



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 27, 2019

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Miramar City Hall, 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida.

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

Mayor Wayne M. Messam
Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers
Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis

The following members of staff were present:

City Manager Vernon Hargray
City Attorney Jaime Cole
City Attorney Alison Smith
City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, everyone. The meeting of the Miramar City Commission is now called to order. Please call the roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Manager Hargray.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Cole.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Smith.

MR. COLE: Here.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we will have a moment of silence for any condolences we're experiencing in the community. I would like to make special note to continue to keep the family of the victims of Parkland in our prayers. If you've heard in the news, we had, actually, two individuals to commit suicide due to survivor's remorse, and it's a tragedy. And just yesterday up in -- in Sandy Hook, one of the fathers of the slain victims committed suicide. So -- let's keep those -- continue to keep those families in our prayers, along with other condolences we're experiencing in the community. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: We have two presentations this evening.

Presentation: MCC Presents: Upcoming Events (Miramar Cultural Center Advisory Board Member Dr. Susan Davis)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our first presentation will be presented by our Cultural Affairs Department, and I would like to call our Miramar Cultural Center Advisory Board member, Dr. Susan Davis. So -- there's wrong typo; she's not here.

MS. DANFORD-STEWART: Sorry, it's just me.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, I'm -- I was reading the script, so my apologies.

MS. DANFORD-STEWART: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: if you could just state your name, and just introduce yourself to everyone.

MS. DANFORD-STEWART: All right, good evening, Mr. Manager, City -- City -- City Managers, members of the Commission and members of the public, my name is Latoya Danford-Stewart from Kishu Creative. I also work at FIU online as an instructional designer. I'm speaking on behalf of Dr. Sue Davis, so thank you for your time. The Miramar Cultural Center is a place where community and culture converge. We're proud of our platform on the Cultural Arts Advisory Board, as it allows us to share with the community what culture looks like at MCC and in Miramar. Last weekend, one of the living legends of reggae returned to Miramar, the one and only Maxi Priest. With such a diverse community here in Miramar, it was our pleasure to bring back such a beloved performer. Miramar wants to support the businesses in our community and offer exclusive deals to our patrons who choose to spend in Miramar. MCC initiated our Miramar Days & Nights Program during Maxi Priest. This is where ticket holders received perks and participating restaurants -- to participating restaurants in the Town Center before or after the show. Attendees also received an exclusive email with an -- with offer details prior to the show. So we wanted to say thank you to the businesses that partnered with us. Miramar Cultural Center appreciates your patronage. We ask that you continue to support us by -- by attending and inviting your family and friends to our upcoming shows, and as you can see here, we have "Driving Ms. Daisy", which will be held on April 20th, Majah Hype on May 25th, and Taylor Dayne on May 31st. Tickets are now on sale, so for more information for upcoming shows and initiatives, please follow us on our social media. We are @miramarcultural on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, and thank you for the presentation. And I just would like to just give a observation in regards to the Cultural Center. I think that this season has been very vibrant and active. And just to show the reach of some of our recent programming, about a month ago, we had Pete Souza here for a conversation for his book, and Pete Souza was former White House photographer for President Obama. But some people don't know he also was a White House photographer, one of the White House photographers during the Reagan Administration as well. But people came here from as far as Tampa, because they saw he was in Florida and was presenting his book. So the Miramar Cultural Center has a reach, as far as, you know, our Gulf Coast, and people coming down. I know that's not on every show, but it just goes to show with the

programming that we're having, the type of reach it's having, and I just want to commend the staff for not only the programming that's being presented, but the patron experience, and how we're engaging them in tying our business community to keep that connectivity with our patrons. So I just want to give kudos to our Cultural Center and the staff in thinking outside of the box, and working to improve not only the production, but the experience at the Cultural Center.

Presentation: Community Service Award to Kyra Hollingsworth for Women's History Month (Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our second presentation, I would like to invite Vice Mayor Colbourne, who has a presentation to present, a Community Service Award to Ms. Kyra Hollingsworth for Women's History Month. So, Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Hello, everyone. If I could have Kyra Hollingsworth join us, and if I can have my colleagues, please join me for this presentation; appreciate it. I had the pleasure of meeting Kyra Hollingsworth many, many, many, many years ago, and it - - when I had the opportunity to design an internship program for individ -- design and implement an internship program for individuals who would be admitted to executive level positions, and Kyra Hollingsworth was selected for that. She -- she tells people I mentor home, but the truth is she didn't need much mentoring. She really did excel at it. Currently, Kyra works in the social services area for Miami-Dade County, where she provides a -- a number of services to -- to individuals. Here in the City of Miramar, she is a resident here in the City of Miramar, and she has served as my appointment at the Cultural Arts Advisory Board for the past five years. And, during Women's Month, I wanted to take the time to acknowledge her and thank her for all the work that she has done here in the City, as well as outside of the City for others. Her daughter is in the audience, and I don't know if you want to bring your daughter up, or anyone else with you as well, but I know her daughter has performed several times here in the City of Miramar as well. So, Kyra, we would like to present this to you to say thank you very much.

MS. KING: Good evening. First, I would like to thank you Vice -- Vice Mayor Colbourne, and I would like to thank you, Mr. Mayor, and the rest of the Commission, staff. It is very gratifying to receive this award, and I look forward to working with you with many other things, and also with working with the community within Miramar. Again, thank you.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Again, congratulations to Ms. Hollingsworth.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: We're on, now, to Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion

in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. Anyone wishing to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda should approach the podium now. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on any items on the Consent Agenda? Hearing and seeing none, are there items that wish to be pulled by the Commission? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I would like to -- sorry. Should I press something here.

MAYOR MESSAM: No, you're good. You're recognized. You're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right, perfect. I would like to get some more information, ask a couple of questions on number three --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- just for my edification.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So item number three, Commissioner Davis. Are there any other items that wish to be pulled? If none, I'll take a motion on the balance of the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2 and 4, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Colbourne	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

1a. Minutes from the Special Commission Meeting of February 20, 2019

Approved

1b. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of March 5, 2019.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R6913 authorizing the expenditure of \$50,000 of Law Enforcement Trust Funds necessary for **advanced training** for the **Miramar Police Department**. (*Police Chief Dexter Williams*)

Resolution No. 19-89

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number three, please.

3. Temp. Reso. #R6920 approving the award of **engineering consulting services**, entitled "Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Self Evaluation and Transition Plan for the City of Miramar Public Rights-of-Way (Phase 2)", to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the provision of engineering consulting services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$99,990.00. (*City Engineer Bissy Vempala and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item number three is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of engineering consulting services, entitled "Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Self Evaluation and Transition Plan for the City of Miramar Public Rights-of-Way (Phase 2)", to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the provision of engineering consulting services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$99,990.00, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Commissioner Davis, do you wish to have a full presentation, or you have just specific questions for staff?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, just specific questions. I know, apparently from what I read, we are looking at our facilities, and our right of ways, I guess, where we operate to make sure we are in compliance, but I just had a question on what about the other facilities, for example, privately owned. Who actually monitors that? Are we looking at that? Or -- for businesses that are probably built prior to the act, what is being done with that?

MS. VEMPALA: Good evening. Bissy Vempala, City engineer. This particular item is to review or evaluate only the public rights of way, sidewalks and the public rights of way and City properties. This does not -- we don't evaluate anything in private properties. That would be up to the property owner. And I'm not sure, you know, how we -- that would -- I don't know -- I don't know how -- who regulates the ADA accessibility on private buildings or private facilities. This is only for city-owned properties.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Does anybody else know who would do that? If somebody, for example, was to complain to the City about not having access to a particular business within the City because of that, who actually regulates it? Is it -- and who would we refer that person to? It's good that we're doing what we're doing.

MS. VEMPALA: Right.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But it would be good to be able to let a resident know, you know, who they could contact, --

MS. VEMPALA: Right.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- rather than just saying: oops, you know, I don't know, I can't help you.

MS. VEMPALA: Yeah, the -- the ADA Act is -- was to make sure everybody who -- all the facilities programs and services that has access to the public, like -- that provides public services need to have ADA accessibility. I don't know about privately owned properties.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So maybe that's something that we could actually find out.

MS. VEMPALA: Yeah. Okay. Definitely.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: You know, if somebody should have that issue. And I've heard it said before.

MS. VEMPALA: Right.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That maybe I will, you know, get informed on that.

MS. VEMPALA: Right. I will look into it and let you know.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. Not a problem. Other than that, that was really it, because I did read the backup information, thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. So Mr. Manager, staff can follow up on that. My understanding in -- in particular is for -- private properties may be subjected to civil litigation if someone has accessibility issues, and that would be an American Disability Act, so, probably it would -- perhaps, maybe the attorneys can follow up, in terms of that may be an issue that would be dealt in federal court from a civil litigation. I do understand, in terms of new construction, there are some building code requirements, in terms of accessibility, so new construction that comes to the City during the permit review process, accessibility issues are evaluated and approved or denied, in terms for corrections, in terms of new development. But existing, private properties may be subjected to or exposed to civil litigation. That matter would -- would, perhaps be taken under federal court, and maybe the attorney can either provide more insight into that.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Under the ADA, properties have to be accessible, whether they're government or privately owned. The City, however, does not play any role in enforcement of the ADA for buildings that have already been completed. When a building fires gets built, it has to comply with the ADA, and that's part of the building code, etc. But once a building's already in existence, if they're not complying with the ADA, a person can bring a lawsuit, and they're very common lawsuits, and there's an attorney fee provision if they prevail. So there are lawyers that specialize in bringing those types of lawsuits. So if someone feels a property is not adequately accessible, they can hire a lawyer, and usually on a contingency fee, and bring that kind of lawsuit, and that's very common. But I don't know of any cities that have any involvement in that.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. May I have a motion.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R6920, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Colbourne	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

Resolution No. 19-90

4. Temp. Reso. #R6929 approving a project agreement with Brown and Caldwell, Inc., and related expenditure in an amount not-to-exceed \$194,754 for providing **independent consulting and contract administration services** for the **East Water Treatment Plant Process Enhancement Phases 2 and 2A**. (*Interim Utilities Director Roy Virgin and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

Resolution No. 19-91

End of Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: On to resolutions. Item number five, please.

