



## **MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**APRIL 12, 2023**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening. The meeting of the Miramar City Commission is now called to order. An opportunity was given to the public to register to participate or email the City Clerk 24 hours prior to the Commission meeting with any questions, comments, concerns on items we will hear on this evening's agenda. Any person may be heard by the City Commission, through the chair, and upon registering, pursuant to the published notice for not more than three minutes on any proposition before the City Commission unless modified by the chair. This meeting is being streamed live at [miramarfl.gov/commissionmeeting](http://miramarfl.gov/commissionmeeting), and televised on Comcast channel 78, and AT&T U-verse channel 99 for City of Miramar subscribers. As of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:00 p.m., no members from the public have registered to participate virtually in this meeting. If someone has registered later than this time and would like to speak, they can raise their hand, and, at the appropriate time, our IT staff will unmute their mic to allow them to speak. Please be sure to mention your name and address for the record prior to addressing the Commission. All comments submitted will be included as part of the record for this meeting, and will be considered by the City Commission prior to any action taken.

### **ROLL CALL/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Manager Dr. Virgin.

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Powell.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Here.

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

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

The following members of staff were present:

City Manager Dr. Roy Virgin  
City Attorney Norman Powell  
City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we would like to acknowledge the commemoration list for bereaved City employees: Ingrid Velez, from the Engineering Department, lost her uncle; Jenny Mackie from the Marketing & Customer Service Department, mother-in-law; Leslie Ogilive, Parks & Recreation, mother-in-law; Dr. Angela Mumford, Police Department, grandmother. Let's keep our colleagues in our thoughts and prayers, and let's also keep in our thoughts and prayers any families, or any incidents of bereavement in the City of Miramar, our County, State, and the nation. Let's have a moment of silence. Thank you.

## **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to presentation. We have several proclamations, and a couple of presentations to present.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Our first proclamation is in observance of American Muslim Heritage Month, and, at this time, I invite Mrs. Naima Ghany, and the family of the late Qasim Baqai and all the members of the Muslim communities of South Florida to join me on the stage for recognition for this proclamation, if my colleagues would join me as well, as we acknowledge American Muslim Heritage Month in the City of Miramar with our Muslim community. Welcome. Or we can have anyone from the Muslim community to accept on her behalf, preferably the family can -- can accept. Proclamation: American Muslim Heritage Month, April 2023:

Whereas, Ramadan is the holiest month of the Islamic calendar, and marks the first revelation of the Quran to the Prophet Muhammad; and, Whereas, Ramadan lasts 29 to 30 days, based on the timing of the astronomical new moon; and, Whereas, Muslims around the world observe the month by fasting each day from dawn to sunset; and, Whereas, the daily breaking of fast, called Iftar, is often celebrated by family and community gatherings, and is followed by the Tarawih evening prayer; and, Whereas, Ramadan is regarded as a time for spiritual reflection, increased awareness, and giving to the global poor, sick, and hungry, and the bridging of differences between people over a shared commitment to faith; and, Whereas, Muslims across Broward County, and the City of Miramar, and around the world mark the beginning of Ramadan this year amidst the global pandemic, and were forced to find new ways to connect, and observe together over video calls, and virtual group gatherings; and, Whereas, it may have been challenging to experience Ramadan without all of the customary gatherings, the formalities the holy month was still full of reflection, compassion, and unity, nonetheless, and the acts of kindness, and selflessness shown by the Muslim community continue to bring hope to us all; and, Whereas, the end of Ramadan is traditionally commemorated by the Eid al-Fitr festival of

breaking the fast, a joyous occasion marked by sharing sweets, gifts, good tidings with family, friends, and neighbors; and, Whereas, despite a new normal, Broward County and Miramar joins with Muslims around the world, celebrating the close -- close -- the close of Ramadan, and a blessed Eid al-Fitr this year. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as American Muslim Heritage Month, and April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Muslim Day in the City of Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: And I call this observance to the attention to all of our citizens and residents. Thank you all so much for coming this evening, and may the Ramadan season be of blessings, and the strength, and unity for your community. Wait, before everyone - we have some -- before you leave.

MS. BAQAI: Good evening. On behalf of the Muslim community of South Florida, and the City of Miramar, I would like to accept this proclamation, and also on behalf of -- behalf of my late husband, who spearheaded the initiative to have the holy month of Ramadan be recognized by the City of Miramar with -- in coordination with our dear friend, Sister Naima. So I accept this proclamation on his behalf, and on behalf of our community. Thank you very much.

MALE SPEAKER: Kevin's brother couldn't make it today, so he asked me to say a few words about one of Kevin's greatest initiatives, which was the founding of the Sunshine 411 Foundation. Kevin was -- was a dreamer; always had big plans, in business, and in his personal life, and, at all times, everything he did was always for his family and the community. The Sunshine 411 Foundation, Kevin and his brother, Mike, found about ten years ago, and it was to create opportunities for children. And one dream that we are going to move forward on in -- in Kevin's name is to create a community center, which will be interfaith, and -- and multicultural, which will give children in the community the opportunity for athletics, arts, and education. And we're so thrilled and honored to be able to move forward in this initiative, and be able to work with municipalities, and have this dream of Kevin's completed in the next few years.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Thank you.

Proclamation: Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Our next proclamation, I invite HR analyst, and supermom, JoyAnn Reece to the dais. How are you? Good evening. And this proclamation is in observance of Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month, April 2023:

Whereas, Autis -- Autism Spectrum Disorder, also known as ASD, represents a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe, impacting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those touched by it; and, Whereas, in 2021, the CDC reported that approximately 1 in 44

children in the U.S. is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, according to 2018 data. Regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, or geography, each person is impacted differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges in families and communities; and, Whereas, while there is no cure for autism, it is well documented that if individuals with autism receive early, and intensive treatment, they lead significantly improved lives; and, Whereas, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized, and community support services to ensure their health and safety, and to support families' resilience, as they manage the psychological and financial burden autism can present; and, Whereas, the first National Autism Awareness Month was declared by the Autism Society in April 1970 to provide an opportunity to educate our communities about autism, and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention; and, Whereas, in March 2021, the Autism Society of America, along with leading disability organizations across the country shifted their language to match the growing need for acceptance within the community, to foster acceptance to ignite change to improve support and opportunities in education, employment, accessible housing, affordable healthcare, and comprehensive long-term services; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar seeks to help spread awareness and acceptance in our community, and encourage further education on this disorder. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar do hereby proclaim April 2023 in the City of Miramar to be Autism -- Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: I now call on the Utilities Department Director Francois Domond and staff to accept the proclamation in observance of Water Conservation Month. Water Conservation Month, April 2023:

Whereas, Florida's natural beauty, crystal blue waters, and white sandy beaches attract residents and visitors from around the world; and, Whereas, clean and sustain -- sustainable water resources are vital to Florida's environment, economy, quality of life, and is a basic, and essential need of every living creature. More than 90 percent of Florida's drinking water is supplied by underlying aquifers; and, Whereas, every business, industry, school, and citizen can help by saving water, and, thus, promote a healthy economy, and community; and, Whereas, the South Florida Water Management District is implementing a comprehensive water conservation program to instill a lasting culture of conservation in our communities; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar has partnered with Broward County's Water Conservation Incentive Program to encourage residents and businesses to

adopt an enduring water conservation ethic that supports long-term water resource sustainability; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar, with grant assistance from the State of Florida is investing millions of dollars to develop alternate water supplies, upgrading drinking water facilities, reclaimed water -- reclaimed wastewater for beneficial use, and reduce waste disposal; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar is the pioneer of the South Florida region on water conservation by reusing up to four million gallons per day of reclaimed water as an alternative water supply for our irrigation. The City of Miramar has also developed the brackish water from the Floridan Aquifer as an additional alternative water supply to meet future consumptive demands; and, Whereas, the South Florida Water Management District, and the State of Florida have designated April, typically a dry month -- you can't tell that today -- where water demands are most acute, Florida's Water Conservation Month to educate citizens about the importance of water conservation, and how they can help to save Florida's precious water resources. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as Water Conservation Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: And thanks to our Utilities Department for all that you do in our award-winning facility. Don't trust the flooded streets and water out there; April is a dry month.

