll be fully exempt from all homesteaded property taxes, except for the school portion of the tax bill, and, again, police and firefighter and first responder fundings have to stay the same. As you can see, in Broward County there are 163,590 seniors that own properties. If this was in effect, the median savings for property owners is about \$1,128.00, and as you can also see Broward County would have lost right about \$161 million, a nine-percent decrease to what they would have -- what they would have collected in 2025. So it's more manageable than the others, but it does -- it's very important, because I do think there are a lot of people that are looking at helping seniors up there, or putting something on the ballot that will impact seniors. The next page deals with the City of Miramar, and Miramar has a pretty good senior population. As you can

see, there are 7,396 seniors that are homesteaded here in Miramar; basically, they are over 65 years of age; the median savings for property owners is about \$1,595.00, and, as you can see, Miramar would lose right about \$8.4 million of its tax revenue if this were to pass, which would be a 7.3-percent decrease. It's something more manageable than then other one, but I think it's very important to note, because there is a big possibility that something could be put on the ballot for seniors. The next one I wanted to quickly go through is one that I think is a little bit interesting, and I think it's the Legislature's attempt to try to tackle property taxes, and homeowner's insurance at the same time. Now, as you know, homeowner's insurance is pretty crazy; I actually just got my renewal, and I was a little mad about it; it's hard to make me mad; I was mad about that, and I think a lot of people are going through the exact same thing. And I personally wish the Legislature would really focus on homeowner's insurance, because I think that would give a whole lot of relief to a whole lot of people. But here is what this does, and I wanted to bring this up, because people in both parties actually brought this up to me in both the House and the Senate when I spoke to them last week. And what this basically says -- it's a proposal out of the House that says if you have multi-peril property insurance, and that's not defined in there, it just says multi-peril property insurance, you'll receive an extra \$200,000.00 exemption on top of your current exemption; yeah, and that's what you would get. And what I did with this -- it was very hard to quantify. It was hard to quantify because the only person in Broward County that I know that has homeowner's insurance is me; I have no idea who else has it; I couldn't figure it out, so I basically did this. I said, okay, if every single homeowner has homeowner's insurance, this is the biggest possible impact it could possibly be; it's not going to be this high, but it can't be higher than this. And so in Broward County, again, there are 424,000 homesteaded properties; if this were in effect, the median savings for property owner would be about \$2,217.00, but if everybody had homeowner's insurance that were homesteaded in Broward County, it would be about an 18.3-percent decrease in Broward County's budget, which would be about \$329 million of a decrease. With regard to Miramar -- as you can see, Miramar, if everybody had homeowner's insurance, there are 27,740 homesteaded properties, the median savings would be about \$2,714.00, and as you can see, if everyone had it, Miramar would see about a \$30 million decrease, which would go about 20 -- which would be about 26.6 percent. If this one were to get on, I don't think it will, but if it does, the Legislature is going to have to figure a few things out, because it could -- there could be a lot of games that could be played. Like, for example, somebody could have homeowner's insurance on January 1st when they're -- which is the date that we determine the value of all properties, and then get rid of it on January 2nd and get the big exemption. So there's a lot of different things they would have to work through. The next one, and I'm almost done, I very much appreciate this; I know this is taking a little bit of time, but I do think this is exceptionally important for the people of Miramar, and Broward County in the State of Florida, and -- so thank you so much, Mr. Mayor, for allowing me to do it. The next one deals with portability, and, as you know, I love portability; portability is a fantastic program that gives people the opportunity to move from one home into another home, and not be taxed out of their homes, and here's the way it works. When you file -- when you buy your home, you file for homestead, and when you do that, you - - the Save Our Homes assessment clause kicks into place. They said that every year

thereafter the value of your tax then cannot grow more than a maximum of three percent, so over time your market value gets very, very high, your assessed value says it's much lower because of that cap. You have all this value between your market value, and your assessed value you don't pay taxes on. If you now decide you want to buy any other home anywhere else in the State of Florida of equal or greater value, you could take up to \$500,000.00 of that value, whatever you've accumulated to your new home, and not pay taxes on it. If you buy a home of lower value, and you take a percentage of it, you could save a lot of money in your property taxes. What this proposal does is a few things: it takes away the cap of \$500,000.00 on portability for everything but school taxes, and it allows you to port that amount up and down, so you basically can take the whole thing. And what I found about this one was the only people that were really, really oppo -- concerned about, and I understood this was not the people from Broward County, but the people from north Florida. Because what the people from north Florida or fiscally constrained counties are worried about that is if people from Broward and Miami-Dade who have all this portability value decide to move, and they buy a home up there, they can basically wipe off their tax rolls, and so they were very concerned about this. But for our purposes, I wanted to see how many people in Broward County, and in Miramar had more than \$500,000.00 of value, and that used portability last year. And so in Broward County there were 5,464 properties where people used portability; if this were in effect, the average savings for property owners would be right about \$463.00, and, as you can see, Broward County would have lost about \$1.1 million of its \$1.8 billion budget, which is kind of a negligible amount; I thought that was kind of interesting. Miramar was very, very similar. There were 177 properties that utilize portability last year; if this were in effect, the average savings for property owners would be about \$247.00. And, as you can see, in Miramar's overall budget, it would be about a \$22,000.00 loss, so it's very negligible, so I thought that was very, very interesting. And the final proposal, Mr. Mayor, and to the Commission, I wanted to quickly talk about is something that could, feasibly, get on the ballot. I don't know if it will, but it may, and it may because the legislators know this is how assessments were done in other states. So, currently, when we determine the value of property, it's done every single year, and every year stands on its own; we basically look at January 1st, we see what your property is, we look as all the sales from the year before. If it's income-producing property, we look at your income, we determine a value for it, we give it to you all, you set your tax rate, and that's what's reflected in the November tax bill. What this would do is change that, and say that we would only be able to assess residential homesteaded properties once every three years, and also commercial properties once every three years. And when it comes to residential properties, over that three-year period, the homesteaded value -- assessed value couldn't go up more than three percent over three years, and for commercial property, it cannot go up more than 15 percent over a three-year period. The only question I had for some of the legislators about this was if they were going to ask us just to just look at every property at the same time once every three years, or if it would change when people buy a property. And they basically said it's kind of be like a rolling type thing. If somebody buys a property, that's their first year, and so it would constantly be doing that. This could actually be pretty significant if it is put on the ballot when it comes to the revenue loss that may occur if this happens. With that said, Mr. Mayor, I could go on and on forever; I just

really appreciate you all giving me the opportunity to speak about this, and, as I said before, I really wanted to -- I know usually I come here, I talk about putting people in jail for stealing people's homes, and all the fun stuff, but this is something that is just so consequential, and it's going to be such a big deal that, as I said before, whatever the put on the ballot can feasibly change the way that local governments do business, and the services that you all provide. And I just think it's exceptionally important that, at the end of the day, all of our residents have all the information possible, the savings to them, and the lost revenue to local government, so they can just go out and make the best vote possible. So thank you for giving me this opportunity, and I know a person turned 100; congratulations, I'm not sure where she is, but I know she's here somewhere. She's about to get you guys to honor her, which I think is awesome. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Appreciate that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much. Thank you so much, Mr. Kiar, for that very comprehensive presentation. I do know that many of our residents have been watching this, and -- and just as you stated have many questions as it relates what are the prospects. One of the questions I have is that, obviously, each one of these bills are individual proposed amendments to the State Constitution, so what are -- what's the likelihood of more than one of these bills passing, and then what consequence will that have, because there will, basically, be, you know, competing bills all targeted for homestead exemption increases.