5. Temp. Reso. #R6910 approving the **renewal of landscaping, irrigation maintenance, and litter control services** agreements with Elan Lawn and Landscape,

Inc., Landscape Service Professionals, Inc., Prestige Property Maintenance, Inc., and Superior Landscaping and Lawn Service, Inc., in the combined total annual amount of \$1,339,340.00 for the first one-year renewal period, commencing April 1, 2019. (*Public Works Director Bernard Buxton-Tetteh*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item five is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the renewal of landscaping, irrigation maintenance, and litter control services agreements with Elan Lawn and Landscape, Inc., Landscape Service Professionals, Inc., Prestige Property Maintenance, Inc., and Superior Landscaping and Lawn Service, Inc., in the combined total annual amount of \$1,339,340.00 for the first one-year renewal period, commencing April 1, 2019, authorizing the City Manager to execute appropriate renewal agreements, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Bernard Buxton-Tetteh, Public Works Director. The item before you this evening is the renewal of our current landscape maintenance agreement for our right of ways and our properties. The amount there for renewal is \$1.3 million. On March 8, 2017, the Commission award an agreement to four vendors, Elan, Landscape, Prestige and Superior for various facilities and the parks and the right of ways. The initial agreement was effective through March 30th of this year. We're currently seeking a renewal for one more year term for the -- for the firms, and they've all performed satisfactorily. The work that they're performing includes grass mowing, they perform litter control, trimming of the trees and the shrubs, and they also perform pesticide maintenance. They do irrigation as well, and then for the parks, they -- they help with the maintenance of the turfs in the park. And approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members wishing to comment? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any comments or questions? Vice Mayor Colbourne, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. I just had a question concerning litter in general. Do we have a -- a litter program of any sort, where we can, you know -- and signs, and so forth that we can encourage folks not to litter?

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: So, yes, the Public Works Department actually -- it's putting together a program that we are -- we are intending to initiate in the next month. We're having a Public Works week, so we're making part of our program, but we were intending to embark on a citywide litter campaign. And if you've noticed, where you park your vehicles, we started wrapping trashcans. We did it at Sherman Circle, so we're coming up with some signs, some information to get residents and neighborhoods engaged in this process. We have a series of events lined up. We're trying to engage the residents to take ownership of keeping our City free of litter. We're coming up with a theme, so we

intend to come and share with you. But, for the meantime, we actually have staff for the Solid Waste Department, they perform litter control at bus stops, and some of the other major areas that -- we do that on a daily basis as well.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Wonderful. I know that staff work really hard trying to control litter throughout -- throughout the City, and I -- we even have residents -- one in particular I was speaking to at River Run Park earlier this week, where he -- every morning, he goes by, and before he starts his walk, he actually picks up litter around the park. So it would be really good if we had some sort of signs or a campaign that will encourage and educate people not to litter, but to use the cans that we have available to them. So, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yeah. Just a request from, maybe, our City Attorney, but definitely from the City Manager's Office, not in this specific and exact time, but if you would supply the regulations regarding litter in our city. I, too, have been concerned by just the wanton dumping of stuff. You travel at certain times of the day, early in the morning, late night; packages from fast food restaurants are -- end up in the middle of the street and so on. This sounds like a craven attempt at revenue collection, but we should look at the possibility of fines where they don't exist, and look for recommendations in this regard. I think some of this has to do with -- and I'm being very blunt here. Some of the people who -- and you look at certain particulars -- a number of people are not residents in our City, they simply use our roadways, and it gets to be a problem, because not only does it litter, but it creates hazards on the roadways for the uses of cars, and just for pedestrians and, if I may include, for cyclists as well. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I do agree with Commissioner Barnes, in terms of looking at a fine for littering the place. It sometimes get out of hand, and I totally agree. Also, isn't -- there's a -- around the City -- Town Center here and in the park, is there a special container for dumping the dog poop or it goes into any container?

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: We don't -- we don't have any special container for that, but those are some of the things that we'll be implementing as far as part of the campaign. We -- we -- we started in Sherman Circle, so we put about four of them in Sherman Circle. So that was more like a pilot area that we studied it, but we're going to extend it citywide.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Because I was thinking that there was a special way to dispose of that, as opposed to the regular trash or something like that.

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: All right. So I have no doubt staff will get on it. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. I remember when we first passed this -- this contract, I think I -- I think I recall asking a question regarding the services that was provided. I know the contracts are broken up between multiple landscape contractors and their duties, in terms of maintaining our existing sod and lawn areas. And I -- I think I recall inquiring about fertilization. I don't think that's a part of this specific contract.

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: It is.

MAYOR MESSAM: It is?

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: It is.

MAYOR MESSAM: I saw herbicide, I saw --

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Yeah, they apply fertilization as well.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. Okay. So -- because I think -- I remember on one of the contracts it did not, so maybe in this round it did.

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: What's the -- do we know the frequency, in terms of -- is it quarterly or biannually?

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: We have it at different -- for the trees -- because we do it around the palms as well, and then for the grass too, so it's on a quarterly basis.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: I know we do it less frequently for the trees not to -- not to harm them.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. Thank you. All right. If there are no further questions on this item, I'll entertain a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Messam, to approve Resolution #R6910, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Colbourne	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

Resolution No. 19-92

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number six, please.

6. Temp. Reso. #R6901 accepting and adopting the **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report** for the Fiscal Year that ended September 30, 2018, relating to the Annual Audit performed by the City's Independent Auditor, CFLG LLP. (*Chief Financial Officer Susan Gooding-Liburd*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item six is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, accepting and adopting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year that ended September 30, 2018, relating to the Annual Audit performed by the City's Independent Auditor, CFLG LLP, and providing for an effective date.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City staff, Susan Gooding-Liburd, Chief Financial Officer. The item before you tonight is a

presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the period ended September 30th, 2018. It is 187 pages of excellent reading, in my opinion. The must read areas are the Management Discussion and Analysis section, which are from pages 4 to 21. This section provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year compared to the prior fiscal year. As you review the financial statements, which are found on pages 22 to 33, please read them in conjunction with the notes that are provided on pages 34 to 108. And, of course, the statistical section, which is pages 154 to 177 -- provides you with ten years of financial trends, showing how the City's financial performance and wellbeing has changed over that period of time. This section also provides demographics and economic information, which will allow you, the reader, and anyone in the audience to have a better understanding of the environment, within which the City's financial activity takes place. I would like to extend my gratitude, and to recognize the financial services team. There are a few of them in the audience; could you please stand, so you can be recognized. Thank you. They are very instrumental in the planning, preparation, and the publication of this massive report. Because of their dedication and commitment, the City will, once again, submit to receive the 2000 -- the FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report -- receive the report and certification that is given by the Government Finance Officer Association in achieving of financial reporting. The cover which will grace your presence was also done by one of my staff, Mr. Mark James, and that's a photo of the new fire station. So please allow me to introduce Mr. Andrew Fierman, the audit partner from the City's external audit firm, CFLG. He will do his presentation on the report.

MR. FIERMAN: Thank you, Susan. Good evening, Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of the Commission, once again, for the record, my name is Andrew Fierman. I'm a partner with CFLG LLP, and I am the partner in charge of the City's audit. Also with me this evening is Michael Cosadda (sp). He serves as the audit manager on the City's audit. I'm here this evening to provide a brief presentation on the City's Comprehensive Annual Finance Report for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 2018. The final audited CAFR is the -- is the culmination of many months of hard work by the City working in conjunction with us in order to perform our audit, and come to this point to be able to present our results to you this evening. It's truly a team effort, and our team spends several weeks, five, six weeks out at the City, asking for information, making inquiries, performing our test of transactions and, throughout the process, if we receive the information on a timely basis, we're able to review it, get our answers, get -- get -- get answers on -- in a timely basis, we're able to complete our audit and -- and -- and give our reports. That's why we're able to be here this evening to present our report. One thing that I wanted to mention too is that management is responsible for the accuracy of the data, as well as the completeness and fairness of the presentation. And, in general, just a few reasons that the CAFR is used for. You know, it's used by management to assess the operations of the City by the community to assess use of property taxes. Also, by rating agencies as well, to -- to review the -- and assign ratings for the -- for the City's debt. So there's lots of different users of the Comprehensive Annual Finance Report. The Comprehensive Annual Finance Report is broken up into four sections: we have the introductory section, the financial section, the statistical section, and the compliance

section. I'm going to point out a few things from -- from each of these sections. As Susan mentioned, within the introductory section, the Certificate of Achievement & Finance Reporting is including in there, and the City did receive it for the 2017 CAFR, and the City will be submitting it for 2018, and we do expect that the -- the City will receive it. And the City has been -- has received this award the last 30 years, so that's a -- that's the tipping the hat off to the City as well of cert -- of excellence in financial reporting. On pages Roman Numeral I through IX within the -- within the introductory section is the -- the -- the letter of transmittal, and that's from the -- that's from management of the City, and that's basically describing matters such as, major initiatives, economic outlook, and financial management. The next section, as I mentioned, is the financial section, and the first thing within that section is our Independent Auditor's Report, which is on pages one and two. And I was going to point out just a few things from each of those sections and paraphrase just a few things. The first section talks about what we've audited, and that states: We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of Miramar, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year end of September 30th, 2018. The second section gets into management's responsibility for the financial statements. It states: Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements. The third section gets into our responsibility as auditors, as well as under what standards we performed our audit. It states: Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements, based on our audit. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and government auditing standards. The fourth section is our opinion section; it's the most important section that states: In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly in all (unclear) respects the financial position of the City as of September 30th, 2018. Now that's an unmodified or clean opinion on your financial statements, and that's, of course, the only opinion that you want on the financial statements of the City, so a clean opinion on the financial statements of the City. As Susan mentioned, within -- within that section is the Management's Discussion & Analysis on pages -- on pages -- on pages three through 21. And then we move onto pages 22 through 33, which includes the basic financial statements, which includes the government wide statement of assets, as well as a statement of activities, and then the fund financial statements for the governmental activities, as well as the business-type activities. And within there, I wanted to point out, on page 22, the government-wide net position. At the -- at the end of the year total, 822.5 -- was it 822.5 million, with total liabilities of 534.4 million, with the ending net position of 288.1 million, which means that the assets exceeded the liabilities by 288.1 million at year end for the government wide. That's the consolidated with all the -- with all the funds together. The next thing that I wanted to point out is actually on page 24, which is the General Fund fund balance, and that's in the first column on page 24, and that's broken out into a few different -- a few different categories. We have the non-spendable, the committed, assigned, and unassigned. What I wanted to point out within there was the following -- that the General Fund fund balance was approximately 35.3 million at 28 -- at the end of 2018, and that's a slight decrease of approximately .7 million from the 36.0 million in 2017. And the General Fund unassigned fund balance was approximately 7.9 million at year end. Susan already pointed out the sections within the -- the statistical section and the importance of that information there, the trend information, as well as the