A Proclamation: Earth Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Now invited Building, Planning, & Zoning Director, and Assistant Director Eric Silva and Nixon Lebrun, and staff to the dais to receive the proclamation in observance of Earth Month, April 2023. Good evening. Earth Month, April 2023:

Whereas, the year 2023 marks the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Earth Day; in 1970, 20 million people marched on the streets requesting for the protection of our earth, and our people's health. This event remains as the largest civic engagement in human history until now; and, Whereas, the world needs us, and our actions for Earth Day 2023; and, Whereas, the global community is facing extraordinary challenges, such as global health issues, food and water shortages, economic struggles, degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species, and global climate change; and, Whereas, all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth; and, Whereas, the youth of the world are our most valuable resource, and represent a source of endless creativity, and potential; and, Whereas, expanding environmental education, and climate literacy is vital to enhance awareness about the environment, informed decision making, and protect future generations; and, Whereas, taking a simple act of green, such as act -- such as planting a tree, choosing locally grown food, reducing plastic consumption, speaking up for the earth, educating yourself and others

about climate literacy is something everyone can do; and, Whereas, it is understood that resilience will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future generations, and, furthermore, it is more important than ever to act locally, and to cooperate internationally, and defend the environmental progress that has been, heretofore, gained. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Earth Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, gentlemen.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation is in observance of Financial Literacy Month, and I ask for CFO, Susan Gooding-Liburd, and Finance staff to join us on the dais. All 800 credit scores that just walked up on the dais, you all. Proclamation: Financial Literacy Month, April 2023:

Whereas, in March 2004, the Senate passed Resolution 316 that official recognize April as National Financial Literacy Month; and, Whereas, National Financial Literacy Month is dedicated to improving financial literacy in an effort to ensure that all Americans have access to trustworthy financial services and products; and, Whereas, financial literacy can help families establish, and maintain healthy financial habits to improve their quality of life; and, Whereas, 2023 is the City of Miramar's fifth year of participating in Financial Literacy Month, which creates public awareness designed to help residents, and other consumers better manage their personal finances through collaboration, and coordinated efforts across the City; and, whereas, the City of Miramar encourage estate agencies, public, private institutions, regional agencies, and community organizations to provide instruction, activities, and initiatives that contribute to developing and enhancing financial literacy, knowledge, and skills to ensure economic success; and, Whereas, when Miramar citizens increase their personal financial knowledge and skills, the financial wellbeing of the individual and the City will improve; and, Whereas, national research continues to highlight points of concern for how Americans handle personal debt, retirement savings, and daily budgeting challenges; and, Whereas, the designation of Financial Literacy Month helps raise public awareness about the importance of financial education right here in the City of Miramar; and, Whereas, for Financial Literacy Month, the City of Miramar will host financial seminars at various locations throughout the City, where Miramar employees and citizen will learn how to budget, increase their cashflow, investment strategies, and planning for their future. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Financial Literacy Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: And if you have not attended any of these workshops, I encourage you to do so; they are not only informational, but it would definitely improve the trajectory of your financial health. You want to announce it?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Yes. This weekend will be a Great Wealth Generation seminar put on by the City of Miramar, with some outside agencies, so please attend; it's for everyone.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all.

A Proclamation: National Donate Life Month (Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation was requested by Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne, and I invite Ms. Melva Sanchez from Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency, and guest to join us on the stage. Welcome. Good timing, right? Proclamation:

Whereas, National Don -- Donate Life Month was established by Donate Life America, and its partnering organizations in 2003. Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month helps raise awareness about donation, encourage Americans to register as an organ -- excuse me -- eye, and tissue donors, and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation; and, Whereas, the need for organ donation is great with more than 105,000 people waiting for lifesaving organ transplants; and, Whereas, more than 42,000 organ transplants were done in 2022 alone; and, Whereas, when you register to be a donor, you can be saving up to eight lives, restore sight to two people through cornea donation, and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of Vice Mayor Colbourne, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim April 2023 as National Donation Life Month in the City of Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you. I just wanted to say a little bit about the individuals that are here today. Melva Sanchez is the outreach community education specialist at Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency, which is a agency of the University of Miami. She works to raise awareness for organ, eye, and tissue donation, and how it can improve the quality of life for others, and can save life. She oversees 75 member-volunteer program, and this volunteer program is mainly made up of -- of either recipients, or family of recipients, and today we have some of them here with us, and they are individuals that are in the community, and part of our family here at the City of Miramar. So I will give her an opportunity to speak as well. But I want to say thank you so much for all that you do in the community, and God bless you all.



MS. SANCHEZ: Thank you so much, and thank you for the opportunity, and thank you for helping us raise awareness in the community. It is -- I am honored to receive, on behalf of Life Alliance at the University of Miami, and like she mentioned, we -- I do work with a whole group of amazing people who are transplant recipients, donor families, live donors, and volunteers who help us raise awareness in the community. And today I'm accompanied by some of our transplant recipients who have also served our country as well, so thank you.

MR. ELLIOTT: I would like to thank Yvette and Wayne, and the community for help. I really have nothing to say. I'm happy I'm blessed. I had a kidney and -- kidney and heart transplant. My friend, Crenshaw, had a liver transplant -- heart -- liver tran -- two liver transplants; and thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all for coming out, and sharing your experiences, and your stories, so they can encourage all of us to consider being donors, because you never know whose life it's going to impact and save. Thank you so much.

A Proclamation: National Volunteer Month (Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis)

MAYOR MESSAM: Is Vicky, Victoria Roman present? How are you? Good evening. If you can join us on the dais in the presentation, and her husband, I'm assuming Mr. Roman. Yes. And this proclamation requested by Commissioner Alexandra Davis in observance of Volunteer Month. Proclamation: Volunteer Month, April 2023:

Whereas, volunteers are so special that they ought to be honored throughout the year after every service that they volunteer to. National Volunteer Month is an extension to an already established holiday week, National Volunteer Week that has first -- that was first held in 1943 in Canada; and, Whereas, the week was dedicated to paying tribute to the unwavering contributions of women during World War II, who would collect supplies, and help the wounded soldiers. It was the early 20<sup>th</sup> century that organized volunteering reached its peak. Numerous groups opened up to escalate humanitarian services, many of which are still active today, such as the Red Cross; and, Whereas, once the war was over, the celebrations were damped down, but resurged in the early 1970s. National Volunteer Week debuted in 1974 in the United States, and was revered by the general public. Since then, National Volunteer Week, which later went on to become National Volunteer Month, has been celebrated with zeal and enthusiasm every April. It was made official worldwide in 1990; and, Whereas, an estimated 23.2 percent of Americans, or more than 60.7 million people formally volunteered with organizations between September 2020 and 2021. In total, these volunteers served an estimated 4.1 billion hours with an economic value of \$122.9 billion; and, whereas, the City of Miramar has an outstanding group of volunteers who give willingly for their time to meet the needs of our citizens, such as homeowners' groups, crime

watch groups, to include Turtle Bay Crime Watch founders -- founders, Victoria Roman, and her husband, Kerby Nord, and other organizations, large and small; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar desires to recognize volunteers that share their time, and talents to provide a great service to those in need; and, Whereas, volunteering, and civic engagement are the cornerstones of a strong city, and volunteering enables you to help others, while improving your overall wellbeing in the process. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of Commissioner Davis, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim April 2023 as National Volunteer Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: And thank you all so much for your service to our -- to our community.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Let's give it up for our volunteers. It is certainly not easy to give up of your own time to volunteer for an organization; those that volunteer even within our own city. But I'd like to highlight the work that Vicky and her husband do. Despite challenges, she's always been able to have that crime watch meeting, and really engage her community; she doesn't have to do this, but she chooses to do that on her own time, and we certainly appreciate you. The amount of information that you give your neighbors and friends in the community from our police department, our code, and even other departments who come to let you know what's going on in your community. We truly, truly thank you, and I know your community certainly appreciates you. Give it up for Vicky and her husband. Vicky, did you want to say a few words?