MR. KIAR: That's such a good question. So the -- as you know, the Speaker of the House has advocated to put on a number of different proposals on the ballots, and his argument is that the people of Florida should be able to look at all of them, and -- and then -- and basically vote on each one, and whatever passes, they kind of can put it all together. The Governor believes that that's not a good idea, because he thinks that is -- that it would be unlikely that any of them will pass if there's so many different proposals on the ballot. The Senate hasn't fully taken a position on that, I think, but my conversations with a few of the senators, I thought, were kind of interesting, because a number of them would actually like to have one proposal, but a number of different things in that proposal, which they can do. So when it comes to putting something on the ballot, if -- as long as it's the same subject, they can do it. So, for example, you can't have something that deals with school prayer, guns, and property taxes; they're all different subjects, but you can have something dealing with property taxes with a number of different things in it, and I think that may -- something like that may come out of the Senate. And so -- you know, right now, as you know, it's -- it's -- you know it's -- a lot of it also is determined about whether or not the three presiding officers get on the same page, and that I'm just not quite sure what's going to happen to that. That's a great question.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. Because it just seems that if more than one makes its way to the ballot, and let's say both get 60 percent or higher, which moves it forward, it would seem that any alteration to the ballot question, that, administratively, is changed in terms of enforcement would be kind of against the voter will if they voted for a -- as defined as under question from the ballot. So I just see just a lot of legal issues with that, so.

MR. KIAR: Oh yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yup.

MR. KIAR: You know, it's -- and -- and you're 100 percent right. It's -- it's such a big issue, and what I did find was this, by talking to a lot of the folks up there, I'll tell you something I forgot to say before. Most of the people that I spoke up there in both parties really said the same thing to me. They were basically saying: Marty, we want to put something on the ballot that provides property tax relief, but we don't want to diminish the services that local government provides. And I think when you see some of these proposals coming out, and there's a lot of them out there, they're basically -- I think a lot of them are ideas from different legislators about how to do it. And -- and I think that's why you have so many different competing proposals out there. But I do think, at the end of the day, there's going to be, likely, one -- one ballot initiative, but it could have a number of things in it, if that makes sense. A great, great question. And thank you. Very good observations, always.

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

MR. KIAR: Hey, Max. What's happening?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much, Mayor. Mr. Kiar, thank you for coming, and sharing some information for the upcoming election. What I'm going to ask you that -- can you -- I got a couple of questions.

MR. KIAR: Of course.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Is it possible that you could come back over a period of time, not just here, but throughout the community; we're going to have meetings, and invite the residents to come and hear what you have to say about the proposed amendment change.

MR. KIAR: I would love that, especially when they finally decide what they're putting on the ballot, I -- that would be awesome, and -- and I think what would be great about that, and I appreciate you offering that is, at the end of the day, after they do put something on the ballot, I -- just like myself, and yourself, I just think it's important to provide the residents with all the information out there. So I would be very honored to be able to -- to do that.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Secondly, tonight is a very special night. You see everyone is here, a lot of seniors, a lot of families, young, old, but I'm going to ask you to slow it down a little bit. In terms of the benefits for our seniors that already exist right now, as we speak, for their savings for the property taxes.

MR. KIAR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can you just touch on that a little bit, so for those seniors who are -- who have not already taken advantage of that, they could understand that, and for those children or folks that here that have seniors, they could go home, and kind of explain that, so that they can have their senior taking advantage of those savings that currently on the books.

MR. KIAR: I -- I would be honored. Thank you, Max, for asking me that; I really appreciate it. A -- as you know, and as you mentioned, although there may be something on the ballot later on, there are still a lot of ways now for people to save money. And there are a lot of very important exemptions under Florida law that allows them to do that, and one in particular pertains to seniors. And they're a lot of ways that seniors who are on fixed incomes can actually save a good amount of money in their property taxes. And so for any senior that's out there right now -- and if you're a senior, basically 65 years of age or over, and if -- there's one called the Low-income Senior Exemption. And so if you're over 65 years of age as of January 1st, you made under last year right about \$40,000.00, if you don't file income tax, your social security doesn't count, if you do, you look at your adjusted gross income tax line of your income tax statement. If you are under that number you get, basically, another homestead exemption on top of the one you currently get; it can save you another four, five, maybe \$600.00. There's also a great one that you all were so fantastic to pass, the Longer-term Senior Exemption, which basically says if someone lives in the City of Miramar, and they've been in their home for 25 years or more, and they meet all the requirements they just met; they're fully exempt from paying taxes to Miramar, and the Broward County Commission. There's also exemptions for widows, for people who are visually impaired; a lot of our veterans -- for example, if you're 100 percent disabled veteran, or even a disabled veteran, you're entitled to an exemption, and their surviving spouses get a big exemption as well. There's so many ways for people to save money in their property taxes, and what I always tell everybody, go on our website at bcpa.net, click on exemptions, so if there's something you're not getting, we'll make sure you -- we get -- we get them to you. And also, Miramar is so kind to allow us to be, I believe in -- at the Cultural Center once a month, where we're actually there, and the residents can actually come, sit down with our office, was we'll sign them up. They can even call us, and we'll make sure we get it to them.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And all -- the fire fees as well for seniors; they could save on that as well, right?

MR. KIAR: What was that, I'm so sorry, Max.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: The fire fees --

MR. KIAR: Oh, the fire fees. I can't remember it did -- did Miramar exempt for fire fee? I'm trying to remember now.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I think we have some exemptions for seniors, I believe.

MR. KIAR: Oh, that's good. Yeah, that I -- I couldn't -- I can't remember. I know that there are -- as you know, the -- the two different areas of the tax bill; you have the ad valorem, like you know, and then non-ad valorem, which is fire fees and stuff. And I know that -- I think that some cities may have -- provide some relief to residents on it, and I do that -- that Miramar always works hard to try to provide relief, and so thanks for letting me know about that.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And finally, which -- you know, the cities are closest to the residents, and when it comes to taxes, property taxes, they always point the finger at the City, so can you explain the different fees from the County, the School Board, the Drainage District, and there's a few others, the Hospital District, Children's Service Council. So the property taxes -- not just the City collecting those property taxes.

MR. KIAR: Such a great question. And I do know the City of Miramar is exceptionally fiscally responsible when it comes to your millage rates, and I know everybody up here - - I've watched your budget hearings, and I love the fact that residents come, and you all are so transparent, and open about, you know, the proposed millage rate you're thinking about setting. But you're right. When somebody gets their tax bill, it's made up of a lot of taxing authorities. You have the City -- the City is just a portion of it; the bulk of it is other taxing districts, so you have the County Commission everybody pays to; the School Board, which is the largest taxing authority in somebody's tax bill; you also have whichever hospital district you live in; sometimes there are special districts; there are water control districts; you have the Children Services Council; you have all these different groups that people -- that comprise of your tax bill. And what I always try to tell everybody is in August we're going to send a very important document to every resident in Broward County; it's basically the Truth in Millage Notice; it's not a tax bill. It's basically a document so people can make sure they don't overly pay in your property taxes, and it shows a lot of very important things, including all the taxing authorities that are going to be discussing their tax rates, and the proposed amount of property taxes you're going to be asked to pay for every taxing authority. So I always tell everybody: When you get that document really take a look at it, and if you have any concern about the tax rates that any of the local governments are thinking about doing, go to their budget hearings, talk to the commissioners, let them know, and that's people's real opportunity to -- to let people know if they are happy with it, or if they're concerned with it. But you're right, Max, there's a lot of taxing authorities.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So there are opportunity at the Drainage District's meeting, opportunity at the County, the School Board, the hospital, and so forth, so those are things that I would hope that you touch on when we're having these community meetings in the future.