notes to the financial statements, which are on pages 34 through 108. Those are basically the required disclosures -- was to provide additional information on the City, as well as the numbers that are presented within the financial statements. Again, reading those in conjunction with the financial set -- within -- with the financial statements. Now pages 176 through 187 is the compliance section. That includes the reports that are required under government auditing standards, as well as the federal and Florida Single Audit Acts, as well as the rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. And within those reports in the back, we are pleased to report that we did not identify any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control, nor did our tests find any instances of noncompliance, and that's also on the -- on the financial side, as well as on the -- on the federal and Florida Single Audit work that was done as well. So there's no -- no specific findings to report within -- within those reports. So it was also clean reports within the -- within the compliance section. You will also be provided a -- a letter. It's a -- it's going to be our communications (unclear), some of the things that we've communicated to you this evening. Goes over things like what -- the -- the -- the standards we performed our audit, what our audit plan was; also we'll talk about any kind of disagreements with management, any difficulties in performing our audit. And we are pleased to report within -- within that letter, as well as within our communications to you, is that we did not have any difficulties in performing and completing our audits, and we did not have any disagreements with management. So, also, some positive things also within our required communications to you as those charged with governance. Overall, I would just like to thank the -- the finance team, the City for all of the assistance and cooperation throughout the entire process. It truly is a very large project, as Susan mentioned. It's a 182-page document that's the culmination of all the many, many, many months of hard work of the -- of the City staff, as well as my team coming in to -- to get everything done and -- and be able to present to you today, so we really do appreciate the cooperation and assistance throughout the entire process. We couldn't be here without the -- without the responsiveness and professionalism of the -- of the City staff and the finance staff, so we are really grateful to the -- to the team for that as well. And, overall, we're just really grateful for the opportunity to be of service to the City of Miramar, and I make myself available for any questions that you have at this time, if there's any questions that -- that you -- that you don't remember or don't -- or -- or would like to speak about later, I make myself available for -- for any kinds of meetings. You have my information; you can -- you can call them, and we can make an appointment to meet. So, with that, I will conclude my presentation. And thank you very much for having me here this evening.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? Seeing none, back the dais. We have two request: Commissioner Davis, followed by Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'd just like to say I'm very pleased with the report. I did meet with staff, and we went over it. you know, I've been here before. I was here during the downturn, and it's good to see our reserves are coming back up. In our heyday, we had over 50 million in reserves, and it slowly got depleted. We had to use money for the police

department and other things during the downturn and, from what I'm seeing, we're actually looking at healthy reserves at the moment. And I'd like to, you know -- kudos to my colleagues for the fine job that they have done in the interim to ensure that we are in a position we're in at the moment with the City, and healthy positions. So, kudos to you, and to my colleagues on that.

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

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just some observations. To -- to people on the outside looking in, this appears like just something that we do by rote, a lot of words, a lot of numbers as well, but I think it's important for our community to understand that this is an exercise that we are, by law, demanded to -- to effect. But it is also -- while we speak about external audits, it is an entity that is created with incredible assistance and cooperation by staff. And I personally -- especially after our meeting this past time, I -- I want to commend staff for the kind of role it has played in preparing -- not only preparing the report, but in making the report a success, you know. And it makes one proud to see what staff gets done without a lot of fanfare, without a lot of noise, and -- and I commend you and your organization, as well as staff for the work that has been done, and this very successful report. I mean we're talking about laborious work. I mean all of those numbers, and words, but it gets the job done, and, again, we have a very positive report, and we can only express our pride in what has -- has been done, and thank you guys.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Barnes. Vice Mayor Colbourne, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. I want to say thank you to staff as well for all the work that they did with this, with this report, and thank you to the consultants as well. It's -- it's good news, you know. It's -- people maybe just take it lightly that there's -- there are no compliance issues, so there's nothing to argue about. There was no discrepancies. It's just all good news, but it is extremely good. This is -- this really is very meaningful to the City. When our residents ask how are we doing financially, and it does come up from time to time, can I say great? We're doing great? Or should I say we're doing really good? Help me out here. What's a good way of me answering that?

MR. FIERMAN: Well, I don't know if -- if -- if, Susan, you want to jump in.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I do have a communication coming to you, Vice Mayor, and the Commission, and -- and you -- with that certified statement as to how well -- how excellent the City is doing.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Excellent. Like that. I like that. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Really appreciate that.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. First, I'm going to say thanks to Dr. Susan Gooding and her staff for working with me through the nearly 200 page of document, and making things very easy, simplifying it, so I want to say thanks. And, also, thanks to our previous auditor and the current auditor. It's a testament as to when we hire good people or good company to do work for us, they do come through. So thanks to you, sir, and your team, for all you do -- for coming in and picking up the pieces and carry through. I must say, also, over the last four years, since I'm here, thanks to my colleague for working together to holding staff and making sure they are comfortable in replenishing our reserve, so it's a testament to our good leadership. And I have no doubt we're going to continue to move the City forward in a great way. So, with that said, thank you once again.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. I won't repeat what's already been stated by my colleagues. I would offer additional perspective is to -- to get a clean audit begins with a strong budget, and from that budget, strong performance by our City management, the managers working with all the departments to ensure that we hold the line on our budget. And -- so that when our auditors come in place to review, not only our books, our financial statements, and in -- in monitoring our controls, it -- it all manifests into what was reported this evening. So kudos to all parties that were involved, and we look forward to continued progress and success in the City of Miramar. And, on that note, if there are no further questions or comments, I'll entertain a motion. 5

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6901, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Colbourne	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

Resolution No. 19-93

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

MAYOR MESSAM: We will pause at this moment for public participation. We do have two participants that have signed in, and we will begin with Mr. Raymond Cartaya. Yes. If you could just state your name and address for the record, and you have three minutes to speak.

MR. CARTAYA: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Welcome, sir.

MR. CARTAYA: Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Ms. Vice Mayor, and -- and the Commission. My name is Raymond Cartaya, this is Jeanette Mazon. We reside at 4265 SW 152 Avenue, Miramar, Florida 33027. We are here to address a code compliance issue and lack of enforcement by the code compliance department, and -- or Code Enforcement Department. We have had -- since 2016, pursuing complaints against a neighbor and -- and many other residences of our community feeding a -- the -- the wild animals, the Muscovy ducks, pigeons, geese; many fowl that are indigenous -- that are not indigenous to -- to Florida. Which is, you know, against the -- the code regulations. Not only that -- but they have caused substantial property damage to the extent of even rat infestations, and having to perform many repairs on -- on our home in order to -- to get rid of these rats and electrical problems and -- and, you know, vents and what have you that have -- that have occurred. Now, since 2016 to the present, we've been in contact with Mr. Mannix and Mr. Johnson of the Code Enforcement Department, and I do have pictures and correspondence back and forth dating since then to date. To this date, we still have not received not so much as a -- a phone call or any relief at all as to, you know, as -- as to -- as to the problem that -- that we're having. We've called, we've visited their

office; they refuse to see us. We've written emails, we've filed complaints, and -- and the problem continues to grow. We're very concerned about, you know, disease that -- that these birds carry in their feces and what have you. It's -- it's -- you know, and now we have a rat infestation, which -- it -- it's gotten to the point where the rats are running around in the middle of the day; they're not even out at night. So, you know, we're here at the mercy of you all to see what it is that we could do to -- to get the attention of somebody to have this -- this taken care of. I've -- we've been dealing with it for -- for over three years now, and we -- we seem to be getting nowhere.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Does that complete your -- your statement?

MR. CARTAYA: Yes, that completes my statement, unless you'd like -- you know, like I said, I have all the correspondence and pictures if -- you know, if it pleases, you know, the Commission to -- to have it. I'd be more than happy; I have a copy for you.

MAYOR MESSAM: So I'm not sure exactly -- I understand what you've communicated. I'm not sure exactly what the specific issue that can be addressed in terms of remedy, so I would ask if our City Manager could work with our police department and code enforcement, so that we can at least get some attention to what has been going on, to identify what the specific issue is, and to see what remedies may be available per our code, and be able to provide proper guidance to our resident, so that they can seek the relief, or at least know what the circumstances, and what the situations and options are available to them. So if you, sir, can get with our police chief, who's waiting to your left, and he'll be able to work with you to get an understanding of what exactly is going on. And thanks so much for bringing this issue to our attention. And do know that we're always available for communication. You can contact me or any of my colleagues on the dais, as well as our staff, if you ever feel that you aren't getting any traction, in terms of communication. So thanks so much.

MR. CARTAYA: Well, thank you. And if I -- if I may, I mean our -- our main concern here is that -- we understand our legal rights under -- under -- under the code, but the problem is -- is that we're -- we're not getting any -- any help from code compliance in enforcement.

MAYOR MESSAM: That's why you're peaking directly to the head honcho, the Chief right now.

MR. CARTAYA: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. Thank you, sir.

MR. CARTAYA: Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks for coming. Next on our list is Mr. Brian Victor. Good evening, sir. Welcome.

MR. VICTOR: Good evening, and congratulations on your recent victory.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MR. VICTOR: I'm neighbors with them --

MAYOR MESSAM: State your name and address for the record, please?

MR. VICTOR: Brian Victor, 4045 SW 151st Terrace, that's in Huntington. I met them by having the same problem. Little different, in that when I was walking on the street, I was actually attacked by three of these big geese that actually reside next to them. That's how I met them. And the code enforcement responds to this -- I don't think they even touched the surface of it. I have done the same thing. Letters, emails; I even went to code enforcement last week, signed in. I was told by the dispatcher that they had signed in, and nobody would come out and see me. I was frustrated, and I went back to the dispatcher, and I just said -- she said, "Well, they'll call you back." I said, "No, they won't. They never call back." And she said, "You know, at least 100 people have told me exactly the same thing." Now when you have a department that generates that kind of response from your citizens, I think you definitely have a problem. And it's not just looking in-- and there's stat -- there's so many statutes, it's like a smorgasbord, which one to pick with raising poultry. And they really didn't tell you the whole story. There's hundreds of birds that live on this property every day, and they go back and forth between a neighbor of mine who feeds them, and their neighbor that feeds them. And it's completely unacceptable. We've done everything we can do. And you -- we're here begging you to get code enforcement to do the job I think they were hired to do. I mean this is the only civil way we can solve this problem, which is totally unacceptable.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Again, we will have you meet with our Chief to address the situation. And I would also offer, if -- perhaps, if there are any legal issues, that our City attorneys, perhaps, can investigate as well, in terms of if this is a -- perhaps a civil matter that may be outside of the scope of our code that we, perhaps -- and I don't know the situation, but if we can at least -- by bringing it to the Commission, I'm assuring you that attention is on the issue, and you'll be meeting with our Chief, we have our City Attorney as well, if needed, in terms of any opinions, in terms of what options are available. And the action moving forward is for our Police Chief, as well as with any guidance, legal guidance that may be needed with our City attorneys to inform you all, as residents, in terms of, one, identifying what the issue is, determine jurisdiction, and offering what options may be available to address the situation. Obviously, we can't solve it tonight going back and forth, but what we can do is put you in touch with the proper staff -- staffers that can get to the process of assessing and providing direction to moving forward. So thank you so much for coming forward, and if you can go with our staff right now, they'll meet with you and get more information from you.