MS. ROMAN: First, I would like to thank God, because if it wasn't for him, I would not be here today. Second, I would like to acknowledge Officer Kerby Nord; I'm very grateful for him, because despite the many obstacles and challenges I've had in my life, he pushes me to become a better person every day, and to have a purpose, and not give up. And I would like to thank everyone in the City of Miramar, because here I feel at home. You have a bunch of awesome events, and I'm very, very blessed to be around positive people that keep pushing me to become better. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Awesome. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all again. All right. We're almost there. Almost there.

A Proclamation: National Community Development Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next department, Economic & Business Development Director Anita Fain-Taylor and staff, if you would come forward to receive the proclamation in observance of National Community Development Week. Brought the entire staff. Proclamation: National Community Development Week, April 11 through 15, 2023:

Whereas, the weekend of April 11 through 15<sup>th</sup> has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant Program; and, Whereas, the Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low, and moderate-income persons throughout the State of Florida; and, Whereas, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided Miramar with essential and flexible assistance to meet the needs of low and moderate-income residents by funding housing rehabilitation, homebuying assistance, economic development, residential utility connections, and public improvement projects; and, Whereas, over the past five years, Miramar has received a total of \$5,884,383.06 in CDBG funds. And now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission to hereby proclaim the week of April 11-15 as National Community Development Week in support of this valuable program that has made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of our community.

MAYOR MESSAM: And I would like to thank our amazing staff for what you do to not only educate our community by pushing them to make sure all of their applications are in, as well as ensuring that these projects get completed. So thank you all for your efforts in this work, and getting CDBG dollars out to our residents.

MS. TAYLOR: Can we stay, because we are --

MAYOR MESSAM: One more?

MS. TAYLOR: Yeah, we have one more. Thank you.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah, we have a lot of visitors here today. And our next proclamation, in conjunction with our Economic & Business Development Department, we invite the members of NAREB Realtist Week. Na -- NAREB -- I'm saying that correct, right? NAREB, all of our -- yeah. The National Association of Real Estate Brokers. They move all of our products, all of our homes in the City of Miramar. Welcome, Welcome, Welcome. Well, some can come on this side to balance off -- to balance off the -- yeah. Yeah. Some can come on this side, yes. Okay. One big family. Proclamation: NAREB Realtist Week, April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

Whereas, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, also known as NAREB, was founded in Tampa, Florida, in 1947 as an equal opportunity, and civil rights advocacy organization for African American real estate professionals, consumers, and communities in America; and, Whereas,

NAREB, the oldest minority real estate trade association in America was the key advocate in the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, and in creation of the U.S. Department in Housing and Urban Development; and, Whereas, the five strategic priorities of the NAREB are faith based and civic engagement, women initiatives, Women Investing in Real Estate, known as WIRE, diversity and inclusion small business, multigenerational wealth building, government relations and advocacy; and, Whereas, the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> is recognized as NAREB Realtist Week, where - where over 100 chapters across the country will celebrate a day of worship and prayer, political advocacy, and Fair Housing Act Day, community day of service, membership recruitment, and appreciation day, and community wealth building day; and, Whereas, in partnership with the Miramar Economic Development & Housing Department, NAREB will host a Building Generational Wealth Summit in Miramar on this Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> as NAREB Realtist Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: Let's give them a big Miramar round of applause. Would the representative like to say a word?

MS. HICKMAN: Sure. My name is Sonia Hickman; I am the current local board president for the 2023 year, and we would like to thank you, Mayor Messam. I would like to introduce several members that are here with me. First of all, our President Elect Tamika Moses. We have our second national vice president, who will one day represent all 100 plus chapters, Danny Felton. We have our president for Women's Council, Angelique Hibbert. We have president elect for Women's Council, Ms. Sharon McLennon. We have Alicia Hayes, who is a past president for NAREB, in addition, a past president for Women's Council, and now Board of Governors for Women Council. We have a few of our board members; we have right in front of me Dr. Karen Lewis; I have my treasurer, Carlos Brown. I saw Mike Molina, who is our social media person. Andrea Forde, who is very instrumental on membership, our membership chair. And I think that's all I see. Did I hit everyone? And I would like to turn the mic over to our second vice.

MR. FELTON: Thank you, Madam President. Well, I'll be very brief. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for this opportunity, and we look forward to working further with the City, as we expand our relationship with the African American Mayors Association through a MOU, and we look forward to working with you, and continuing to increase homeownership in communities of color. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: So as you saw in this proclamation, there's a little history lesson, in terms of the impact that NAREB has not only done in the struggle for rights back in the 1940s and '50s. Back in those days, that's where redlining was taking place rap -- I mean rampantly across the country, you know. Until today, the legacy of that effort is, you know, many national programs that still exist to this day. So for the founders of NAREB, and for

the contemporaries that continue to take the torch, continue your great work, and if you need to sell your house, or buy a house, check out NAREB. Thank you all so much, and see you next week in Washington. I told you all -- gave you a chance to sit.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Before we go onto our next items on the agenda, this is public participation meeting, and we do have one registered speaker. Give me one second. At this time I call Hugo Salguerro. As you come forward, you -- if you would just state your name and address for the record, and you have three -- three minutes for your comment, question, or whatever you want to say to the Commission. Good evening, sir, welcome. Yes. Speak into the mic. Do you see the green light on in the front? There's a button at the base of the mic. There it is.

MR. SALGUERRO: There you go.

MAYOR MESSAM: There you go.

MR. SALGUERRO: Okay. Good evening everyone. My name is Hugo Salguerro, 2000 SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue of the City of Miramar. I'm here tonight because I have a simple questions for you guys. I would like to know if the City of Miramar has a safe plan, or a safety plan to prevent all these massive shootings that are being going in the school right now. You know this is a major problem that we have in the entire country, and as a resident of the City of Miramar, I would like to know if you guys have a plan to -- to have our kids safe in the school. And if you guys do have a plan, I would like to know who's the person in charge to -- that can provide me a copy of the plan, or -- or show me what's the plan that you guys have to -- to have our children safe when they are in the school.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks so much for your question, which is a very important question, especially in light of all -- what we've been seeing across the country. I think it would be good just -- just a high level, if -- if we can have our police department just to talk about our resource officers, and just in general, how we would respond to a -- I guess, a mass -- a mass shooting event, just generally; not just in schools, but just anywhere in the City of Miramar, just for the edification of our public.

DEPUTY CHIEF DUNKELBERGER: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commission, City Manager, City Attorney, residents. Deputy Chief Jim Dunkelberger of the Police Department. So, as you know, our police department works with the Broward County Schools; we have SROs assigned to every public school, as well as our three charter schools, and part of our police department training is to train all of our staff, all of our first responders, all of our SROs of active killer training. We just did a joint exercise without the fire department just last year during the summer break, and we will continue those efforts with that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. And if you would go with Mr. Salguero just to address any other inquiries he may have, in terms of the plan.

DEPUTY CHIEF DUNKELBERGER: Sure.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much. Thank you so much for participating in our public participation, sir.

A Presentation: Sister Cities International Africa Summit (Assistant City Manager Shaun Gayle)

MAYOR MESSAM: And we have two presentations. Our first presentation is Sister Cities International Africa Summit by Assistant City Manager Shaun Gayle. Good evening.