MR. KIAR: Very important. And, as you know, just like everybody up here, what I found is every commissioner wants to hear from the residents during that time, because, at the end of the day, you're also residents as well. And -- and when you all set a tax rate, not -- the residents aren't the only ones paying their property taxes, you guys are paying

property taxes. And when you're proposing something, having the residents come out, and, as you know, let's you know this is -- we agree with this, or we're concerned about it, and also give you the opportunity to explain to everybody: Well, okay, if we do this, this is what we're paying for, I think goes a very, very long way. And, as I said before, Miramar is exceptionally open and transparent, and that's a great thing.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And -- and at a minimum, they could watch those meetings, --

MR. KIAR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- online as well, the County, the School Board, and so, and so on.

MR. KIAR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much.

MR. KIAR: Oh, thank you, Max.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And good to see you always.

MR. KIAR: It's good to see you too.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MR. KIAR: Thank you so much, and thank you for the great work you do as well.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Cherasard, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you. And thank you, Marty Kiar, for taking time out of your schedule to come and speak to us, as well as the residents of the City of Miramar. I geek out on insurance, and property taxes, and all that fun stuff, because that's -- you know, that's my life. But the fact that you are able to concisely, in the time that you did take, break down some of the consequences, some of the numbers for us, bring some clarity. I think an informed population is the best voting population, and so your efforts over the next few weeks, as this thing moves forward, I do expect to see you, and hear from you quite a bit more as this thing moves through the Senate, and, possibly, to a November vote. I just want to thank you for encouraging residents to be more learned, and more aware of what's possibly coming with regards to their property taxes, and for always being present and available in the community to share. I appreciate you. Thank you.

MR. KIAR: Thank you. And I appreciate you. And thank you for the great work that you're doing. I think you're doing an awesome job, by the way.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you.

MR. KIAR: And I -- congrats. It's very nice to see you up there. Really. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. I just wanted to say thank you so much for coming out. Really picked a great night, because we -- we really do have a -- a great cross section of our community here in the Chambers tonight. You said something that this is very consequential, and -- and it truly is, so I just want to highlight that word to our residents who are here, or who are listening, and just urge them to really pay attention to this. You usually come out once a year, generally not this, but this is -- this is very important, and this is why you're here, so we thank you so much. Appreciate you.

MR. KIAR: Oh, thank you, Yvette, and thank you for the great work you do as well. Really appreciated.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Edwards.

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Marty, just want to say thank you for taking the time. You've just always made yourself so accessible, and really breaking it down, so that our residents get an understanding of how serious this is, and, again, we urge them to pay attention, and understand it. Because if it comes on the ballot, it's going to be a decision we all make. And I -- I thank you for the job you're doing.

MR. KIAR: Oh, thank you. And thank you for the great work you're doing as well. I appreciate so much that you all thought enough of me to invite me out tonight, so thank you for that. Appreciate it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Really quick, Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Real quick. I believe Senator Tom Fabricio, I'm going to mess up his name a little bit, have a bill that will -- even if you pay off your property, that would require you to carry insurance. It -- it -- am I correct, or -- Tom Fabricio.

MR. KIAR: I have to check that one, --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Check on that one for me please.

MR. KIAR: Yeah, I'm trying to go through the -- so right now, as you know, the bills are kind of flying all throughout up there. And I think there's something -- there's -- that does

ring a bell, but I want to go back and double check it, if it's okay, Max? And may I get back to you on that?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yeah. Thank you.

MR. KIAR: And, by the way, every time I see Max, I always think of one thing. So when I was on the County Commission, my oldest was very, very young, and Hailey was very young, and my favorite Facebook memory that comes up all the time, it actually came up the other day, is basically Hailey, and my -- my oldest, Brianne, basically playing under Barbara's desk, and like -- which was like hide and seek. And so it's just -- and I know she's doing -- Barbara tells me that Hailey is doing wonderful, which is just --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: She's a big girl now in college.

MR. KIAR: Oh, that's fantastic. Thank you, Max.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MR. KIAR: I'll get back to you on the other one, without a doubt.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, and always great to see you in Miramar.

MR. KIAR: You too, Mr. Mayor. Thanks for the great work you do as well. Thank you. Bye everybody. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Awesome. And go Noles to the Kiar family.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 7:30 P.M. -- 8:00 P.M.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, the time is now 7:40, and this Wednesday has been designated for public participation. We do have one speaker, Ms. Naima Khan-Ghany, if you could come forward to give your remarks. Yes, if you come to the -- to the mic. And just state your name and address for the record. Good evening. How are you?

MS. KHAN-GHANY: I'm great thank you. My name is Naima Khan-Ghany, and I reside at 6633 Ficus Drive. Actually, I have two addresses, but that's my daytime address. I just wanted -- I know usually when residents come up here, you always get a little antsy in anticipation, are they going to complain, are they going to grouse, but I just want to give out some shoutouts to some really fabulous people that you have working here at the City, and I thought this would be the best forum to do that. So the first shoutout goes to the Assistant City Manager, Shaun Gayle. Is she here? There she is. Okay. So I just wanted to share with you that I've been emailing her back and forth since last year about

things that I see in east side of Miramar, because that's where I reside, and I kind of look out for the east side, because not everybody does that, right guys, if you're on the east side of Miramar, okay. So when I drive around and I see concerns, I usually send her an email, and some of the things that were actually fixed very promptly were the pedestrian light; I'm sure a lot of you did not know that there was pedestrian light at the corner of Miramar Parkway and 64th; it was blocking by a tree, so that was quickly taken care of. There was a dead tree -- I don't want to go through the whole list, but these are things that -- driving around that I saw; I emailed her, she took care of it. And then I saw a lot of bulk trash that's put out there way before time, sometimes three weeks before time, and I contacted her. She also sent out messages to Code Officer **Autler 39:46** and Code Officer Bass for different areas for the east side of Miramar, and they were very prompt in contacting me personally to let me know that they're taking care of these things, so I wanted to show appreciation for that. And also for our Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne; when they were putting up the decorations, I said: Wait a minute, last year we had, you know, a lot of issues with the lights. The decorations are up, but the lights were not working, so at nighttime we don't see all the festivities that we should be seeing. And for two years, I've been trying to get Veterans Park decorated; all I did was send a message, and next day, to my amazement, Veterans Park was decorated really beautifully, so I wanted to give a shoutout to Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne for that. So thank you so much to Assist -- Assistant City Manager Shaun Gayle, Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne, and Code Officers **Autler** and Bass. I will be following this with an email, and hopefully we can get some certificates out there for them. So thank you so much. I appreciate it. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much. It's always great to hear our residents respond to the services that our city staff provide, so thanks to all of our Miramar employees to help to be responsive when our residents do contact us. Seeing no other members from the public to speak, we'll now close public participation. And I invite the Miramar City Commission to join me for a series of proclamations.