MR. VICTOR: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir, and thanks for coming this evening.

RESOLUTIONS cont'd.

MAYOR MESSAM: Moving on with resolutions. Item number seven, please.

7. Temp. Reso. #R6882 authorizing the **renewal of 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, 2019 ("Insurance Renewals"); approving a projected premium cost of \$2,449,446.00, not-to-exceed \$2,533,126.00, 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. (*Human Resources Director Randy Cross*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item number seven is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, authorizing the renewal of 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, 2019 ("Insurance Renewals"); approving a projected premium cost of \$2,449,446.00, not-to-exceed \$2,533,126.00, 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 to -- due under the insurance renewals; authorizing the City Manager to execute the insurance renewal agreements, providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. CROSS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Members of the Commission. Randy Cross, Human Resources Director. So the issue before you is the annual approval of the City's various risk insurance premiums for their policies. The total premium amount is expected to be about \$2.5 million, with the total amount not to exceed of \$2,533,126.00. The City's broker, Arthur J., which has a contract which was awarded in 2017 went out, like they do each year, and brokered all of the insurances for our property and casualty insurance program. Last year, the total amount was \$2.3 million; it's about a 5.5 percent increase in the total proper -- in the total package premium over last year. You can go to the next slide, please. Again, it's a 12-month renewal, and it's effective by April 1st; it runs through March of next year for that total amount of not-to-exceed of \$2.5 million. Approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any questions for comments? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

MAYOR MESSAM: There's been a -- there's a question, Vice Mayor?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. I do. On this item, I just -- not really a question. I just want to point out that this contract expires -- it says effective April 1st, so it expires the end of this month?

MR. CROSS: That's correct.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. So if we did not want to approve this tonight, what options would there be?

MR. CROSS: There would be a period of time between this meeting and the next meeting where the City would not have property insurance. The broker may be able to extend certain policies if the carriers would be willing to do that to cover that period of time, but, effectively, the -- at the end of this month is when the majority of the policies that are currently in place expire.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I see that as problematic. Something like this, I wish that it would come to the Commission much earlier than this. I don't object to this contract. But I'd like to know that when it -- when it comes to us, that we -- we have an opportunity to really make it -- really look at it and make a decision, because, clearly, if -- if we decided we didn't -- you know, we didn't want to do this, we wanted to -- to go a different route, we wouldn't be able to without -- without some hardship to the City. So I just ask -- I just want to take this opportunity to -- to ask -- ask, City Manager and staff, if you would just kind of make sure that we are looking at these contracts early, and bringing them to the Commission in a -- in a timely fashion. That's all. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Any other comments or questions? Otherwise, I'll entertain a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6882, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Colbourne	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

Resolution No. 19-94

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

Commissioner Reports:

8. (a) Discussion Regarding Body-Worn Camera Devices by City Police Officers.
(Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis)

MAYOR MESSAM: On to other business, reports and comments; Commission reports. Item number eight, Discussion regarding body-worn camera devices by City police officers; presented by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Davis, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you so much. I have some notes written here, so I'd like to kind of make sure I read everything and don't miss anything out here. So just

excuse me. The issue of body cameras was first raised by myself back in 2014 on this dais after the tragic events of Ferguson. At that time, I had three votes to do a study on the implementation of body cameras for our patrol officers, and to start a pilot program. To date, the study has been completed, but nothing has been implemented. I have recently had the opportunity during my campaign to speak to hundreds, if not thousands of residents, either personally or through my team and found that residents either thought we had it, and thought it was mandatory, and others were quite perturbed at the fact that we were one of only two cities in all of Broward County that didn't have body cameras. They realize, as I do, the benefits for our community and for our officers in having them equipped with body cameras. Body cameras themselves are relatively new, but they are already being adopted by police departments throughout the country. And not only do body cameras protect the police, they help in bridging the gap between some members of our community and the police officer who serve them. There are a number of reasons why police departments have considered adopting body cameras. Here are three major ones; I'm sure there are many others. One, they improve officer safety. Being in front of a camera would make any would-be criminal hesitant to harm a police officer. There's nothing quite like video evidence in a trial. In addition to that, officers have family who would like them to return home after a day's work, and certainly would want to know what happened to their loved one if an incident were to take place. Secondly, they are great for training. Body cameras allow law enforcement to review and critique the behavior of officers when they're on duty. Footage from these cameras are used by police departments as part of their overall training programs. The footage offers officers an opportunity to review police tactics in dangerous situations, as well as to address inappropriate behavior. Thirdly, they are also great for public relations. Perhaps most relevant to current events, body cameras enable police departments to show the public, if they choose to, what an officer has done during an incident. There are too many other countless reasons to mention at this time, but body cameras have already improved the public confidence in local police departments throughout the country. Is my motion -- I'd like to make one that we use previously identified monies, as outlined by the City Manager, from the police trust fund to immediate -- begin the process of funding body cameras for our patrol officers, while we apply for federal funding that may be available. In addition to this, the motion would include the hiring of a public safety projects manager, who will have the primary task of implementing this program by working along with the City Manager and the Police Department. The public safety projects manager could review the prior study that's already done, take the best action to move forward, oversee the implementation of the program by doing a projected cost analysis report, identify qualified camera vendors for bid purposes, assist with department policies, and continue to help the department structure a technical unit to run the program for the department. I think it's the right time. It's the right thing to do. And I would ask my colleagues to support such an effort in the City of Miramar. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Davis. Are there any members from the public that wish to -- oh, is continue presentation, or is this -- is it continued presentation?

POLICE CHIEF DEXTER WILLIAMS: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: We have a presentation when ready, if discussion is --

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, no. I think it's appropriate to have the presentation before I open up for public comment.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: All right. Great. Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commission, Manager. There are a couple different topics that we can discuss this evening. I am extremely very well prepared to discuss body cameras this evening. I want to thank Commissioner Davis for bringing this information forward, because she is 100 percent correct. We have been looking into body cameras since 2014, that's the reason why we're very well prepared with this. We have discussion from when we first started the -- the body camera initiative to see exactly what the cost would be. Obviously, in the beginning, the cameras were just starting; they were a very expensive program when we first started it. It is definitely used throughout the industry for training tools, proved worthiness for training, for policies, for bids, and so forth; we've looked into all of that. I do have a PowerPoint presentation available for -- you put it up. A few months ago, I did do a very comprehensive presentation on the body camera, so I slimmed that down -- it was about an hour presentation -- to just about a ten-minute presentation now. A couple of slides just to identify the basic core information of what you need to see in regards to what the camera would cost, what the cameras do, where we are going to apply them. In addition to that, we can also have discussion on the funding source, and where it can go. Negative -- body camera -- if you'll just excuse me for just one -- as in Murphy's rule -- was a problem. The presentation is not opening. So, if you don't mind, I'll just go directly from my PowerPoint slides that I have in front of me, just to discuss the basic information in regards to what the body camera program would entail. I will go through the literature of -- of the PERF, Police Executive Research Forum, and the surveys and things that they've did -- done in regards to body cameras. And they have also agreed that body camera deployment is good for communities throughout the State and throughout the country. A number of departments have used and have adopted body-worn camera program, and they have definitely launched them here in Broward County. I've done the -- the latest numbers in regards to what's going on in Broward County specific; as of today, there are numerous agencies that do have body cameras, and a lot that still do not have body cameras, specifically, and I have those -- those cities available if you need to know those names in regards to that. The camera program -- we'll just talk -- talk about the -- the three recommendations that I want to put on the table for body camera programming. For a full body-worn camera program and vehicle deployment, the three points is this. That's one. Two will be full body camera program alone with just body cameras. And then the last one would be the partial body-worn camera deployment. The explanation for the full body would be 215 body cameras that would include the K-9 unit, P.R.I.M.E. unit, traffic unit, school unit; those are all of our units. The majority of all the individual units that have -- wear uniforms, that are out on the street and that meet the -- meet the -- the general public. And 159 of those, officers will have vehicle cameras

installed in them as well. Usually, those are the ones that do the -- the major traffic stops and so forth. Phase two or part two would be full body-worn camera deployment, and that's just body cameras with no cameras for the vehicles. That would be 215 body cameras that would outfit the entire police department for now, plus, obviously, for growth issues as well. And then the third part would be just partially-worn body cameras that would only outfit 141 of our police officers. Those units, specifically, would be the patrol division, the community resource team officers that you see out there constantly working in the communities, the traffic unit; those are the ones on the motorcycles and so forth, and the P.R.I.M.E. unit that work, usually, in the nighttime. And, I would add also the K-9 department as well, since they have the dog, and a lot of the engagements that they do involve the -- the -- the canine as well. The way the body cameras programming goes now, we have to buy cameras on a five-year contract agreement. If we did the full body-worn camera/vehicle deployment plan, that total over a five-year period would be \$5.2 million for that, with the breakdown by year, first year 1.6, and then the years thereafter, two, three, four and five, would be 896,290 to run that. That's if we did the full program, body cameras and vehicle. If we did phase two, we'd just do full body-worn cameras, that would be for -- still for the five years, because we have to have five-year contracts now on the cameras. That would equal 3.187, \$3.1 million; first year 809 and the proceeding years after that, two, three, four and five, at 594,000. The final would be the partial, which would outfit just the patrol officers, the ones in the uniforms that are on the ground. Right now, that would be -- for a total \$2.3 million over the five-year term. First year, 596,000, and year two, three, four would be \$429,000.00. The only outstanding fees that would be inclusive of this would be legal fees, to which we could not gauge and exact amount of what that would cost for redactions and so forth, and for external infrastructure for -- for City ban with stuff regarding the Cloud base and so forth. We -- we figure that estimation is somewhere around \$60,000.00 added to this -- to this total. And that was pretty much it for the body-worn camera, just to give you the straight numbers on that. In addition to that, we've already taken the liberty to scope up the camera program, search for the funding, where we can use law enforcement trust fund to get the program started. In addition to that, we've also opted to possibly do a piggyback, if you opt to move forward with that, through a Volusia County contract, where we also have the vendor already selected, so we can move forward quite quickly. In addition to that, they're also here and present this evening, if you desire to ask any finite questions in regard to camera programming and/or the equipment to which they use. You found it? Great. All right. So the -- I was just -- yeah, go through. I just want to show them the numbers. Okay. Stop right there. This is the three points; the full body-worn camera and vehicle deployment, full body-worn camera deployment only, and the partial body-worn with the numbers to go with each section. Next. And this was the full deployment cost for five-year program cost, 5.2, that's the vehicle and body. Next slide. This is just the full deployment for all of the staff without the vehicle; that would be 3.1 for over the year -- over a five-year period and, finally, just the partial of all the -- the operational staff on the street and on the road, and this would be the 2.312 for the total cost for over the five-year period. Thank you. And the legal fees and external infrastructure, which would possibly be additional cost. Thank you. That concludes my presentation to that. If any questions at all, we're available.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Chief. At this time, I'll recognize City Manager Vernon Hargray for comments.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Mayor, Commissioner, I've had a meeting with the Chief regarding this item, and I've given some instructions that the money that he has into law enforcement that we're -- we would start off with \$1.2 million to get this project moving. He indicated in our meeting that the 1.2 will allow us to move forward for the first two years without touching nay money out of the fund balance. So there's a move going in - - this is where we start off here at the \$1.2 million.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question. To --