MS. GAYLE: Good evening. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners. My name is Shaun Gayle, Assistant City Manager with the City of Miramar. This afternoon, I would like to begin by saying to you, molweni, which, in Cape Town, South Africa, is a word that means welcome; it means I see you. So molweni. This is a brief presentation of the Sister Cities International Conference, and the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality Trade Mission. I'd like to recognize this afternoon members who did make the trip with us, Mr. Paul Njoroge, and Clint Conliffe, who, I might say, are great resources for the City of Miramar, both locally, and internationally. We were also accompanied by Vice Mayor Colbourne, who you will hear from later. Sister Cities International was created at President Eisenhower's 1956 White House Summit on Citizen Diplomacy, where he envisioned a network that would be a champion for peace and prosperity by fostering bonds between people in different communities around the world. Over time, this vision has enabled an exchange of resources, and expertise between different regions of the world. This evening, we'd like to briefly explain to you the Sister Cities International trip overview, the Miramar resources that were packaged for the trip, the Cape Town experience for the Sister Cities Summit, the trade mission to Nelson Mandela Bay, after which we'll summarize. Now when we decided to go to South Africa, we had several meetings to determine the purpose of the trip, what would we take with us on the trip, how were we marketing the City of Miramar, and what we expect the City of - how we expect the City of Miramar to benefit. In other words, the return on investment for this trip. In front of you this afternoon, and for the members of the audience, and those who are viewing online, you'll see a folder that is on your left-hand side of the screen. Inside of this folder we had Sister Cities information, we had procurement information. First of all, doing business with Florida, seeing that someone may not readily know where Miramar is, and then doing business with Miramar. We had economic development facts, our Chamber of Com -- Commerce facts, City facts, a letter from our City Manager, and a letter welcoming anyone to do business here in the City of Miramar. There are two important things I would like to point out with this folder. On the cover of the folder, it explains that Miramar is strategically centered in USA's largest -- eight largest municipal area between the cities of Miami and Fort Lauderdale. This is important, because someone in that region who does not know Miramar, will identify with

Miami and Fort Lauderdale, who -- where we have two of the major ports in this county, who are undoubtedly maybe two of the major ports in the world to do business. So if we say that Miramar is strategically located, equidistant between the two ports, it helps someone to position themselves as to why would it make sense for them to do business in the City of Miramar. We also talk about the foreign trade zones we have here in the City of Miramar, where they can take advantage of duty-free shipments stored here in the City of Miramar, being equidistant, with access to the Turnpike, I-75, and I-95, to access any of these two ports. So they will always remember why it's good to do business in the City of Miramar. We also brought with us "It's right here in Miramar" professional portfolio, and hologram of -- of City Hall, and a video book. You'll see on the lower right-hand corner Vice Mayor is presenting the portfolio and hologram to the City Manager of Cape Town after one of our summits. So some of the goals and objectives of the trip was connection with other municipalities, an international training exchanges. While we were there navigating the conference, and explaining to folks, making sure everybody has a folder from the City of Miramar in their hands with our facts and information, we were approached by an individual from Ghana, asking us to -- to develop a training program that will assist them with expertise in Management and administration, in planning and development, and in engineering, to include water and wastewater activities. And so that speaks to the impact that the information, and the interaction with the folks from the City of Miramar had on the conference. At this conference, there were 22 countries represented, 30 states from the United States were represented, and over 400 participants were in attendance. In all of this, the City of Miramar was highlighted as a best practice, local government entity for our economic development activities, and our business interaction, and collaboration. We also went on to Nelson Mandela Bay municipality for meetings that were set before we made the trip. This is an aerial view of Cape Town; this is where the Sister Cities International Summit took place. We attended several sessions here, which I will give you the highlights of at this time. So, as we said, this was inaugural summit; this is the first time the summit was being held in South Africa. One of the overarching initiatives of this summit is the 500 in 5 initiative. This initiative is aimed at having 500 sister cities relationships in the next five years. One of the sessions that we visited was the Mayor's Roundtable, and you can see here some interaction at that roundtable. Some of the challenges that were discussed at this roundtable in that region is loadshedding. They have a huge energy crisis, and a couple times per day, for about two hours, they lose power, no matter who you are, where you are, what you're doing, and so generators are used in like hospitals and so on, but you -- they have to do this to preserve energy. There is a drought, a situation that's happening there. At some points, they have to have central water distributions, because they can't leave the discretion of water conservation up to the citizens. We asked about affordable housing activities: how they fund them, how they administer them, how they're developed. They're developed and funded similar to what we do here in the United States, and particularly in the City of Miramar, with one caveat that they also administer their programs to address injustices of the past, where the black population was disproportionately disenfranchised in the administration of housing programs. We also talked about partnerships with local universities and citizen engagement, and for local universities, the importance of this is the use of a third party to develop data that is used for forecasting and projections. And

one of the hallmarks of the Sister Cities is cities encouraging and supporting partnerships with citizens from different countries engaging and facilitating trade, and cultural exchanges, so that's our citizen engagement. At the conference, they embrace the elderly with even sashes that say elders, and the -- the -- the highlight of this was that the elders were recognized for their contributions, the cultural legacy. When you talk about succession planning, they consider the wealth of knowledge for elders as important for our future. The development of micro hubs was also a discussion. The micro hubs function like incubators, where they provide significant opportunities for a small, medium, and microenterprises, and entrepreneurs to do business in Cape Town. They can rent office space, have conference rooms for a day, and this enhances business engagement, and collaboration. Other opportunities for the conference was a strengthening and advancement of stakeholder engagement. And I'd like to point -- when we talk about stakeholder engagement, on the lower right-hand corner, you'll see Vice Mayor Colbourne presenting one of her video books to the Consul General of the United States in Cape Town; there was a reception at his home for the delegates that were in attendance. So this video book, when the festivities are over, and he opens it up, boom, there's the City of Miramar, and that's a lasting impression of who we are, what we are, and why it's important for us to do business. The -- the stakeholder engagement was further enhanced by the Sister Cities Academy, where we were taught how to establish a sister city, how to revamp inactive sister cities, and, basically, the ABCs of sister cities. The U.S./Africa relations, we also talked about the significance of African cities where -- where we can do business. The caveat on that, though, is the importance they expressed of American cities coming to Africa to talk about trade, because of the difficulty of some African areas getting visas to come to the United States. We also talked with a -- a credit union who was interested in opening a location here. Paul, of course, convinced them that Miramar is the place to have this, and so they were in conversation, and immediately reached out to staff to start these activities. We also spoke with Dance for All, which is a performing arts group, and they use performances to fund programs, which take youth off the streets, and engage them through dance to reduce the propensity of them getting into trouble. And, of course, we -- they do -- they do tours, and, of course, we explained to them how important it is for them to come and do a tour here in the City of Miramar to have some their activities and performances here in our city. These are some of the pictures of conference activities from Cape Town, the Dance for All pictures you can see in the lower left and right corners, and at the top right-hand corner, the Vice Mayor is being interviewed on sister city, and economic development activities here in the City of Miramar. Now to our trip for Nelson Mandela Bay; this is an aerial view of Nelson Mandela Bay. You'll see this opening up with the beach, because the nexus of their economy is tourism, and they ask that everybody who talks about them market that -- that destination as a tourist destination. Some of the meetings that we had with them, we met with their economic development team to talk about economic development, tourism, and agriculture. We were able to visit two ports. In the Xhosa language, they have Port Ngqura, and Port Elizabeth. We were able to visit Port Ngqura; what we wanted to do there was to understand the percentage of their exports that come here to the United States, namely, Port Miami, and Port Everglades, and see how we can partner through our foreign trades zones here in the City of Miramar. We also had a welcome reception