Proclamation: Muslim American Heritage Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our first proclamation is in observance, and recognizing Muslim American Heritage Month, and the significance of Ramadan, and I invite to the dais Ms. Naima, as well as Adam Abutaa, and members of the Muslim community to join us in recognition of Muslim American Heritage Month. Good evening, and welcome. Proclamation recognizing Muslim American Heritage Month, and the significance of Ramadan, City of Miramar:

Whereas, Muslim Americans have made significant contributions to the cultural, economic, social, and political fabric of our nation in the -- in -- enren -- enriching communities through their dedication to education, public service, business, science, and the arts; and, Whereas, the observance of Muslim American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the diverse her -- history, achievements, and contributions of Muslim Americans, while fostering understanding, and appreciation of Islamic

traditions; and. Whereas, Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic calendar is a time of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community observed by millions of Muslims around the world, and in our local communities; and, Whereas, during Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset as an act of devotion, self-discipline, and spiritual renewal, while also embracing generosity, charity, and compassion for those in need; and, Whereas, the value of Ramadan: empathy, gratitude, service, and self-reflection aligned with the universal principles of kindness, justice, and community building, fostering unity and solidarity among people of all backgrounds; and, Whereas, Muslim Americans continue to play a vital role in promoting interfaith dialog, civil engagement, and humanitarian efforts that strengthen our shared commitment to diversity, and inclusion. And now, therefore, I, be it resolved that the City of Miramar hereby recognizes March as Muslim American Heritage Month, and March 20th as Muslim Day, and acknowledge the contribution of the wellbeing of our society, and City of Miramar, and encourages all residents to observe and celebrate this important occasion. I encourage all residents to take this opportunity to learn more about the rich heritage of Muslim Americans, appreciate the culture and religious diversity within our communities, and work together to foster mutual respect and understanding in the great City of Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: Would you like to share some words with the community?

MR. ABUTAA: Good evening. Thank you, Mayor Messam, Commissioners, and everyone gathered here today. I do want to express our sincere gratitude to you, Mr. Mayor, for your leadership, and to the entire Commission for choosing to highlight the -- Muslim American Heritage Month. This recognition, it does -- it carries even greater meaning as -- as noted that it does come during the holy month of Ramadan. This is a month devoted to compassion, reflection, and service, and, in doing so, Ramadan encourages us to strengthen our relationship, and our character in connecting with others. And receiving this proclamation during such a sacred time reminds us that the values we share as a community, including generosity, understanding, and the commitment of supporting one another. And on behalf of the Muslim American community, especially those of us within Miramar, again, we express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for -- in recognizing this month, and this day, and thank you all very, very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all for coming.

Proclamation: National Entrepreneurship Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation is in observance of National -- National Entrepreneurship Week, and I invite our Economic Development and Revitalization Director, Anita Taylor, and graduates of the Miramar Business Academy, and any other team members from the department forward to receive this proclamation. Let's give our graduates, and our city staff a round of applause. All right. If we can distribute ourselves

evenly on both sides, so (general greetings of hello) -- if we can have some to our right, so we -- not -- so we're -- so we're not to overcrowded on this side, so some can stand on the righthand side as well -- yes. One big party. Okay. Proclamation, National Entrepreneurship Week, February 14 through February 21st, 2026, City of Miramar:

Whereas, National Entrepreneurship Week is a nonpartisan congressional initiative established in 2006, and observed annually during the third week of February; and, Whereas, according to the United States Department of Labor, the majority of new jobs created in the United States over the past decade have resulted from the innovation and growth of entrepreneurs and small businesses, which continue to advance technology, and drive economic expansion; and, Whereas, throughout the nation's history, entrepreneurs have served as a primary source of economic innovation, improving society through new ideas, products, services, and methods of doing business; and, Whereas, economically independent entrepreneurs are engaged citizens who strengthen their local communities by fostering a positive business climate, and creating opportunities that support workforce development, and business growth; and, Whereas, approximately 70 percent of high school students aspire to become entrepreneurs, and entrepreneurial skills provide valuable preparation for success, whether individuals pursue careers in established organizations, or launch their own ventures; and, Whereas, entrepreneurship education has proven effective in helping close achievement gaps among minority students, and their peers in public schools. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Miramar hereby recognizes the week of February 14th through February 21st as National Entrepreneurship Week in the City of Miramar, and encourages all residents to observe and celebrate this important occasion.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we would like to thank all of our local businesses who have not only been inspired by the resources by the City, but took action, registered for the Miramar Business Academy -- yes, the City of Miramar gives out MBAs, and successfully completed the program. And I see so many familiar faces who've attended some of the First Friday events, and we're just so happy to have you all here this evening to celebrate, and to recognize Entrepreneurship Week, not only in our country, but right here in the City of Miramar. Thank you for your contributions and creating jobs, as well as contributing the economic vibe -- vitality of our city. Thank you all so much. And before we take pictures, and I hand off this proclamation to Claude, I would like to ask Claude just to give a brief -- just overview of what the Miramar Business Academy is, and how it's helping our local businesses.

MR. LOUISSAINT: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, thank you city -- our City Commission for your support, our administration, we are so grateful for your leadership. Of course I'm very grateful for my director; she's the one responsible for all this. The very purpose of the Miramar Business Academy is twofold; to provide strategic training to entrepreneurs, and

also provide an opportunity for people to earn a grant funding, so that they can take their business to the next level. We just started Miramar Business Academy 2026, the fourth cohort, and we had over 535 people registered for the program, and among them 115 out of the City of Miramar; we have half of that number from Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale. So because of the leadership of the City, we have created something that all of us should be proud of. Thank you so much Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we would like to thank Anita, and especially Claude, who wrote the program. I remember when it first was developed, and just the excitement, and to see how it has grown, and to have over 100 Miramar businesses as a part of the cohort, which is done online. And -- and the extra benefit and bonus of the Miramar businesses is that only they can qualify for the grant funding, so -- but we welcome all businesses to partake in these resources, but we're especially proud to be able to provide this additional resource to our Miramar businesses. Congratulations to you all. All right. Thank you all for coming and joining us this evening.

Proclamation: Recognizing Chinese New Year - Year of the Horse (Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation was requested by Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne; it's in recognition of the Chinese New Year - Year of the Horse, and, at this time, I invite Yao Yan, past president of the Chinese Association of Chinese Education and Culture of South Florida (CASEC), as well as Lin Yung -- hi, how are you -- from solo singer of the China Oriental Performing Arts Group. Ken Young, president of the U.S. China Enterprise Chamber of Commerce of Florida, and Monica Shang, past president of CASEC, and the Director of the Art East Florida New Star Chinese Performing Troupe, and any other friends, or Chinese family members, and supporters; you're more than welcome to join us on -- at the dais. Let's give them all a round of applause. Proclamation in recognition of Chinese New Year - Year of the Horse, February 23, 2026:

Whereas, Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year, or Spring Festival is one of the most significant, traditional celebrations in Chinese culture, marking the beginning of the new -- the lunar calendar year, and symbolizing renewal, unity, and hope; and, Whereas, the Year of the Horse represents strength, perseverance, energy and success, inspiring individuals and communities to move forward with confidence, and determination; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar proudly embraces its rich culture, diversity, and recognizes the importance of honoring traditions that strengthen mutual understanding, and community harmony; and, Whereas, the Chinese Association of Science Education and Culture of South Florida established in 1994 has provided over 31 years of dedicated community service, promoting cultural exchange, educational advancement, and civic engagement throughout South Florida; and, Whereas, CASEC's longstanding commitment has enriched the social, and cultural fabric of our region, and strengthen across -- strengthen cross cultural connections

within our community. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne, and the City Commission do hereby recognize and celebrate Chinese New Year - the Year of the Horse.