MAYOR MESSAM: Go ahead, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: To Vernon. Which program are you looking at? Because he mentioned three. Generally speaking, when you said 1.2, is it for the third program or just the --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I think it would be good for him to go back in and -- and go back over the conversation. We're talking about the third option.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The third option, right.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: The first priority is to -- to deal with the uniform --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And that's --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: -- police officers.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, that's my point too.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Not just try to get everybody in there for --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Suited out.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: That's not going do a lot for us at the beginning this here.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: We need to start at the beginning, the base --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: -- and we build from that.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'm agreement with that. The third option seems to be the more relevant. But I also wanted to find out the numbers. Did you check with different cities of our size, police department, and their costs and how they were able to manage it, because it seems like there's other cities that have used less money, in terms of their project for five years. So I just want to make sure that we've done, you know, the costs across cities of our size with our police force with the programs that we're, you know, like option three. How much did other cities of similar size and similar police departments -- five-year costs, what were they.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: I did not -- for transparency -- I did not go to each agency and ask exactly how much they deployed. Each cam -- each city makes a decision on exactly what I just presented to you: on how many, which agency -- excuse me, which -- which units will be occupied or not occupied, and that -- based on that number, if it's 100, 150, 200, the same thing has changed for us. We have definitely looked for the -- the best pricing for the quality of camera to which we're looking for. And the company that -- which we -- we -- we wanted to select was one of the leading companies that -- that's out here right now. The Axon Company, TASER -- TASER International is also known as Axon, they have one of the -- the best products out there right now in regards to -- to the cameras, and that's why I have them here this evening to actually talk about their product, if you so desire.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. At this time, are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? Yes, sir. Good evening. If you could just state your name and address for the record. Thank you, sir.

MR. FRECKLETON: Good evening. My name is Albert Freckleton, 8454 SW 22nd Street in Miramar. I just want to say I support the body camera. And the first reason why I support the body camera -- in case somebody commit a crime, and the police is trying to make an arrest, and he's resisting arrest, and the police have to use force to restrain that person while he's resisting arrest, somebody with their sophisticated cellular phone camera stand by the road, who wasn't there from the beginning, and start recording. The officer doesn't have nothing to show -- no video camera, not a picture. It is said a picture tells a thousand words. A video camera might tell a lot more. So I want to complete the police officer for the great job you are doing in Miramar. Since we have our new chief, Chief Williams, I even compliment him the other night for the great job he's doing. The police officers are more friendly, and they are more professional, and I appreciate the work that they're doing under the -- under the management of our Chief. But let me say the police need to tell their side of the story if somebody is there with their cellular phone camera in the middle of the story, didn't -- wasn't there from the beginning, and post it on social media, send it to some of our local media. And it's on the 10:00 news, 11:00 news: That's what the police officer in Miramar doing to the young men; because they weren't there from the beginning. But if they have their camera to tell their side of the story, it is

even better for them. So I support it in the interest of the resident of Miramar, and in the interest of the police officer in our city. Again, I compliment the police, the Miramar Police Department for the great job they're doing. But I support body camera for both side: for the resident and for the police officer. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir. Are there any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any other members from the public? Seeing none, back to the dais. Commissioner Chambers followed by Vice Mayor Colbourne. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Well, I must say, from what I've seen and notice over the last several years, with incident with body camera, I'm not a big fan of body camera, I must say. Tell you why. It's very subjective. It's one dimensional. And, as we see, resulting in some of the incident that happen, even when it's proven what happened, the results still go the other way. So what I'm interested in is what we have been doing over the last number of years with this city, and I think what I see is, based on leadership here, we decide what happen in our community most of the time, the trend that we have set. A number of city is looking at Miramar as to how we have done it, and I think if we -- let me back up a little bit. I'm not totally against body camera, for -- for the record. But what I like about our City of Miramar is that we set the trend, in terms of how we need to hire our officers, how we train them, how we deploy them, and how they behave on the street. And, for the most part, a lot of officer doesn't come into the force - - doesn't get back when they come into the force. They come with that from how they were brought up, and where they come from. So we got to decide what we want; do we want to go with body camera, or do we want to continue what we have been doing? Which -- one of the problem that I have now is that what we have cut from our schools is when we used to have more frequent visit to our schools with our officers, our fire department. That kind of relationship has been dwindled out. The -- our school resource officer have done a very great job building relationship in our schools, and especially when we get an early start with our elementary school and our elementary children. Our community resource officers, lately, we've been cutting back, but that's a very important program. If you talk to the different homeowners, the different community, they are ecstatic. They want to have them out there, they want to have that relationship. They have their one-on-one, they have their phone number. You know, it's just a -- a great relationship with the community. I don't want to lose that, I want to improve on that, you know. Because that goes along way, and there's no price that we can put on that, building good relationship with our resident, especially our young ones, the youngsters. It's -- it's priceless for us to be out there, and having them not afraid of our officer, not afraid of code, not afraid of fire, and just, you know, have that early experience. I think that will make good community. Now the people that comes in from outside, we can't do much of that, but we're doing a great job so far based on where we're located on the south side of the County, Broward County. And just our neighbor to the south, the Dade County, and to the east, you have those other cities. I think we've done a fantastic job with our policing our community here. With that said, how do we -- what about storage. How do we store it, how long do we store it, the ongoing costs, and so forth? But I want to do more

community relationship. I want to build that, continue to grow that, because that's a -- a everlasting relationship. So I think this is a discussion that we all have to have, and see about how we go about it. What about new technology coming in with the body cam? If we go out and get some now and it's changed, do we get the new ones? It's a lot of things that we need to discuss. So I'm -- I'm -- I'm open for the discussion as to how we're going to move forward with this or not. So that's all I have to say for right now.

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

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. First, I'd like to thank Commissioner Davis for bringing this item before us today, again, and for us to take a look at and move forward on this. I think body cams in the City of Miramar is definitely -- it's -- is definitely something that -- it's time for us to have this in the City of Miramar. So I am certainly open to it. I am glad to see that funding has been identified for it. I do have a question in terms of training, because I know our Chief has been working on this for some time. Our officers, have they been trained on this? And have they been exposed to the cameras, whether it's through conferences or so forth? Is this now part of training in anticipation that it was coming?

CHIEF WILLIAMS: They -- they have many programs that are out there, all types of agencies have put camera program training out there, but it's specific, because not all agencies have the same types of cameras. So the -- the nomenclature of the camera my work differently with this agency versus another agency, and it all depends, too, on who wears it, how they wear it, different types of cameras. Some are on eyeglasses, some are on shirts, some are on clips. There's so many different variations. With us, if we were to move forward with it, the company in which we plan to work with, they would have to come in and show us how to -- and we would go through that training process. So it would be that train -- the trainer concept, and then, as we have evolution with new employees that come on, we would then go through that process in teaching them the steps on how to use it, what to do with it, etc. So there's always a full training process that would be put in place with that, and that's part -- also part of the bid cost of this as well. That's why we have to have specific employees dedicated exclusively to that program for the life of the program.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I guess, Chief, what I was really thinking, not so much the mechanical training of it, not the step-by-step use of it, but kind of the -- the whole mental process. The whole idea that now you're using body camera, you're using something that's different, how it's perceived, how are residents looking at it, how we're making our officers comfortable with the idea. Because I think it is a game changer in -- in -- in performing their duties. I mean you -- most of us don't walk around with a camera on us every day, where -- you know, wherever we go during our work periods.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Vice Mayor, I -- I will -- I will say this, extremely frankly, our officers operate as if they already wear a camera every single day, because they know that no

matter where they are, someone is always videotaping, whether it's using a cell phone or something, so they already feel that way just doing the basic day -- day-to-day operations. That is why we are so successful out here now, because our officers have already had that ingrained in our culture of the organization. And, obviously, you know, from me and -- and my command staff, --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: -- we harp on that with their culture, and the behavior of every officer.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: And we don't take any complaints, you know, by wayside. We make sure that we investigate everything. So when you have the culture of the organization working cohesively to make sure that every citizen is respected, then the entire agency will work in the same man -- manner, and that's exactly how we've been operating to exactly what Commissioner Chambers said.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. So wearing body cameras won't be, you know -- introducing this to them won't be a real surprise or anything shocking, so --

CHIEF WILLIAMS: No. Because other agencies, you know, who have gone to body cameras -- obviously, you know, officers do talk agency to agency, so they've already expressed the differences of whether it's a plus or minus, pros and cons to it. But for our officers, it won't change their -- their behavior. They will be the same in doing exactly what they're supposed to do out there.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Wonderful. I guess the flipside to that will be the outreach to the community, to let the community know that they are wearing it, and I'm sure this is going to be part of the implementation process. What is -- what is the timeline -- what kind of timeline are you looking at in terms of implementing this? And, definitely, how -- how are you going to approach the outreach?