that we participated in. We toured the Volkswagen factory, again, talking about foreign trade zones, and we also did a tour of the Mendi Arts Centre, again, with the conversations of having activities here in partnership with the City of Miramar. For arts and exhibition, the Nelson Mandela Bay municipality choir, which is -- which is probably the -- the most perfect ensemble of harmony that we've ever heard, we also had the discussion with them of opportunities here in the City of Miramar, as they do tours and performances. So for trade exhibitions, we were asked, after we left the conference, to convene a -- to convene a meeting of policy makers internationally here in the City of Miramar for the trading of best practices, and to stimulate investment, so we will be looking forward to doing that right here in the City of Miramar. We talked about trade facilitation, and market access, and we -- we actually -- the reason why we have this as an opportunity is looking at what they do when we do conferences; we can highlight businesses who cannot make it to the conference through the -- the market access catalog to do a business profile, and take their information to conferences. And, again, they asked us that we market them as a tourist destination, we ask that they market the City of Miramar as a dry port through our foreign trade zones. And, again, these are pictures of activities in Nelson Mandela Bay, the tour of the factory, our meeting with their economic development team, and our participation in some of the events that they had, meeting with their chambers of commerce, and talking about our activities here in the City of Miramar. So the key takeaways from this conference were the information and resources that we received on how to develop and revamp sister -- and to maintain sister city relationships; the partnership to open another credit union here in the City of Miramar; Miramar being highlighted as a best practice for economic development activities, and business collaboration; the cultural exchange with Dance for All, and the Nelson Mandela Bay municipality area; and the training program that is being requested, which we are in communication with our Miramar university, and they will further talk to our local universities about developing this program. We would like to thank the Vice Mayor for making this trip with us, and you will see here some of the highlights of the participation during the conference in her lovely African outfit there too. But, most importantly, we'd like to thank her for capturing -- and if you see the picture in the top, right-hand corner where she's making her photography debut, really helping us to capture the essence of our position, and significance of the City of Miramar as a trade destination. And, as they say in that region for thank you, dankie or enkosi. At this time, I'd like to turn it over to Vice Mayor for some remarks.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you so much. That was -- that was an awesome presentation. You did a really, really good job of capturing all that we did. I would say that it was truly an amazing conference, where we were able to build -- build relationships. You know, we meet so many people, learned so much more about sister cities, especially as we are venturing, and getting ready to -- to have our first sister city, so be able to meet individuals who have been doing this for a while, and have other sister cities already; it was truly a great opportunity. Not to mention showcasing the City of Miramar. And I want to say that our staff, Clint, Paul, and Shaun Gayle did an awesome job organizing -- you know, getting us there, and just, you know, engaging with everyone there, and still working on it. So, for me, it was truly a -- a -- an experience to be able to meet individuals from

other cities here in the U.S., you know, who have been part of Sister Cities, and -- and traveled like this previously. But other individuals from other country, elected officials throughout, and be able to sit with them, and have discussions, and -- and realize that although we're miles away, you know, that our challenges are not so different, and that we certainly can work together to address some of the issues that we have. We can learn from each other as well. So, all in all, I just want to say thank you to all of you, thank you, Shaun, you were awesome, you and your team, and it was truly a great opportunity for the City to be able to showcase itself, and attract other businesses here in the City of Miramar. So thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all for a great presentation, and kudos, again, to our City staff for coordinating these trade missions; they all are spectacular, dating back to the trip to Dubai, and South Africa seem to be very amazing, so thanks for representing the -- the City, what we have to offer in trade, as well as what we can learn from our brothers and sisters from across the globe. So continue to push forward in marketing our city.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mayor, if I may, real quick. I also want to thank --

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I also want to thank the staff. I want to thank ACM Gayle for that fantastic job, and I also want to say thanks to my fellow -- Vice Mayor Commissioner Colbourne. She made us proud, and I could see why we select you to be vice mayor second year in a row, so. I feel vindicated. Thank you so much.

A Presentation: COVID-19 and Emergency Management Update. (Fire-Rescue Division Chief Tim Roche)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next presentation, COVID-19 and Emergency Management update, Fire Rescue Division Chief Tim Roche.

DIVISION CHIEF ROCHE: Good evening. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, staff. My name is Division Chief Tim Roche, and I'll be presenting the COVID-19 report. The Florida and Broward County statistics, this is the comparison since the last Commission meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The last Florida data report was released on March 31<sup>st</sup>, and we continue to see a downward trend in the statistics. For the State of Florida, the new case positivity had a zero percent decrease compared to the previous meeting; in Broward County, the new case positivity decreased by .8 percent. The CDC COVID-19 community level; images on the screen, the COVID community levels throughout the United States, and zoomed into Florida, you can see that Florida and Broward County are both at the green level. For the COVID-19 policies, both Broward County and the City of Miramar, there's been no update since the last meeting. However, at the national level, President Biden signed on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> the Congressional Resolution to end the national emergency to the COVID-19 pandemic. Testing; Broward County Health Department free testing site is still available at Broward

Library branch in Davie; appointments are not required. There are several retail pharmacies that offer COVID testing. The CDC still has the free at-home test kits that are available, as well as they extended on their website certain COVID-19 tests. If you go to [covid.gov/test](https://www.covid.gov/test), you can order test kits, and you can see if any of the ones that you have that are expired can be still utilized. Vaccine statistics; the State of Florida sits at 8.2 percent, and Broward County at 88.3 percent of its population over six months of age vaccinated. Travel updates; there's no new international travel updates at this time. And the additional steps that we're looking -- Omicron subvariant is still the dominant variant in the United States as of April 8, 2023, variant XBB.1.5 88.3 percent of the cases. Any questions or comments?

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any questions or comments on the report? Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you. Appreciate the report. Thank you very much. I think -- is it - are we like at the end of COVID now? I -- I thought I saw something that the President gave an official date. What -- when is that? Is that April?

DIVISION CHIEF ROCHE: On Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, he signed in from the Congress, a declaration to end the --

MAYOR MESSAM: May.

DIVISION CHIEF ROCHE: -- national emergency. It was supposed to be in effect on May 11<sup>th</sup>, and they made it earlier.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. Instead of May 11, they made it April.

DIVISION CHIEF ROCHE: April 10<sup>th</sup>.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: April 10<sup>th</sup>. Okay. Wonderful. Are we going to continue to receive these -- these -- these updates, or are we -- are we good now?

DIVISION CHIEF ROCHE: I think you're good now, but if you'd still like me to present them, I'd be happy to present them still.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. Appreciate it. I think we're good. Thank you.

DIVISION CHIEF ROCHE: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Perhaps a email report.

DIVISION CHIEF ROCHE: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: A email of this to us; it doesn't appear to be a national, I guess, concern or stress on the healthcare system, at least at this point. So --

DIVISION CHIEF ROCHE: No problem.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks so much.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay, Onto 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. The Clerk received no requests to speak from the public on the Consent Agenda. Does any member of the public present in the Chambers wish to speak on any item on the Consent Agenda? Any members from the public wish to speak on any items on the Consent Agenda? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any items that wish to be pulled? If none, may I have a motion on the Consent Agenda.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, 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 Davis, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, the Commission voted:

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of March 15, 2023.

**Approved**

2. Temp. Reso. #R7827 approving the second two-year renewal of the **Municipal Advisory Services Agreement** between the City of Miramar and PFM Advisors, L.L.C. in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00. *(Treasurer Ian Evans-Smith)*

**Resolution No. 23-77**

3. Temp. Reso. #R7841 approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 23-008, entitled **“Sodium Hypochlorite Tanks Removal and Installation,”** to Cacique Utilities L.L.C., in a not-to-exceed amount of \$420,000.00, to replace the three aging sodium hypochlorite tanks at the **Wastewater Reclamation Facility**. *(Utilities Director Francois Domond and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 23-78**

4. Temp. Reso. #R7842 approving the final ranking and award of Request for Qualification, No. 22-10-46, entitled **“Water Pipeline Condition Assessment and Non-Revenue Water Management Program,”** to the highest evaluation scoring, most qualified, responsive and responsible proposer, McKim & Creed, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed service agreement with McKim & Creed, Inc. for the design services in an amount not-to-exceed \$249,958.48 and allocating a contingency allowance of \$25,000.00, for a total project cost of \$274,958.48. *(Utilities Director Francois A. Domond and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 23-79**