MAYOR MESSAM: Let's give them a big round of applause. Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. Well, I just want to say thank you. The proclamation says a lot, but this -- not yesterday, but Sunday before I had the opportunity to host a Chinese Gala with some of the best, most professional performers that I have seen; it is so -- it was so wonderful, really, right in our Cultural Arts Center. And I just want to say that, you know, the theater was filled, first of all, upstairs and downstairs, great audience, but truly great performances. I want to say thank you so much for that, thank you for all that you do, and it was truly amazing working with you. Thank you. Would you like to say a few words now?

MR. YAN: Good evening, I'm Yao Yan, and Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, and the City Manager, all city executives, distinguished guests, good evening. On behalf of CASEC, the Chinese Association of Science Education Culture, and the U.S. China Enterprises Chamber of Commerce, and broad Chinese American community, it's a great honor to thank the City of Miramar for this distinguished proclamation. Recognizing the Chinese New Year and the Year of the Horse. Thank you. We would like to send a special appreciation to Vice Mayor Colbourne for her generous sponsorship for the Chinese New Year event, and your leadership and -- reflects the best spirit -- spirit of partnership with our communities, which makes Miramar a most recom -- recommend and dynamic city. Thank you. And thank you to the Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners for embrace diversity, and celebrate rich culture that **(unintelligible 59:57)** our community. Happy Chinese New Year. May the Year of the Horse being renewed energy and prosperity, and success to Miramar, to all of you. Thank you.

MS. YUNG: Thank you. Good evening everyone. I'm Lin Yung, Director of the Chinese New Year's Gala. You know when I first came to Florida, I thought: How do I bring Chinese culture to this beautiful state? Then I found Miramar. And Miramar said: Let's do it together. That's the magic -- oh, sorry. Not just one culture celebrating along, but two cu -- cultures celebrating together. This gala was -- was not just the show, it was a bridge, a bridge between -- between cultures, a bridge between generations, and a -- and a bridge between hearts, sorry. We hope this is just the beginning. We look forward to many more years of partnership, and a ce -- celebration with the City of Miramar. Thank you. Happy New Year. This is -- this is the first time I speak English in American. Thank you. Thank you so much, and Happy New Year. Thank you, Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: You did a good job. I saw you were very nervous, but it's okay.

Proclamation: Ann Marie Carre Day (Commissioner Avril Cherasard)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation was requested by Commissioner Cherasard, and it is in honor of Ann Marie Carre, and if she can come forward, and any family members and friends who are joining her, as we celebrate, and recognize 100 years on earth. Yes, come on family, come on family. If you want, it's -- it's possible, the ADA ramp is around the side, so we'll -- if you want to come around, you can just go up the aisle, and -- and walk around, and you'll -- we want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to partake in this occasion. Oh, okay. Oh, that's her. Oh, okay, I'm sorry. Okay. I thought it was her. All right. All right. All right. Okay. Fire rescue to the rescue. Ann Marie Carre Day, February 23, 2026:

Whereas, Ann Marie Carre, a treasured resident of the City of Miramar was born -- was born on February 27th, 1926, and celebrates the extraordinary milestone of 100 years of life, marking a century filled with wisdom, resilience, and grace; and, Whereas, Ms. Carre has been a valued, and familiar presence at the Miramar Senior Center since 2006, where her participation, spirit, and fellowship have enriched the lives of fellow seniors, and staff alike; and, Whereas, for nearly two decades, her continued engagement at the Senior Center reflects a life rooted in community, connection, and shared joy of aging with dignity and purpose; and, Whereas, reaching 100 years of age is a rare, and remarkable achievement, and the City of Miramar proudly recognizes Ms. Carre as a living legacy, whose journey inspires residents of all generations; and, Whereas, it is fitting that the City pause to celebrate Ann Marie Carre's century of life, and her meaningful presence within our senior community. Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Mayor, and the Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, on behalf of Commissioner Avril Cherasard, and that the City of Miramar hereby proclaims February 27th, 2026, as Ann Marie Carre Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: Let's give a big round of applause. And we claim, God willing, February 27th; she has the -- the brightest, and the most love fulfilled birthday of all of the 100 -- of all the previous 99 that she has been blessed to see. So it's just so amazing; wonderful genes, just spirit; saw the bounce coming up the stairs. It's just -- yes, Commiss -- Commissioner Cherasard, thanks for this recognition.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you very much. Good evening everyone. One hundred years of a living legacy; I just want one more round of applause for Ms. Carre. It's not every day you get to see a centenarian. It's also not every day you can look on the stage and not tell who on the stage is turning 100; I could not. She came up the stairs solo; she got up solo; she gets on the bus solo; she gets off the bus solo; she beautifies herself every day. She is a living legacy, and we celebrate her right here in our city. I want to thank you for making it out tonight to celebrate with us. I want to thank the elderly board, the senior advisory board for the City of Miramar for taking time out of your schedules to come and celebrate with us. This is not the end of the partying, this is the beginning. I know this is a week full of celebrating all of the milestones, all of the achievements, all of the glory that you continue to bring to others around you at 100. We

pray for your health, your strength, and your continued beauty; you're a beautiful woman. I mean I'm in awe. I just charge you, Ms. Carre, that as you still have the opportunity to speak to those of us who are much younger than you, that you would continue to impart wisdom to us. Let the children listen to your stories; let your children hear your stories; it's important that what you have here gets shared through generations. Thank you for this. Happy birthday as well; we have two birthdays on the 27th.

MS. CARRE: My story is be happy, enjoy life. Nice and beautiful.

MAYOR MESSAM: If all look forward for our picture (multiple voices wishing happy birthday, etc.) Okay so we convince -- let's come forward, you know or Chinese artist, she's -- yes, let's give her a round of applause. She offered to share her gift with us all the way from China, so we thought it's appropriate for her to sing a selection. It's acapella?

MS. YUNG: Okay, I sing a song from the movie, the Greatest Showman; the song is A Million Dreams; do you like it? (Chorus of yes heard.) Okay. (The song was sung accordingly). Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: You know, the stars, they keep the mic, they keep the mic. Thank you so much. You have a beautiful voice.

Presentation: American Heart Month presentation (Fire Chief Jermaine McFarlane)

MAYOR MESSAM: And we have one last presentation. At this time I invite Fire Chief McFarlane to give two -- two presentations.

FIRE CHIEF MC FARLANE: Thank you, Mayor. I'd like to invite Imani, Mrs. Emani Shannon to the stage, fire rescue crews, and Mr. Juan Daniel, if he's here. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney. Jermaine McFarlane, Fire Rescue Chief. Today in recognition of Heart Month, I want to recognize two special individuals in our community. A time that carries a message for bigger than a day on the calendar, it's a reminder of life, second chances, and of incredible difference ordinary people can make in extraordinary moments. This evening, we are honored to recognize two members of our community who experienced one of life's most frightening events, a heart attack, and who are with us today because of a chain of survival that worked exactly as it was meant to be. To our survivors, your presence here is powerful; you are living proof what preparation, training, and response matter. Importantly, you are reminded that every emergency call is a human story of family, friends, loved ones, and a future that still deserves to unfold. We celebrate your strength, your recovery, and your resil -- resilience your represent. So I'll give you a brief synopsis of what took place. Mr. Juan Daniel is not here, but he was supposed to be here. On January 6, Mr. Juan Daniel was a home with his wife when he collapsed; rescue found Mr. Daniel to be unresponsive with a slow, and weak pulse. Rescue quickly identified the patient was having a heart attack. Rescue began to stabilize Mr. Daniel, and he was transported to Memorial West.