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Well, based on -- okay, the outreach part, that's -- that's the easy part, because I think the media will help us with that. They will push that out, saying, you know, that this is another agency that has -- that has gone towards cameras or not, and so forth. In addition to our public media office that we have, and so we -- we work very closely with the social media, all the -- all the media entities out there. So if we needed to push that out there, and to that effect, in addition to our CRO programming, so they would also push that information out, because I'm sure you'll be -- people will be very inquisitive about it and so forth. In addition to that, I would as well go on, --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: -- you know, on our website, putting that thing -- that stuff out there, so everybody knows that we have cameras. In -- in house, I don't think our staff will -- will have any issues in -- in transitioning from not having to having; I think it will be a pretty seamless process. I think just working along with the company that will be coming in and making sure that the infrastructure is there, that'll probably be 90 percent of the red tape, honestly, making sure that we have this infrastructure put in, that infrastructure, location, placement, policy, because already have all of that stuff drafted up with policy line and all that, that's already done. Because, like I said, we've been working on this since 2014, so we already have everything in place ready to go. The only reason -- the hesitation on this was only a financial issue, whether or not -- we knew the dais was ready to move forward with the expenditure. That's it.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I appreciate you identifying the money for the funds, so that we can implement this. And in terms of timeline, I'm sorry, you said we could start -
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CHIEF WILLIAMS: Depending on the company, when they can get the equipment here, set up the infrastructure to make sure -- you know, I -- we can probably -- I -- you know, being conservative, probably -- maybe 90 days, something to that effect, 90 to 120 to be out.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Because the officers have to go through training, they have to learn how to use it. We have to go through that step-by-step process. The company will have to come and teach us, you know, what the -- the -- the -- the nomenclature of this things, how it works, the software program that goes with it. Because once we put it on, the day we put it on, it is now a 119 issue. Everything on that that's recorded now becomes public record issues, and we want to make sure that all of that infrastructure is in place and ready to go, because we have to be able to act day one. If -- as if we had it for -- you know, forever. So we have to make sure that everybody is on board, including, you know, our City legal as well.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Like Commissioner Davis mentioned, there are many of our residents that are looking forward to this, so I'm sure the timeline, knowing the timeline is very important. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. At the appropriate time, I'll be happy to second Commissioner Davis' motion.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. As I've said in the past, I'm never going to support the use of body cameras, for a number of simple straightforward reasons. This is not New York City. This is not Chicago. This is not a 24/7 city. We do not have to have body cameras, because we're only one of two cities in Broward that does not have it. By no measure whatsoever can the City of Miramar, as we speak, this be described as crime

ridden. I am yet to see an overwhelming number of cases brought against police officers for brutality, is a word that is sometimes used. I've been around long enough, been in this city long enough, lived elsewhere in South Florida to understand when body cameras are dictated by circumstances. I'm not convinced that those circumstances exist in the City of Miramar in March of 2019. I'm saying I have not seen any evidence of a need for police-worn cameras. There is the possibility I could support dashboard cameras, because these have a number of purposes that have been utilized for decades across this country. And I'm not even prepared to discuss the -- the cost of this, because if it is something that this Commission is going to vote for, I suspect we'll find the money to do it. I'm not going to support that -- that -- that direction that we take. It would be foolhardy of me to suggest, to imply that there is no crime in the City. I'm also convinced, as has been said here before, a significant portion of the crimes that exist in the City of Miramar are effected, are done by people who do not live in this city. I've said it on this dais before. Forget what we say here. Forget what our police say. Look at the news reports about some of the things that happen in the City of Miramar on a number of occasions over the years. When the police make chase, where do the perpetrators, where do these suspects head? They head across the county line. That has been an historic fact in the City of Miramar. So I don't know that us being only one of two cities in Broward that doesn't have it is any reason. The fact that other people do it, I don't know that that demands and prescribes that we do it as well. Going forward, I am not going to be a supporter of - of this drive towards our police force using body cameras.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Barnes. I'll inject a couple of comments regarding this item. Thanks, Commissioner Davis, for placing this on the agenda. I think tonight's discussion is a continuation that has led us to the point where we are right now, to contemplate the decision and the path forward. When this issue was initially raised, I was one of the supporters to give direction to the City Manager at the time, and police -- and the police department to begin to look at this process. We've had at least a couple of presentations regarding body cameras. I've been on the record by voice and by vote in support of body cameras. That support had hesitation just based on some of the recommendations from the police department. So backing up. When this was first brought forward, there were a lot of unsettled issues regarding body -- body cameras, in regards to the acquisition and the use of the body cameras. At that time, beyond just the cost implications, there were unsettled State statute positions on issues such as privacy. The State had not adopted a statute in terms of the data and its compliance with privacy rights, as well as with compliance with Sunshine Laws, and data retention. Those items have since been resolved by the State. I think that may have been done, probably, two sessions ago, in terms of -- of compliance, and with -- in regards to data retention and data storage. Also, for the agencies that quickly adopted cameras, they had the cameras, but ran into issues in terms of the use, in terms of the implementation as early adopters. That's not a good or bad thing. The cameras were there. So I see the City of Miramar as a city -- which I'm proud that just recently was rated as -- out of 400 plus municipalities, the 12th safest city in the State, which our police department is to be commended for that. So the City of Miramar has had the luxury, although we are not crime free, because we have had our share of episodes of crime in our city. We have enjoyed the luxury of not

having a crime rate in the City that allowed the department to do full due diligence, allow the State statutes to be settled, allowed us to evaluate the various options of equipment, the various option in regard to data storage, as well as to be able to allow our Chief and his staff to get best practices from agencies that were early adopter. So that they can understand what were some of their learning lessons, some of their failures, some of their successes. So we've been in the position to benefit, because we are a safe city, to get best practices, get competitive pricing on equipment, and be in a position, as the Chief has already presented to the City, what our options are. And now we're to the point -- now we're in the position to adopt the cameras, so -- so I just -- I commend Commissioner Davis for the initial request for the City to adopt the cameras. And what I will add, in terms of why I think we need the cameras. It's -- it's not because Miramar is a crime ridden city. For -- the fact that our police officers engage and interact with the public on a daily basis, it doesn't if they are a Miramar resident, a transient, a visitor. If there's an interaction, a touch, or a communication, or an encounter with the public, not only is the officer at risk, the City is at risk. Because that interaction, that communication, that encounter can go from civil discourse in communication, to a position where the officer has to enforce a law, and, perhaps, become an altercation in the worst situation. And in having that apparatus to record that encounter, I think, protects not only the officer, but it protects the City. Because all it takes is one incident, just one. We could be a crime-free city. Parkland had a very great reputation, in terms of its community, the schools, safety in the schools, and that one tragedy has redefined not only their image, u the very essence of the DNA of that community, because of what act of one person. So there can be just one incident, and it could be someone not even resident of -- of our City. And it's their word against our word, and then now we become part of the national dialog, and the national issue of cities that are crime ridden, and have been caught up into these conflicts, where there has been evidence, or the appearance of accusations of police brutality. So, for the fact that we have a solid proposal with options from the police department, my position has been -- is for us to implement this in a fiscally responsible way. Perhaps phasing in this equipment with the most -- with our differences that are most exposed to the public, in terms of our patrol officers, beginning there, ensuring that we get the best process in place for data retention, because that's where the cost is going to get us. I mean equipment, they'll give the -- basically, I mean, we're going to have some cost with the equipment, but it's the data retention, it's the storage, that's where they get you. And we have to respond to these type of requests. So I think there was a proposal by the City Manager that identified funding that would allow us to begin to outfit our most exposed officers in a way that does not even impact our General Fund for the next couple of years, which allows us now to begin to plan and prepare for years three, four and beyond. Where I'm sure our -- our dynamic budget department and our police department, who always have the best of relationships during the budget process can work a plan for consideration for the -- for the Commission. So I will support the option that was suggested by the City Manager in response to Commissioner Davis' request to move this item forward on the agenda, and -- and I think I saw support from the --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Fine.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- Commissioner Davis on that option, so that's my position. So I have Commissioner Chambers, who's raised his hands to speak, and then I'll turn it -- and I'll recognize you Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. I'm not sure if Parkland was a fair assessment, because that's something that, probably, could have been prevented. Some of the biggest crime that we have here in Miramar was committed by domestic -- where it might be a spouse or maybe a husband hurting a wife or a wife hurting her husband or living partner or whatever. And I don't know of any magic or any police department who can prevent those crime, because no one can tell when someone in their home going to hurt someone, and it's just after the fact. So my question is -- like I said, I'm not totally against body camera, but what are we going to do about our community in the meantime. And even when we have body camera, how are we going to police our community -- have resident calling for -- to see more cars coming through their neighborhood patrolling. Those are the complaint that I'm getting. You know, how are we going to improve on that? How are we going to improve on the relationship in our schools with our children? I mean if we have LETF funds, isn't that can be used to -- for youth development to build relationship with our children right here in Miramar, so when they grow up and they leave, and they move to any other place in the world, they can be a good citizen. That's our duty to make sure our community, our children have that upbringing, that relationship. Because what I found with some of the community, they have never had interaction with police officer who is a human being, a firefighter. They don't know anything about the job that a firefighter do, so I think we need to look at those things. How can we improve that? Because -- not because we going to have body camera, that doesn't mean we're not going to have issues in different areas of the City. The camera is just -- when it's one, are they going to turn it on or it going to turn on automatic? It's just so much other things to -- to fix that our residents are calling for. They want to see our officers, they want to the cars coming through, they want their kids to have activities, not being in the home. We have a lot of single parents. So it's a complete package. If we're going to do camera, we need to look at everything. We need to make sure we have a comprehensive agenda, as far as our resident and -- and -- and little ones are concerned. So I'm open to the dialog, open to look at everything, then if I have to support body camera, I support body camera. If I have to not, then I won't. So it's -- it's just sitting down and looking at everything, and see if we can come to an agreement as to where we move forward. Chief?

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you, Commissioner. Absolutely. We already use law enforcement trust funds. I am definitely the spending one. I spend thousands of dollars every year on our student population. As you know, we already have a criminal justice program that runs over at Miramar High School, and every year I take at least 25 to 30 students on conferences and so forth, I buy them books; we go through those types of engagement, just to make sure we continue to build that mentorship with them. In addition to that, you also have probably been part of a lot of our other programming that we've done, you know, the Hoops 4 Hope, the Fishing for Futures, all those types of program as well, which are -- you know, the brain children are the officers, because they are the

ones that created those programs. And I always give them credence to say, you know, that, "You're doing a fantastic job out there." So we are -- each year we try to keep building on that, and keep building on that. We -- I -- I can definitely stand here and boast that we're probably one of the only agencies in this entire tri-county area that has the most programs for -- for juveniles and for -- for our youth in our community, and that's the reason why we've been, you know, at the top of the echelon when it comes down to partnerships with the student population. In addition to, you know, the school resource - - our school officers and so forth, we've been doing that for 20 years. And other agencies are just trying to catch up to us right now, and they're struggling trying to occupy their schools. So, while we already -- you know, this -- this City had taken an initiative 20 years ago, long before I was the chief, to invest in that vulnerable population of youth. Now and under my umbrella, I'm trying to build programming to make sure that the programming last, so that we can continue to keep teaching them and so forth, so that's what we keep working on every day. So I -- I would say to you that to look forward to the remainder of this year for other programs and things that we plan and try to roll out. Obviously, funding is an issue, because obviously because have to keep things moving, and staffing becomes an issue with that too. So that's usually the two challenges that we have, you know, that humanistic side of the staffing, and the financial piece, so, you know -- but we're trying to merge that and try to do -- you know, work as best we can, as lean as we possibly can as well.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And, if I may, how do I -- how do we address those families who, from time to time, they want to have their children in the PAL program, or they might put their children in there, and have to withdraw because of -- they might not be able to do -- cover the check that they've written, and -- and I'm not saying it's a whole lot of parents, but those few. And PAL is a program that's year round. How do we address that?