5. Temp. Reso. #R7843 approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 22-017, entitled **“Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer for West Water Plant Laboratory,”** to Agilent Technologies, Inc., in a not-to-exceed amount of \$134,210.00, for purchasing the inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer instrumentation at the **West Plant Laboratory**. *(Utilities Director Francois Domond and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 23-80**

6. Temp. Reso. #R7847 approving the award of Request for Quotations No. 23-UT031, entitled “**WWTP Triology Wells 1, 2, & 3 Pressure Relief Valve Replacement,**” to PSI Technologies, Inc., in an amount of \$22,697.00, for a total expenditure of \$96,455.00 with PSI Technologies, Inc. for **Fiscal Year 2023**. *(Utilities Director Francois Domond and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 23-81**

7. Temp. Reso. #R7846 approving the purchase of **Phase 3 Playground Equipment and Services** for **Silver Shores Early Childcare Center** from Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a GAMETIME, through the utilization of Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract #2017001134 in an amount of \$66,128.00, and allocating a contingency allowance of \$4,000.00, for a subtotal of \$70,128.00; bringing the total project cost for Phase 3 in Fiscal Year 2023 to \$142,473.00. *(Construction and Facilities Management Project Management Administrator Daryll Johnson and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 23-82**

8. Temp. Reso. #R7850 approving the purchase of a Rubrik Centralized Data Storage Device, VMWARE Site Recovery Manager Software Licenses, Azure Cloud VMWARE Services, and implementation services for a **cloud-based disaster recovery solution** from R2 Unified Technologies, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$518,738, over a three-year period, with an amount not-to-exceed \$401,974 for Fiscal Year 2023, utilizing the NCPA Contract #01-96, and OMNIA Contract #R220802. *(Information Technology Director Clayton D. Jenkins)*

**Resolution No. 23-83**

9. Temp. Reso. #R7852 approving the **Citywide wireless communication services agreement** with Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile in an amount not-to-exceed \$246,000.00 for **Fiscal Year 2023**, utilizing the State of Florida Department of Management Services Agreement No. DMS 19/20-006C. *(Information Technology Director Clayton D. Jenkins)*

**Resolution No. 23-84**

10. Temp. Reso. #R7853 approving the purchase of **firefighting protective ensembles and ensemble elements** from Bennett Fire Products Company, Inc. through the utilization of the Lake County Contract No. 22-730B in the amount of \$80,480.00 in Fiscal Year 2023. *(Fire-Rescue Division Chief Cliff Ricketts)*

**Resolution No. 23-86**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to resolutions. Item number 11, please.

**11.** Temp. Reso. #R7855 **selecting a Vice Mayor** for a one-year term. (*City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs*)

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

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. So it's the time of the, April, for the appointment of the vice mayor. Are there any nominations?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Nominate Alexandra Davis.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Are we going to take a motion?

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, there was a motion. Well, I guess we can formally do it. There was a nomination, so I guess we'll take -- we'll -- we'll close -- hearing no other nominations, nominations are closed. And we have a formal motion to appoint Commissioner Davis as vice mayor.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: No.

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 Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R7855, as presented; the Commission voted:

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

### **Resolution No. 23-86**

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, congratulations, Vice Mayor Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. I certainly appreciate the trust my colleagues have placed in me; that's the first time I've got a unanimous in a while. It feels good. I do plan to uphold my duty as -- as vice mayor, and look forward to working with you all, regardless of title. I continue to do the work that the voters elected me to do. So I appreciate you all. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: May I?

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. Well, it's been a honor and a pleasure to serve as vice mayor for two years in a row, and I do want to -- I laugh, but I say very sincerely I want to thank you all for that opportunity, and Commissioner -- I'm sorry, Vice Mayor Davis, congratulations to you.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, Commissioner Colbourne.

## **ORDINANCES**

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Moving on to ordinances. Item number 12, please.

- 12. FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1808 relating to Comprehensive Planning; considering the **annual review** of the **Capital Improvements Element** of the



adopted **Comprehensive Plan** of the City of Miramar in accordance with Section 163.3177(3)(b), Florida Statutes, and the related goals, objectives and policies of the City Comprehensive Plan; more specifically by updating the five-year schedule of Capital Improvements found in Table 6.1 to reflect the five-year plan expenditure projection of the newly adopted Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023 to 2027; making findings; providing for adoption; providing for the deletion of the Capital Improvements Schedule for Fiscal Years 2022 to 2026; providing for the insertion of the Capital Improvements Schedule for Fiscal Years 2023 to 2027; providing for severability; providing for administrative correction of scrivener's errors; and providing for an effective date. (*Building, Planning & Zoning Assistant Director Nixon Lebrun*)

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, relating to Comprehensive Planning; considering the annual review of the Capital Improvements Element of the adopted Comprehensive Plan of the City of Miramar in accordance with Section 163.3177(3)(b), Florida Statutes, and the related goals, objectives and policies of the -- of the City Comprehensive Plan; more specifically by updating the five-year schedule of Capital Improvements found in Table 6.1 to reflect the five-year plan expenditure projection of the newly adopted Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023 to 2027; making findings; providing for adoption; providing for the deletion of the Capital Improvements Schedule for Fiscal Years 2022 to 2026; providing for the insertion of the Capital Improvements Schedule for Fiscal Years 2023 to 2027; providing for severability; providing for administrative correction of scrivener's errors; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. LEBRUN: Good evening, Mayor. Good evening, Madam Vice Mayor. Good evening, members of the City Commission, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, members of staff, and members of the public. My name is Nixon Lebrun; I'm the Assistant Director for Building, Planning & Zoning, and tonight I'll be presenting the annual review of the capital improvement elements of the Comprehensive Plan. A little background. State law requires that the City provides for existing -- the preservation of existing infrastructures, as well as providing new infrastructure, as development occurs throughout the City. So those facilities, you know, are concurrency related, and they are necessary to implement the City Comprehensive Plans. One of the way the City achieve this mandate is through the capital improvement of the comprehensive element -- the capital improvement element of the Comprehensive Plan, which, consider the -- a need for timing, location, and long-term funding of those facilities. The capital improvement element also includes a five-year schedule of capital improvement schedule; this is the same schedule of the -- that been adopted by the City Commission through the budget process, which -- as part of the five-year capital improvement document program. This list include all public funded facilities -- publicly funded facilities necessary to ensure the availability of public facilities. The adequacy to meet established level of service for the five-year period, as well as a commitment to annual appropriations for these projects. On

September 29 last year, the City Commission adopted Resolution 20 -- 22-188, which approved the Capital Improvement Program document for fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2027. As a result, the existing schedule of capital improvement -- capital improvement elements of the Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated to reflect the new list of concurrency-related projects in the CIP for fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2027. The reason why this item is before you tonight is because State Law, through section 163.3177 specifically requires that modification to update that schedule in the capital improvement element be accomplished by ordinance, and by City Code, City Commission approval is required to approve said ordinance. And please do keep in mind that tonight's action to update that schedule is not an amendment to the City Comprehensive Plan, therefore, no state or county review would be required. This shows some example of the capital projects that have been approved as part of the fiscal year 2023 budget, and that shows for parks, you know, Vizcaya Park improvements, etc. And this is just another slide that shows, you know, some of those other projects that were approve. Again, this item is literally a housekeeping item, just to swap, you know, the existing schedule that is in the Comprehen -- Comprehensive Plan for fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2026, and replace that with what the City Commission just approved as part of the Capital Improvement Program document for fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2027. And, as required by State law, City Manager recommend that the City Commission finds the proposed annual review of the comprehensive capital improvement elements to maintain the internal consistency of the Comprehensive Plan, and authorize staff to update the related table in the City Comprehensive Plan. Thank you. Any questions?