Mr. Daniel lost pulses on the way to the CAT lab; pulses were regained. Mr. Daniel had a balloon pump placed that was -- and he was transferred to the ICU, where he was admitted for a few days, and was discharged at home with his family. Mrs. Emani Shannon, who is standing right here, on 8/19/2025 rescue found a 25-year-old female, Emani Shannon, pulseless, and without respirations. Mrs. Shannon initiated CPR after finding her on the bed unresponsive. Emani Shannon was eight months postpartum; her little girl is here. Rescue shocked the patient twice, as well as cardiac **(unintelligible 1:17:22)** Emani before achieving a pulse. She was transported to Memorial Regional; after ten days in the ICU, she was transferred to a stepdown unit, and discharged to her family on 9/3/2025. So to everyone here today, I offer a simple challenge, and I implore you to learn CPR. CPR does save lives. Here at the City of Miramar we offer CPR classes the last Monday of every month, or EMS Jamie Torres was supposed to be here, but he's actually teaching the CPR class. You could go to www.miramarfl.com/departments, and also you could call 954-602-4801. To our crews that are here, I want to say thank you, thank you for your training, your dedication, your heart. One of the challenges in the prehospital business is that, typically, we do not have the opportunity to see the outcome, and meet our patients after, so this is a great opportunity for patients, and uniting with our patients. So to our survivors, thank you for allowing your experience to inspire others, and we were glad, as Miramar Fire Rescue in the City of Miramar we were here in the time of need, and we would like to present you with a certificate -- a certificate recognizing you for your survival, and your resilience. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much. Thank you so much. I would like to thank our - our Fire Rescue Department, and, ma'am, and thank you for your courage, of your resilience to be able to share your story with the community to show the importance. And with this being American Heart Month, it just goes to remind us to -- the importance of being there; could be your loved one who's unresponsive, so learning CPR, and knowing that your fire rescue department offers it on the last Monday of every month that you, too, can learn, so that you can be able to be that bridge to life in the most critical moments, especially after someone's had a heart attack. So thanks again, and this is -- it just warms our heart to be able to see this -- this testimony. All right.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Onto the Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda -- will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. The Clerk received no requests to speak on any -- from the public on the Consent Agenda. Does any member of the public present in the Chambers would like to speak on any items on the Consent Agenda? Yes. If you can just state your name and address for the record, and which agenda item number you're -- you would like to -- to speak on.

MR. VELTRI: Of course, sir. My name is Joshua Veltri. I'm not a resident of the City of Miramar, but I would like to speak on consent item number eight.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Can you state your address for the record?

MR. VELTRI: 9388 Lake Serena Drive, Boca Raton, Florida.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MR. VELTRI: Good day. My name is Joshua Veltri; I'm representing Secure Tech of Florida. Today, alongside with our owner, Mr. John C. Xanthos, we also have Captain Gina Bazile, Supervisor Dorien Knight, and Area Manager Christy Pennfield. We're here in support of agenda item number eight approving the award of IFB No. 26002, armed security guard services to Secure Tech of Florida, LLC. We would like to thank the City, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, city residents, police as well for this opportunity. We would also like to thank city procurement, who not only excelled in their communications, but also their compliance throughout this process. The Secure Tech family of companies operates throughout 39 states, however, Florida is our home. Our corporate office is headquartered in West Palm Beach, Florida, where we have -- and we also have field offices throughout Florida, one of which being the neighboring city in Aventura, Florida. Our family of companies has been in operation for three years, and our B license is in good standing, has never been suspended or revoked, and we have evidence of this through a certification of Custodian of Records in the State of Florida Department of Agriculture, and Consumer Services Division of Licensing. We strive to support the surrounding areas we provide services to. We work hand in hand with community partners of South Florida, most specifically Mr. Grady Ross, who's an outreach coordinator. We have for you here today a number of our esteemed personnel, as we discussed earlier, and they will be, essentially, running the operations of the contract. And our operational intention is to retain any current employees already servicing the contract, as well as hire on City of Miramar residents to fulfill these services. Once again, we are honored to be awarded this contract, and secure your facilities. I'll leave my business card for the record, and we are available day and night. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir. Are there any other members who wish to speak on any items listed on the Consent Agenda present in the Chambers? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any items that wish to be pulled by members of the Commission? If not, I'll take a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

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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 Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, the Commission voted:

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

1. Minutes from the Special Commission Meeting of February 11, 2026.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R8616 accepting an Absolute Bill of Sale and Easement from Safeguard Properties L.L.C., for the **water system improvements** to serve Safeguard Storage Miramar; authorizing the release of Surety Cash Bond in the amount of \$235,566.65 and accepting a one-year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$27,280.83 from Safeguard Properties L.L.C. (*City Engineer Salvador Zuniga*)

Resolution No. 26-85

3. Temp. Reso. #R8618 authorizing the City Manager to execute a supplemental agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation, reconciling financial assistance to the City for construction, and construction engineering and inspection services of **Project FM #443945.1 - Miramar Complete Streets Phase III**. *(City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

Resolution No. 26-86

4. Temp. Reso. #R8617 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Local Agency Program Agreement with the State Of Florida Department of Transportation and providing financial assistance to the City for construction, and construction engineering and inspection services of **Project FM #443977.1 - Miramar Complete Streets Phase IV**. *(City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

Resolution No. 26-87

5. Temp. Reso. #R8623 approving the renewal of **City phone telecommunication services** from **Granite Telecommunications, L.L.C.**, in an amount of \$130,000.00, for Fiscal Year 2026 through the utilization of NCPA Contract #01-99, and cellular telecommunication services from Verizon in an amount of \$197,000.00, for Fiscal Year 2026, utilizing the State of Florida Department of Management Services Agreement No. DMS 19/20-006C. *(Information Technology Network Manager Jerry Logan)*

Resolution No. 26-88

6. Temp. Reso. #R8636 approving the renewal of **security software licenses and maintenance services** from Mission Critical Systems, L.L.C., in the amount of \$142,538.00, for Fiscal Year 2026, utilizing Procurement Exemption 2-413(11)(c). *(Information Technology Systems Manager Vanessa J. Sauveur)*

Resolution No. 26-89

7. Temp. Reso. #R8622 approving the **purchase of parts and services** from Parkson Corporation for **bar screens and backwash sand filters** at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility using the approved sole source justification in a total amount of \$198,988.00, and for a total expenditure of \$253,655.00, for the Fiscal Year 2026. *(Utilities Assistant Director Jinsheng Huo and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 26-90

8. Temp. Reso. #R8635 approving the award of Invitation for Bid No. 26-002, entitled "**Armed Security Guard Services**," to Securtec of Florida L.L.C., in an annual

amount not-to-exceed \$740,597.36, for an initial three (3) year term with two (2) optional one (1) year renewal periods. *(Utilities Services Manager Shaun Persad)*

Resolution No. 26-91

9. Temp. Reso. #R8619 approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Walters Zackria Associates, P.L.L.C., for additional design services, HVAC system evaluation and replacement, and construction engineering services for the **Wastewater Reclamation Facility Building “L” Office Renovation** in an amount of \$151,250.00; approving a project allowance of \$50,000.00, for a total project amount not-to-exceed \$201,250.00. *(Utilities Senior Project Manager Eric Francois and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 26-92

End of Consent

RESOLUTION

MAYOR MESSAM: As mentioned earlier, item number ten has been continued to the March 4th agenda.