CHIEF WILLIAMS: PAL is an independent board, as you know, clearly, so we have to try to work collaboratively, because working through the PAL program, although I have a staff member there, most of my school resource officers are the ones that hold that PAL programming down. That becomes a financial issue as well, and then when you're talking about students, and what can be put for them to -- to be participating in the program, that's just another one of those programs that we have to keep trying to fund. Hence the reason why the Miramar Police Department budget gets quite high with that, but we -- we're trying to work, you know, as best as we can with the funding we do have to try to keep pushing forward on these programs. That program I will never let die. I cannot allow that program to die. That is one of the staple programs that bridges the police department with our youth out there directly with that athletic engagement, so I have to always support that program; and that's just one of --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. My goal is to continue to make Miramar a first class city in regards to whether it's policing, fire or just supporting our community. So thank you so much, Chief.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you, sir.

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

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, I'd just like to make the motion. At this time, I'd like to make a motion to fund body cameras for patrol officers, which was option three, as outlined by the Police Chief. In addition, to the hiring of the public safety project manager to help oversee the implementation of the cameras, to include public outreach, vendor opportunities, looking at further funding sources, and the structure of the technical unit to run the program.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve moving forward with partial body worn camera deployment for police personnel assigned to the Road Patrol Division, Community Resource Unit, Traffic Unit, and P.R.I.M.E. Unit, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	No
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Colbourne	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes

Mayor Messam

Yes

Resolution No. 19-95

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis, do you have any other items on your report?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No. I'm kind of new. Give me a chance. But thank you. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes. A few items I'd like to bring. We have a citizenship drive being staged on the 6th of April. At our meeting next week, I'll offer more details. It will, again, be at the Youth Enrichment Center. We are putting the program together, attorneys are falling in line, and we have a prerecorded promo that is going to be running on our cable channel. Before the end of the week, probably early next week I'll be doing a tie in with a radio station that has been very friendly with the City of Miramar in promoting that. What I'd like to bring to the attention of the Commission, though, is the apparent plans for the return of the Halloween party event at the River Run Park. We have expressed our consternation about this happening. Residents in the Miramar area were sent flyers over the last few days. The questions continue: why, at what is essentially a pocket park, a tiny park? Why not in our Regional Park -- was made for this kind of event? And, yes, I'm going to draw that card. Would we be imposing this on a community to the west of us? Yes, Commissioner Barnes actually went there. I don't think we would. Do not impose this on River Run, okay. It is my understanding that plans are underway for it to be placed at River Run again, and I'm already advising the residents that they are to make notes, take photographs. I'm calling on the homeowners association to file a formal request for this to be held elsewhere. If it is still held at River Run this year, I'm asking the homeowners association to file a report on the impact the event has on the normal day, minute-by-minute operations of that specific area, in addition to River Run in general. And, like I've said in the past under similar circumstances, if there is a need for the River Run community to get legal assistance in getting this dealt with, whether before or after the fact, I will assist the residents of River Run to find that attorney. In my 9:00 to 5:00 job, I encounter different attorneys with different -- different disciplines. If it becomes necessary, I'll ask an attorney to look at the situation. I think it's extremely unfair. It's not as if residents have said, "Hey, we are fine with it." The complaints keep coming at us. I live in walking distance from this park. I am urging, pleading, even begging the City to look at another venue for this Halloween event starting in 2019.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, that completes your report?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes, it does.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you have a report?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: You're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. Well, I would like to congratulate Commissioner Davis once again for her election win, and welcome to the dais once more. Thank you. And also welcome Mr. Mayor back to the dais again. I must say my previous event, which was March 15th, Family Game Night, was a huge success. We had a really wonderful time with the domino, the pool, and with the addition of the skating rink. It was a real, big hit. I mean the children really love it. The parents, they had a fantastic time out there with the skating rink, so really glad I thought about the skating rink, and I'm very pleased with that. Wish I could do it every month, as our resident calling for that, but the funding is not there. And I think our Vice Mayor stopped by. Thank you so much for stopping by and supporting. And I think we move on to the March 23rd event, which was the -- the Puppy Palooza. That's another great hit. Family love to come out and walk their dog and participate. I was shock as to the number of people that came out just for that. And I know some people don't want to get up early on a Saturday morning, but they did come out. They -- for the people who participate in the furry runway competition, they had -- win gifts, and for the children who came out with their pet that didn't win, I gave them a ice cream treat, so that -- they -- they like that. Move onto our Vice Mayor Women's Empowerment Luncheon, it was fantastic; we had a great time. Thank you so much, Vice Mayor, for that event. It was wonderful. And I must share with you my college workshop is coming up, April 6. It's a four-weeks course for children who need to prepare for colleges, to find free money, and to bring up their GPA. It will be held right here at the Miramar Town Center, and that's from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. It's a workshop, so for anyone out there who have a high schooler that needs -- needs hours, need -- for school, and also need to learn how to find free money, I want the parents and their children to come out and learn how to accomplish that. And they can call my office at 954-839 -- I'm sorry, 954-602-3154. I'm so used to giving out my cell phone; 954-602-3154. Once again, we have our Smart Money workshops coming up, and we want to encourage all resident to come out and learn -- to get them self financially empowered as to budgeting and increasing their cash flow, estate planning, invest -- investing; we have a 101 investing workshop. So we're going to start from the west, which is Sunset Lake, and we're going to work our way to the east. We have three workshop that we're going to present, and this going to be April 13th, we're going to be at the Sunset Lake Community Center, 2801 SW 186 Avenue. And we're going to teach you everything you need to know about budgeting and money. You do not want to miss this. On April 20th, we're going to be at the Youth Enrichment Center, 7000 Miramar Parkway, and also April 27th, we're going to have the 101 workshop, and that's at the -- right here in the Town Center, Miramar Community Police Center right here. So if you want to call us, 954-602-3157, and make sure you be a part of that event. And I just want to wish everyone very rest of the week, a happy week -- happy weekend coming up, and I look forward to see everyone back here next week. Thanks so much, and have a wonderful --

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks, Commissioner Chambers. Vice Mayor Colbourne, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you very much. I have a few things here. First off, I -- I wanted to say -- let's see. On March 15, at least 49 people were killed, and 20 seriously killed in a mass shooting at two mosques in New Zealand. We have many Muslims in this community, and I just wanted to express my deep sadness, and wish to extend condolences to the Muslim community, the families who were impacted by this atrocity in the City of Christ Church in New Zealand. This terrible act of violence has no place in any community, not here or anywhere else. I also want to go ahead and, one more time, welcome -- welcome back Commissioner Davis to the dais, and congratulate the Mayor on -- on his reelection. I do want to touch bases on the swearing in ceremony. Prior to the swearing in ceremony, I reached out to the City Attorney, and I sound an alarm, concern about an elected official who has lost an election coming back for a special Commission meeting with the only purpose of certifying the results. I was -- I was -- so, basically, that this is -- this is how it has been done. This is how it's been done. My concern is that -- I've seen this happen previously, and it -- with the prior mayor, and it was an uncomfortable situation for them. This situation, not only was it uncomfortable, it was very disrespectful to the City, to our city and, frankly, very offensive to me, what was done. Not only -- not only do we have a process where that person comes back to certify -- to approve certified -- to approve certified votes -- I'm sorry, the certified results of the Canvassing Board, but they were also allowed to do a speech. They were a part of an entire swearing in ceremony. In my opinion, when you invite the public to a swearing in ceremony, you're inviting them to see the new -- the newly elected person or the reelected person, and they're here for a happy occasion. They're here to see the swearing in, see who the new board will be, and -- and congratulate them. To me, it has -- it has no part having an elected official who has lost an election to come back and -- and have the type of -- of performance that we had here; simply has no place on this dais, it has no place in our city. After -- after that occurrence, I reached back out to the City Attorney, and he has indicated to me that there is no requirement in the Charter, in the City code, or in State law that requires a Commission to pass a resolution accepting the certified results of the Canvassing Board. After all, the Canvassing Board are the ones who make the decision. When we have such a meeting, there is -- we cannot not approve the results of the Canvassing Board. The only thing that is required is for the person who won the election to be sworn in. And if the City wants to do a ceremony for that occasion, which is a great occasion, then we can do that. But having a special meeting for this, it's -- it's not necessary, it's not required. And, as we see, it just breeds bad -- brings out maybe the worst in some. So I'm asking my colleagues -- I've asked the City Attorney to draft a resolution to bring to us that will change that process for us. So I'm asking if you all will - will agree to that, so that he can draft something, bringing it back to us. It will allow the City to do a ceremony, but it will -- it would -- it would not allow for the process that we have currently.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. Mayor, and for you, Vice Mayor, bringing up that incident that took place. In fact, if the roles were reversed -- and I've been at the losing end of several elections, and I would have hate to have been at a swearing in ceremony for my opponent who won that election. It's just very -- an uncomfortable situation to be in. It takes a lot of balls, if I may say so, to really get up and start, you know, talking about your campaign or yourself at somebody else's swearing in. It's just not necessary. And so, providing we have legal opinion that we don't need to do this, and don't need to put somebody in that situation, winner or loser, I think it would do well for future elections, that we don't have this embarrassing situation that took place here in the City of Miramar. So I am certainly willing to second -- if it's a motion that you do.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks, Commissioner -- Commissioner Davis. Are there any other comments regarding the item? Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I'm not opposed to making changes, but, man, if I lost an election, I want to come back and say something nice. I -- I want to -- I want to be able to -- you know, concede my loss, and, you know, at the last moment and say something nice. So I'm not sure that we should ban the thing completely, because I might be on that end. I want to come here -- after all, this is a public place, you know. And, I don't know. I mean we could put things in place to make sure that doesn't happen, but I sure would want to come and say something, and it's going to be something nice. We got to be careful how we do things here.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Chambers. I have mixed thoughts regarding it. I definitely understand and empathize with the -- I would say it was very uncomfortable experiencing the dynamics of sentiments that were expressed during the -- the swearing in. What I would offer, and just from my position, is that -- I see two issues. One was a technical issue in terms of the requirement of a special meeting to pass a resolution adopting the results of the election per certified -- by certification of the Canvassing Board. From that technicality, I have no opposition in terms of not requiring the special meeting to adopt the Canvassing Board certification of the elections, so I'll put that at rest. However, I do think we miss an opportunity to express and showcase one of the beauties and wonders of this nation of showing the peaceful transfer of authority at the municipal level by providing an opportunity for an outgoing public servant who either is stepping down voluntarily or stepping down by defeat in a election. To be able to express their gratitude for service, and to communicate to their supporters their gratitude for their effort in the defeat, as well as for the work they've done in the community during their term serving in office. I would agree with Commissioner Chambers, in terms of, perhaps, we can put some protocols in place, as guidance for those outgoing commissioners, in terms of their prepared remarks, and trust that they will govern themselves accordingly. But I do think the City is -- is best served when we can have an election, and that everyone that participated in the process gets an opportunity to exchange -- I -- I am definitely not a supporter of anyone taking negative positions towards the opponent, to the prevailing opponent, and I can definitely empathize with -- with --