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. The Clerk received no request to speak on this item from any members from the public. Are there any members present in the Chambers wish to speak on this item? Any members in the Chambers wish to speak on this -- of the public would like to speak on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any questions for staff on this first reading? Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Nixon, I want to thank you for the presentation. It was thorough, and it's -- I learn quite a bit from it, so thank you, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Seeing no others, may I have a motion on the item, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Vice Mayor Davis; Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis. Mayor Messam.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Ordinance #O1808 as presented, Commission meeting, as presented; the Commission voted:

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED FOR May 3, 2023

**Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 13, please.

- 13. FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1809 approving the **second amendment** to the **Fiscal Year 2023 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget**; and providing for an effective date. (*Management & Budget Director Rafael Sanmiguel*)

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget; and providing for an effective date.

MR. SANMIGUEL: Good evening, Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Dr. Roy Virgin, City Attorney, City Clerk, members of the public. My name is Rafael Sanmiguel

with the Management & Budget Department, here to present to you the first reading of Temporary Ordinance No. 1809, the fiscal year 2023 second budget amendment, so this is the first reading. And the City Manager wishes to amend the fiscal year 2023 budget for the purposes of the presentation tonight. So, to begin with, in the General Fund, we are appropriating fund balance in the amount of \$300,000.00 to increase the transfer out to fund 395 fund in order to fund a new CIP project in that fund. So you see the appropriation fund balance as the source of revenues, and the expenses, the transfer out to fund 395 there. In the capital projects fund 395, we are recognizing that transfer in of \$300,000.00 from the General Fund, and we're going to appropriate that to be used towards the newly recreated project number 52111, the installation of underground electrical infrastructure from University Drive to Douglas Road. So this slide shows the scope of the project on a map. As you can see, we have existing conduit that ends just east of University Drive. The project scope includes directional boring for installation of underground electrical conduits, and electrical fixtures for powering holiday lights in the medians of Miramar Parkway from University Drive to Douglas Road. Moving on. In the health fund, we are appropriating \$500,000.00 out of fund balance, in order to increase contractual services for the Employee Health & Wellness Center. We are experiencing increased usage of the Center, and, as you may know, the Center has an ROI of anywhere between 1.1 and 1.5; meaning that for every dollar spent on the Wellness Center, we see a savings of between \$1.10, and \$1.50 from our employee health plan. And here to talk about it, and give you further information is Na'Imah Martin, Human Resources Assistant Director. Got up your slide.

MS. MARTIN: Good evening. Thank you, Rafael. Good evening. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners and staff, City Manager. Na'Imah Martin, Human Resources Assistant Director. The item before you -- this budget amendment has to do with our Employee Health & Wellness Center -- with our Employee Health & Wellness Center that we have had in place since 2020; amazing how many years have gone by since then. We are seeing now increased utilization of the Health Center, which is what we want to see; a wonderful thing to occur. With that, there are two main pieces of costs -- two groupings of cost which are affected by increased utilization. We have operating costs, and passthrough expenses. The operating costs have to do with the medical staff, and the management fee that is paid to the management company, CareATC; medical staff, meaning the provider, the medical doctor, and the medical assistant, the person who greets you at the -- at the front, and takes the lab work. And when we first prepared for the fiscal '23 budget, we are making that projection in plan year 2022, early in 2022, and, at that time, we were poised and set for what we knew the -- the utilization to be at that time, and utilization are patients, the number of patients that are going to the Employee Health & Wellness Center. Well, we -- the growth has certainly outpaced what we expected, because as COVID came -- started to come to a close, patients starting coming into the clinic, employees were more engaged in -- in returning to seek healthcare. We're seeing a boom in our diabetes program, and, therefore, in order to prepare for that growth continuing, it is important for us to have the resources in place to do so. And so in order to maintain the high level of service that we want to exude at the Employee Health & Wellness Center, it requires that we hire an additional medical assistant. That way, as

employees are coming into the Health & Wellness Center, or their family members, because dependents are also eligible to come to the Health Center, as well as retirees. When they're coming in, there will be someone always there to greet them, while the other medical assistant can continue taking the lab work of -- of the patient that may be exiting, and there will never be a gap or slowdown in service, which is very key to the success of the Wellness Center, so that patients want to come, so employees and their family members enjoy coming, because they won't have wait time. And so with the utilization increase that we're expecting to see, based on the trends, and how we've been trending, especially now that COVID has wound down to an end, we're expecting to see -- and we're striving for 60 percent utilization, which is almost doubling our utilization. And, as Rafael mentioned earlier, we are already experiencing ROI, over 1.1 percent; and as the utilization grows, we'll be beyond 1.5 percent of utiliz -- of ROI, so we are receive -- are seeing savings. The clinic is, essentially, paying for itself. And so the utilization numbers are based upon what we're seeing trending since the start of implementing the Employee Wellness Center, our expectation of reaching the 60 percent, and knowing, based on those numbers, and in conjunction with CareATC, and what they see on the market, as far as how medical expenses are going up for medical supplies, and pharmaceuticals, we are expecting that we will need an additional \$415,000.00 to cover the passthrough costs associated with the increase in patients, and the needs that they will have, between lab work, pharmaceuticals, and all of the medical expenses that come along with the patient utilizing our Health & Wellness Center. There is where they get, not only see the face one time, and that's it; no, they get holistic care at our Employee Health & Wellness Center. City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all for the detailed presentation. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? The Clerk received no virtual requests to speak. Back to the dais. I have two speakers: Vice Mayor Davis, followed by Commissioner Colbourne. Vice Mayor Davis, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you; appreciate it. Just a question on the -- the Center. And you -- you estimate now that, because of the increased use that we need this medical assistant, correct?

MS. MARTIN: I'm sorry.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Medical assist -- is that who it is? A medical assistant?

MS. MARTIN: A medical -- yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So my question is, at what point will you need additional staff, because if you project that -- how many staffers will be using it at any given time? Do you have that?

MS. MARTIN: So what -- in our conversations with CareATC, which -- this is something that staff and CareATC monitors on a regular basis, how are we reaching capacity;

capacity has to do with the hours available for the doctor to see patients, how many hours are available in a day versus how many are being utilized through appointments. So at the 60 percent level, we -- we are preparing for the 60 percent; we believe that is the projection of what we will be able to reach. Beyond that, we don't foresee that happening with -- within the next few months, or the next -- within this fiscal year. We are making preparations for beyond this fiscal year for fiscal year '24 that we're looking at, and so that is where we are making preparations, should that go beyond our 60 percent projection. And, at that point, when -- at beyond 60 percent, closer to about 65 percent is where we would start looking at: do we need another provider. But, again, this is all in relation to capacity and hours. So increasing utilization is one of those factors that we will continue to monitor as we go throughout the next two years.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And sorry for me not knowing. What -- what are the hours currently?

MS. MARTIN: The hours vary throughout the week, but the -- you're asking the hours of the day that the Health Center is open? Yes. So the Health Center is open two -- on two of the days of the week from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and then there are other days of the week that the Center is opened a little later at 9:30 a.m., so that the Center is open later in the evening for employees that -- or members that want to come after 6:00 p.m. And then on Fridays, they open, actually, at 6:00 a.m. to account -- and be available for those who are working an overnight shift, and they are getting -- almost getting ready to end their shift at 7:00 a.m.; the clinic is still open and available for them.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: That's good. That -- that's a -- a wide variety of times. Do they offer telehealth?

MS. MARTIN: Telehealth? Okay. I just wanted to make sure I heard clearly. Yes. Yes. The -- the Health Center is set up in a way for onsite care. However, in the need -- and, in fact, when the Health Center first opened, because of COVID, we opened with telehealth services first, and that -- that availability is still there if patients should need it, but that is really determined by the provider, if that's -- if they're -- if they're making an appointment for something that should not be handled via telehealth, they will recommend that they come into the clinic.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And the last question would be the -- a nurse practitioner; has that been considered, and is it being considered in the future for -- instead of an additional doctor, a nurse practitioner, which would save you some cost?