10. Temp. Reso. #R8624 authorizing a second one year renewal of the insurance brokerage contract, from June 30, 2026 to June 29, 2027; approving the contract's assignment from McGriff Insurance Services to Marsh and McLennan and approving **various insurance coverages** for the City's property and casualty insurance program, as part of the City's comprehensive risk management program, effective April 1, 2026 ("insurance renewals"); approving a projected premium cost of \$4,286,073.00 not to exceed \$4,500,000.00 including taxes and fees; declaring by four-fifths affirmative vote that applying the City's competitive procurement procedures to the insurance renewals is not in the City's best interest, thereby exempting the insurance renewals from the City's competitive procurement requirements; authorizing the Human Resources Director to negotiate lower premium amounts due under the insurance renewals; authorizing the City Manager to execute the insurance renewal agreements. *(Chief HR Officer/Director of Human Resources Kanika Stampp)*

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OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Other Business, Reports and Comments, starting with Commission reports. Vice Mayor Colbourne, do you have a report?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE:: Thank you very much. Not a long report, but I did want to say that this past week ago I did have a hospitality reception just before the Teddy Riley event, and I wanted to share with everyone that when I do have the hospitality receptions for my friends, sororities, or -- in conjunction with city events, I want everyone to know that I do pay for the hospitality event personally. It is not at the expense of the City of Miramar; there are no city funds that are being part of that, and I just wanted to share that, because I -- I do know that there are other events that take place, and -- and other hospitality or VIP events. But I wanted to make it clear that when I host something like that, it is -- it is at my own personal expense. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you have a report.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much -- thank you so much, Mayor. Just want to say tonight meeting was very special, very beautiful. To have our seniors here celebrate another senior turning 100 was beautiful. And then to have our Chinese family here, it shows the character of the City of Miramar, and how welcoming we are, and how we work with a family. When you see some things on TV, how some other communities are resentful of the Asian population, and here in Miramar we're showing love, because it's -- we are not -- African Americans not the only ones that profile, they also profile the Chinese community as well, the Asian community, I should say. And to see the display here it's -- it's really, really beautiful, and it's not just today, it's always here; we always celebrating each other culture, Hispanic, Jamaican, Haitian, Asian, African, you name it, even British as well. So it really speak to the core of the City of Miramar. And it speaks to this dais as to how we work well together, and what we do for our community day in and day out. Thanks to the Mayor for hosting the Movie Night. For those of you that missed it, if you missed it, you probably can see it somewhere else, but it was beautiful, and also Teddy Riley concert, and the Fireside Chat as well, and I know the Mayor will speak to that. I also want to share that Commissioner Cherasard had a wonderful celebration last Friday night, it was beautiful, and very elegant, and I want to thank you for that -- that wonderful experience of having so many different cultures there displayed, and showcasing their -- sharing their history, and so forth, so. This coming Friday night we have gospel here on the plaza; another celebration to celebrate Black History Month, and Reggae Month. So for those of you who want to come by, share it, it's free, and we have Otis Kemp, Marion Hall, and I forget the third person. But it's -- it's going to be fantastic. It's a free event, and I've been looking forward to it this Sunday. Once again, just want to thank the -- my City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Assistant City Manager Adam Burden, Mr. Johnson, Shaun Gayle, and Deputy City Manager, Mr. Baker. Dr. Virgin, thank you so much; thanks to the Attorney, thanks to the Mayor, Vice Mayor, Mr. Eddy Edwards, Commissioner Cherasard, and thanks to all the employees here that make the City what it is. I can't thank you guys enough. You guys should be very proud of the work that you guys do day in and day out. All right. One last thing. I have a request from the Mayor, you don't have to answer tonight, but the JUR, which is the Jamaica

United Relief Fund that raise funds every year through the gala to give back to the -- the -- the Children's Hospital in Jamaica have reached out to do their gala. They didn't do it last year, and I think the year before, and my suggestion was to partner with the Mayor, because he's doing a couple of award for the Jamaican Independence, and we want to know if we could partner with you, and just do one event, and you still would do your award, and they would do the awards, and -- just to save costs, and to make it special. So you can give us the answer later, but we just want to know if we could just partner with you and do one events to save some cost, and to support that cause for Jamaica United Relief Funds. All right. So that's just a request. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Cherasard.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Thank you very much. February is such a beautiful month; it's the month of love; it's the month of celebration; it's a month that we recognizes the contributions of African Americans our community. We celebrated a centenarians early birthday tonight; 100 years of giving to her community, the ones that she lives in, and loves. We also celebrated in this month my mother's birthday, 75 years old February 19th, and I say it's a blessing to have been able to celebrate 75 years of my mom being here. In commemoration of those seniors in our city who celebrate milestones, such as their hundredth birthday, I am going to ask for the assistance of the City Attorney and/or City Clerk in making sure that we have a resolution, or a fund set up, so that we can properly celebrate birthdays with such heavy milestones, like 100th birthday. Something a little more formal from the City, some recognition, if not only here on the City Commission, but at their home, something extra special to commemorate turning 100 years in the City of Miramar. I have a draft of something available that we can start with, so we can meet on another occasion to put that into place, so I can present to the Commission, if need be. I also want to just say, as a Miramar resident, that we, in this month of love, should, as individuals, use our hearts every day when it comes to taking care of our neighbors. Whether they are young, whether they are old, whether they are our age, be vigilant. Be concerned when you see somebody distressed. You would never know what asking how you can help can do for somebody. So, as neighbors, let's remember the month of love, every day, and have a little more heart in observing our neighbors. I want to, as we close out Black History Month, say we are proud of our heritage, and we celebrate it every day, 365 days a year, and in the City of Miramar, I'm proud of our dais, I'm proud of our residents, and as I can celebrate in any way I can, I hope to do so, whether it's a kind word, or a gesture, and we should do the same every day. I look forward to engaging in all for -- in all future city events, and continuing to support the community, those of you **(unintelligible 1:34:09)** the sound of my voice, whether staff members, professionals, or residents, I look forward to spending time with you over the next few weeks and months as we celebrate ourselves. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Edwards?