with that thought. But if we could preserve the process of welcoming in the -- the community, celebrating those who have been victorious in their election, and allow an opportunity for the outgoing commissioner to bid farewell to the community, I think that's the ideal situation. I think it works best for the community. Now, in terms of -- in terms of providing guidance with every -- without the outgoing person understanding the decorum that should be displayed in their farewell address, I think should be, obviously, provided to that individual. And I think that we -- before just eliminating that process, that we give that a try or an option to -- to -- to explore. But I -- I would agree and -- and would support not having the special meeting portion of it, because if it's not legally required, then why would be -- why would we go through -- through that process? And that would be what I would offer to this discussion. Commissioner Davis, you're recognized. I see you on the -- okay, I'll uncheck you. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yeah. If I may, Mr. Mayor. I totally agree with you. I mean this country is one of the greatest country, and just the way we do transfer of power here, and it's -- it's priceless. But if we're going to look at this, it's not the only thing to look at, because when someone is disgruntled or they're supporter is disgruntled, one of the issue that could have happened here with this room was so full, is someone to come in and maybe hurt us. So we have to look at safety also when we look at the swearing in, because this room was jam pack. And I don't know. Someone could have brought in anything. And I hate the -- the -- where we're going in this country with safety, with metal detector, and all this stuff, you know, it's -- it's just roll with everything that we had. But - - and I'm not saying it's going to happen, but that's something that we have to take into consideration also, because if someone was -- had disagreed with the result and decide to do us harm, they could have walked in with a package, a bag, a whatever, and, you know, that's not a good thing. So that's something we have to take a look at in the future to make sure. In a setting like that, gifts doesn't come in, and to create a problem, because it could have been, you know, worse. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. I certainly agree --

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

MAYOR MESSAM: I certainly agree it could have been worse. It was said that there were Bibles in those -- in those bags. I didn't check it. The police department or the fire department did, and I assumed whatever it was in there, it can be returned to the individual. But, yes, it didn't have to be that, it could be something else. And it wouldn't be the first time that threats have been made. What I would like -- what I would like to do is to allow the City Attorney to put something together, considering all of the things that you've heard today. If -- if you can work with that and bring something back to us, and -- and we can -- we can, you know, maybe further discuss it from there.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: If I can just add -- it would be an ordinance that we would be doing, not a resolution. The code doesn't really -- it's not clear when terms begin and when terms end. Under the Charter, the term -- a commissioner's term ends when his success -- his or her successor takes office, but it doesn't say when the successor takes office. So what I would suggest is that we say once the Canvassing Board has certified the results, the winning candidate can go to the City Clerk and get sworn in whenever they want. That's the official swearing in, and then once they do, they can take office. Now if you want to have some unofficial swearing in ceremony, we can provide for that, and we can set up criteria and protocols for that. Now, you know, if you're going to let someone speak, then the First Amendment is out there, so you can't direct them that they're not allowed to say certain things, but you can certainly have recommendations, guidelines, etc. to make it a positive thing instead of a negative thing. That's what I was going to suggest. So if there's a consensus on the -- on the Commission, we can draft something and have that -- probably not for the April 3rd meeting. Obviously, there's not a huge rush, because you don't have any elections coming up, but we'll have it in probably the following meeting after that for first reading.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I think we have --

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Attorney. I think you have the appropriate support to -- to bring something back to the Commission. Okay.

- City Commission consensus directing the City Attorney to draft an ordinance establishing protocol for the swearing-in ceremony of elected officials.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. A couple more things. Riverdale community have been requested speed bumps for a number of years, and they're not the only one. I have received requests for speed bumps a number of times from different areas. I get the feeling that speed bumps maybe was something that was done a lot at some point, and maybe it's something that we've kind of pulled away from it. I don't know if it's just me or -- or if that's the case. But there is a issue with speeding, or at least perceived speeding in -- in a lot of different areas. And I would -- I am asking if the City Manager will please take a look at these areas; Riverdale community is one of them. The community adjacent to them, they have speed bumps. It is a -- it is -- it is wrapped around an elementary school, and, unfortunately, a lot of the speeding happens when parents are taking the kids to school and picking them up. So whether it's -- it's additional police officers out in the area checking for speeding during those times -- but the residents continue to ask for speed bumps. So they -- maybe that's the only relief that they can think of, but we need to be able to provide the residents some reliefs from speeding in a neighborhood. You have -- you have kids, they're playing in the neighborhood. My -- my ten-year-old grandson, he's -- he's about half the size of most ten years old, you know, you can't see him -- you won't be able to see him if he's out there playing, and somebody comes speeding. He won't have time to move out the way. And -- and that's the case for many kids, so I'm asking the City Manager if you will please take a look at that situation, and --

and the areas, and -- and see what can be done, what -- what is it that we can do, in terms of putting in speed bumps and -- and have, you know, officers in those areas, so that they can address the speeding issues.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. Well, on -- on the draft agenda for next week, we have a janitorial contract that's coming up, and the draft agenda was issued earlier -- earlier this week. I would like, City Manager, if you could provide me the impact on having a living wage attached to that particular contract. Is that doable? Thank you, Mr. Manager. Last -- last week we -- last week Friday, I had the honor and pleasure of hosting the Women's Empowerment Luncheon here in the City of Miramar, where we had CNN Analyst and Attorney Angela Rye. We had over 200 women attended, and I have to tell you that -- that event was one where I had so many wonderful feedback from the -- from those who attended the event. You know, the speakers, we had -- we had the entertainment as well, Maryel Epps and Butterfly, great poem. It was a -- it was a -- truly a beautiful event, and I certainly want to thank those that came out and -- and took part in it on a Friday afternoon. And compliment and thank staff for the wonderful job that they did. The individuals at the Cultural Arts Center, as well as marketing. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank my assistant, Lynn Nazario, who worked really diligent on it as well. So thank you all, I appreciate it. And that's it from me.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks, Vice Mayor Colbourne. Couple of announcements. As we are approaching tax season, would like to share with the community about a program I am sponsoring, in conjunction with Children Services Council, Hispanic Unity of Florida, United Way, and Citibank, it's the -- it's a valuable tax assistance resource. It's located in the City's newsletter. If you click on that link, it's free tax services for individuals that -- who require additional assistance in filing their taxes. It is -- your taxes are prepared by IRS-certified volunteers, so there's no cost to the service. And to get information, the web address is vitataxesfree.org, that's v-i-t-ataxesfree.org; that's v-i-t-ataxesfree.org, and that is in conjunction with Children Services Council, Hispanic Unity of Florida, United Way, and Citibank. So if you need those services and that resource, please contact or take a look at that information. In preparation for Earth Month, which is next month in April, I, again, will be promoting to the City the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Now the City of Miramar was one of the top cities in the nation yesterday in this competition in conserving water. It begins April 1st, so at our next Commission meeting next week, you'll get more information on how you can make your pledge. If you want to get a preview, you can go to mywaterpledge.com, mywaterpledge.com to get information, and let's put Miramar back at the top for this year, to show that we are excellent stewards of our most precious natural resource, which is water. In closing, I would like to just state that this week in the -- in the Sun Sentinel, I published an op-ed in opposition to Senate Bill 168, which is a bill that is targeted against immigrants, and it has an implication that may impact our City and our budgets and our operations. And, basically, the bill that is making its way through the Legislature would, basically, in so many words deputize our police agencies, so to speak, to -- to -- for

immigration enforcement. That's part of the inclusion. Obviously, there's some additional aspects to the bill. I encourage the public, as well as my colleagues on the dais to take a look at this bill, because if it should pass, it could have implications to us and our community. And we have definitely had our share of immigration issues in the City of Miramar, specifically with the ICE facility being here in our City. And I would encourage our Commission to continue to -- to be champions for home rule, in -- in terms of the City of Miramar determining its destination, as well as recognizing that the City of Miramar is made up of a community of immigrants, and that we continue to -- we've been the example of how we coexist as a community, and being one of the most, you know, diverse communities in this country. And showing and demonstrating to the world that diversity is a strength and not a weakness. And that we pay attention to these bills that divide us, not only as a state, and as a city and a nation, but we take opportunities to -- it was a personal position for me, not representing the City of Miramar. But we just say vigilant, not only personally, but as a dais, that we ensure that we are not only protecting our residents, but we also defend home rule, in terms of determining our destination and our resources, because there will be a fiscal impact. Because the federal government never completely covers their cost, and why should our police department should be subjected to do what Washington should be doing, so that we can continue our track record in keeping our own city safe, and dealing with the community policing, our police forces doing at the moment. So I just encourage my colleagues just to continue to watch and pay attention to that issue. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized -- I mean Vice Mayor Colbourne, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. There was just one other thing I wanted to mention concerning comments that were made about Halloween. I don't know who's spreading rumors, but I -- I -- I would say that this Commission -- you know, it was brought to this Commission -- the issue was brought to the Commission, and the Commission asked that I -- that work with the police department and City Manager, and come back -- bring something back to -- to the dais, and I -- I intend to do that. We're looking at doing a survey of the residents to see how -- how this event can either be -- can either be fixed or -- or -- or -- or moved. And I -- I don't know why rumors are being -- being spread. The only other thing I would like to say on that issue is that River Run Park is -- is a City of Miramar park. It -- it has the name of River Run, and -- and it's a beautiful park, and I love the ownership of the people who use the park, and the people who are around the park. It is -- it is a wonderful sense of community, and this is why I really want to reach out to the -- to the residents and see what is it that they want to do. So I will be bringing something back to the Commission, and, hopefully, that would -- that would stop the rumors. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

City Manager Reports:

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

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Nothing.

City Attorney Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Attorney? All right.

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NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR MESSAM: On that note, the meeting is adjourned. Good night, everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, CMC
City Clerk
DG/cp