COMMISSIONER EDWARDS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I see we're on record time here for a commission meeting, so I'm going to be very brief. As we close out Black History

Month, I just want to advise this weekend we have some events coming up that is curated as a weekend to attract visitors to our city. We start off on Thursday with the Reggae Icons Award, then we have the Selector Showdown, where three female DJs will be vying for a cash prize, and then we're going to be honoring Waney Wonder, and we close the weekend off with the Afro Caribe Festival, which, from indications, we have a number of folks from out of town, and out of the country registered for this event that they're coming in to enjoy to our beautiful city. So I enga -- I encourage everyone to come on out, and celebrate, as we wrap up Black History Month here in the City of Miramar. Want to also just congratulate Social Services; the Seniors Valentine's Dance was what they would say, off the chain. Certainly, you guys always throw a good party, but this one, this last Valentine's weekend was extra special, and I had my -- myself a good time dancing with this -- the -- the -- the -- the members of the community, the seniors. Some of them were here earlier, and it's -- it's always good to engage, and -- and -- and participate in the activities of our seniors. Also, I had the pleasure of attending the Miramar Park Homeowners' Association meeting where a number of our departments had representation there. And, again, this really is another indication of how this city engages with the residents. It was a forum where these homeowners got firsthand information; they were able to speak one-on-one with heads of department, and they will receive accurate, direct information, and I -- I commend the departments that had representation. There are police, code enforcement, planning and zoning, and public works were all present. I've adopted the Miramar garden, and we started some expansion, and some work there. This past Saturday, I was there at the Miramar Garden. They had a -- a visiting team from the Hollywood garden, City of Hollywood garden. So we -- we are in the process of expanding, and doing some work, adding irrigation, and Ms. Brown, Ms. Rita Brown is very happy of the progress, and we're looking forward to building out the -- the garden and -- and adding more resources, and increasing membership, and just utilizing that -- you know, the garden is a space for health, for just going there and -- and sharing, and -- I took home some carrots, and some -- some celery from the garden. It's just a place to come out, and -- and get exercise as well. So we're looking forward to expanding our garden, and increasing the activity at the Miramar garden. And to close out, Mr. Mayor, the Teddy Riley show on Valentine's night was another off the chain event. Definitely a good celebration of our City, and the song -- the closing song from Teddy Riley, *We are One*, was just so fitting. And to see us all on stage celebrating Valentine's with love. I was just so happy for that in our City of Miramar. Thank you all, and -- thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all for your reports. Just briefly, a couple of things I want to just to discuss for the community. I concur, the Black History events have been going well, and looking forward to a very strong conclusion this week with our Reggae events that will take place this week. And I'd just like to thank our staff for the continued support for our community events. The Valentine's Day concert was really a trip down memory lane, so just really like to thank our Miramar Cultural Affairs team for always doing an amazing job, and putting on events that our community, and surrounding areas enjoy. That was a really, really fun night. I think that's the best word I could use. It was a fun -- it was a fun energetic night, so we really had a nice time. On Sunday, the following

evening, had a great Fireside Chat with Teddy Riley. It was good to recognize five -- excuse me, four local business owners during our annual Black Business Wards during Black History Month. Dr. Nicole Lamb, which is a local dentist in -- in her practice here in the City of Miramar. Anthony Bun -- Brunson, P.A., our city auditors; it's -- it's always great to have such a vital service done by one of our very own Miramar businesses, and he's doing a great job. Miramar resident, Dr. Anita Petteway, a longtime serving internist serving here in South Florida has lived in Miramar for many years. As well as Michael Stover from Tunez Footwear, Miramar-based footwear company -- specialized shoes that makes those individuals who have foot challenges, and have to wear orthopedic shoes, which those typical black orthopedic shoes may not be the stylish options for folks who don't like them. He has come up with some amazing designs that are fashionable, and I even own a couple of pairs, just -- don't even need them, they're just very comfortable, and -- and -- and supporting a local business. So congratulations to this year's cohort of businesses that have been recognized, as well as giving a shoutout to our Teen Advisory Council, and members from the youth -- Miramar Youth Advisory Council, and Everglades High School, and Miramar High School students that attended the Fireside Chat. They had an opportunity to meet one of the industry's great, get an autograph book from Teddy Riley. And when I say during the Q&A portion, our young people asked the best questions that were -- even at some moments, really had Mr. Riley to really think, contemplate on his answer, and he was just so impressed. And, finally, our local talent that performed for the community, the business owners, and to have Teddy Riley to see our local talent. And he's already -- has extended opportunities for them to perform at some of his upcoming shows, so we're really excited about that engagement, and the prospects of -- of our young talent here in the City of Miramar. The next item I wanted to discuss is a request from the African American Mayors Association, so to declare March 1st through the 7th for day -- to be days of mourning for the loss of one our great civil rights leaders, Jesse Jackson, and to have our flag to be flown at half-staff during the days of March 1st through March 7th to be -- to join municipalities across the country that will be observing his life, his legacy, and his contributions to civil and social justice here in -- in the United States, so I wanted to make that announcement. And third but definitely not least, this is a call of awareness, and even action for this -- our Miramar residents. As I've said on a number of occasions during these reports, I try to give updates to keep the community informed about the -- the developments, and status of the Miami-Dade County incinerator. We were successful in having the Miami-Dade County Commission to pass a resolution to include Airport West as one of the sites to not be considered in their pursuit to rebuild their incinerator. But, with that, I've always given a caveat that if it can be done, it probably can be done in -- in Miami-Dade County, and for us to -- to -- to sleep with our third eye open. And it was at the last Miami-Dade County workshop in discussing the proposal from FPL and FCC, two competing firms that were charged to join together to bring back a proposal to Miami-Dade County on site options, and a -- their joint venture efforts to develop this incinerator. What came back to the Miami-Dade County was mixed, in terms of response from the commission, some concerns on some of the fees, some of the costs, some of the perpetual franchise or royalty fees for after they purchase the site, the proposed site for, I think, north of \$60 million, and having fees in perpetuity. That didn't sit well with -- with many of the commission members, to the point where that there's --

it's in jeopardy, as it relates to that site selection, not necessarily the joint venture itself to develop the incinerator, but the site. Which now, there's been comments and whispers that an even con -- from the workshop itself, to protect the interest of the Miami-Dade County residents that the county keeps -- to keep open options of all county-owned sites as they navigate through trying to determine on where they're going to build this incinerator. Which, quite naturally, now raises our alarms about Airport West. I'm concerned that there could be a effort to revisit Airport West, and this is just a -- a charge for our community to not go asleep on this issue. Our city staff, our consultants are monitoring this very closely. We currently have a couple of bills in Tallahassee that have -- have been resilient through the process, and we're -- we're -- we're -- we're committed to -- to taking that bill as far as possible, which would give additional protections to the City of Miramar. But make no mistake about it, Airport West could very well still be an option if the Miami-Dade County Commission decides to reverse what they have already passed to not consider Airport West. And we must stay vigilant; we must be ready to continue to voice our concerns, our outrage if that is to be an option, but in these complicated negotiations that they will have to do with the proposers to develop their incinerator. This option still may be possible, and I just want us to understand, be aware that we must stay vigilant, and don't assume that this issue is over, or is at rest. So that's my very important charge to this community, our community. We must continue to stay awake on this issue, and we're committed to informing our community on what are the next steps, if needed, and to pay attention to your emails, your social media platforms if - if we do need to take action as a community. That concludes my report.

City Manager Reports:

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

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: No report, sir.

City Attorney Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Any announcements, Mr. Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Yes, I do have one. An announcement concerning an executive, closed-door session for the City. At approximately 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, 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), concerning the case of Troy Wilson vs. City of Miramar, Case No. 023CV61714RS. The executive, closed-door session will take place on the third floor conference room at 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida. Present at the attorney/client session will be Mayor Wayne Messam, Vice Mayor Colbourne, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Cherasard, Commissioner Edwards, City Manager Dr. Roy Virgin, City Attorneys Burnadette Norris Weeks, Normal Powell, Michelle Austin-Pamies, Jordan Gary, and on-the-record court reporters. The estimated length of the attorney/client session will be 15 minutes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

11. VOTE TO ADJOURN

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Being no other business, may I have a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER CHERASARD: Motion to adjourn.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Good night everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, MMC
City Clerk
DG/cp