MS. MARTIN: Yes. When we first went down the path of the idea of the health center, we partnered with -- not -- not only was it staff, but we partnered with the union leaders to ensure that they were comfortable, what were they looking for. And the union leaders made a very valid point of wanting to ensure that there was a doctor at the -- the Health Center. They were very concerned about there being a doctor to start with. However, now that we've had some -- some experience, and we are seeing where patients,

employees and their dependents are really taking hold of the -- the Health Center, and enjoying it, and -- and making that their first primary care visit, and their primary care physician, as long as we have a medical doctor present, or a presence of what we have there now, to have a second provider, such as a nurse practitioner, I think we would easily be able to make that happen, but it's something that we would need to work together with, and -- or make sure that the employees would still be comfortable -- comfortable with that level of care.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yeah. It's just a matter of education, the nurse practitioners. There are some of them that are extremely, extremely helpful, and basically do the job just as well. And in terms of, maybe, just having an education into the matter for staff, I think that's where, because we -- we don't know everything, you know, so we expect the experts to be able to educate us, so that we understand that it's, pretty much, very, very similar, and that they do excellent work. I see quite a few myself that are more readily available than the doctor. But thank you for the update; I appreciate it. And welcome to the podium.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. Certainly, the health of our employees are one of the most important things that we have to deal with, so having our own clinic is a big deal, and is a big undertaking. And I know that it is new, and I -- I certainly, you know, approve this item. I -- I definitely support the item. We met earlier today, and I do want to continue the conversation to better understand how is it that we're providing these services, so I do want to follow up on that. And, perhaps, since this is something that's - that's new to us, it would be good for us to have a report on it, to see how it has done. COVID certainly impact what we had anticipated to start, and it sounds like now it's taking off, so I certainly would like to see a report on that. Just to clarify, because I know we got into a conversation about doctor just now. That's not -- a second doctor is not part of today's request, is that correct?

MS. MARTIN: That's correct. It's not.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Okay. I just wanted to clarify on that. All right. Thank you. That's it for me. We do want to -- I do want to continue that conversation.

MS. MARTIN: We will. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. How are you today, ma'am? Question. How many folks do we have on staff now at the employee's clinic?

MS. MARTIN: Yes, we have one doctor, and we have one medical assistant --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And the doctor, is -- is that a MD?

MS. MARTIN: That doctor is a DO.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: What? DO?

MS. MARTIN: A DO, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. What's a DO?

MS. MARTIN: A DO is a doctor --

MAYOR MESSAM: Doctor of osteopathic medicine.

MS. MARTIN: -- of otheo -- otheo -- osteopathic, sorry, -- I get tongue -- tongue-tied with that one. A Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, so she practices holistic care, where she -- she has -- she has all of the training, and sits through all of -- of classes and everything as a medical doctor, but she also has this additional specialty, where she can do -- and - - and she -- I'm referring to Dr. Tiffany Sayles. She does what's called manipulations, so it's not like chiropractic, but manip -- she is able to do manipulations on the body, and she approaches care from a holistic perspective.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you. So are we looking to get a MD, or a DO? What are we looking -- to get a second DO, or we want to add a MD, and a nurse practitioner?

MS. MARTIN: That would be something we would look into, and educate and -- and really understand what -- what is truly necessary, since we have that expertise of a DO already available. We would look in -- when it's time, that -- for this item, it's -- the -- the time isn't now where we're looking to add an additional provider; we're looking to add an additional medical assistant, so that would be support staff. But once -- should we reach -- which I believe we will at some point -- reach a level where we may need to look at an additional provider, and we would be looking at not only a DO or MD, but a nurse practitioner, as was brought up by Vice Mayor.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So I think, given the presentation, I see like a medical assistant, so we're looking to get two people.



MS. MARTIN: No, we're looking to add one additional medical assistant, so that would make it go from a staff of two to a staff of three.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Three, okay. And then possible, a staff of four --

MS. MARTIN: But that would be --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- down the road.

MS. MARTIN: -- later in the -- future.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. So the -- the 415, that include staff and -- what does that include?

MS. MARTIN: So of the \$500,000.00, --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: The 500 --

MS. MARTIN: -- \$85,000.00 is for the additional medical assistant, and the \$415,000.00 is for the passthrough cost that we are expecting to see as the utilization increase, because as patients are utilizing the clinic, that comes with lab work, that comes with pharmaceuticals.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. Let me ask you. For an employees now at work, and during the day they're at work, and they need to go to the clinic, do they have to clock out to go to the clinic, or they could just go to the clinic?

MS. MARTIN: No, they do not. They do not have to clock out. What we ask employees to do is to notify their supervisor that they have an appointment. All of our leadership has been trained and notified that they are to allow the employees to utilize the clinic on work time; that was part of the arrangement and the strategy in gaining acceptance, and gaining employee wanting to go -- wanting to go to the Employee Health & Wellness Center.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. Are you saying, based on the presentation, they're up to 60 percent utilization now, or where are we now?

MS. MARTIN: We are a little over 30 percent now, and we are expecting through some initiatives that we will be putting in place that we will reach 60 percent, possibly by the end of the year.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Now the 30 percent, does that include the family member of the employees, or that's just 30 percent employees?

MS. MARTIN: Thirty percent of the employees.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And then what's the potentials of the employees' family member, because they do allow to use the clinic too, right?

MS. MARTIN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. So what's the overall -- do you have that number or no?

MS. MARTIN: I don't. We are focusing right now on the employee utilization, because as we get the employee utilization, and employees engaged, then, typically, the family members follow.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. All right. In -- in regard to time, I don't want to tie this item up too much. I -- I remember when this item brought to us, and the expectation was much higher than where we are now, so I'm a bit disappointed, given the fact that we have some good incentives based on the insurance that we selected during that processing time. If that would tie back to the clinic, then explanation is given to the employees, and their family member, they could make a better choice, so maybe choose to utilize the clinic more. So I'm going to say that we needs to change something. I'm not -- I'm going to go with the item, but I'm -- I'm not totally happy. And I need to have more engagement with -- you guys need to talk to us some more, so we can make changes. We don't want to just throw money at things; we want to make sure there's a benefit, and especially for the employees, because we want to put their health first. And it -- it doesn't make sense to have this in place, and it's not properly utilized. So I need a little more engagement from the staff that supervise this clinic, and I'm sorry I didn't have a presentation, but I'm looking forward to us addressing it more behind the scene, and maybe not here. All right. So I thank you for the presentation.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: A couple of observations. Thanks for the presentation. I think that the -- the fact that we're talking about increasing services, and the needs for additional operational support for the clinic is -- is good news. That means that there's an uptick in the utilization of the clinic. And when we established the clinic, the thought process was to mitigate our risk, because, in all candor, many of our employees just aren't going to the doctor; they're not taking advantage of primary care. And when there are episodes of morbid events, it cost the City more money to treat a heart attack, to treat a stroke, to treat the end result of the lack of preventative care. So by establishing the clinic, and making it convenient for our employees to go to see a primary care physician, it is with the thought process that we would reduce our overall cost and medical services for the City due to the fact that we're self-insured. That's the primary premise of why we have the clinic. Now we always knew that with something new, especially as it relates to primary care or healthcare services, a very intimate and personal experience that anyone

would have with their medical professional or caretaker, so to go to a city wellness center, it -- it took some -- some time to get there. Now fast forward to today. Everyone that I've spoken to that have made the transition to -- to CareATC, or to our city -- our -- our clinic, I've heard nothing but positive experiences, to the point where I, myself, have transitioned my primary care to -- to the clinic, just because of the experience. I just tried it out just for annual physical wellness visit, and thoroughly enjoyed the comprehensive treatment by Dr. Sayles, and the -- the medical assistants that are there. And I think that as -- as more employees get exposure to the clinic, it will bode well for the City, because we'll have more of our employees getting the primary care that, not only they deserve, but they should be taking, so that they can know what their status is. I think it's a methodical approach, in terms of adding an additional medical assistant. I would also encourage that we begin to look -- that forecast out to see, in terms of advance caretaking, what would be that next step, whether it's a -- a -- ARNP, or a physician assistant, or, perhaps, another MD or DO; those options can be presented out there, and can be presented to the Commission for consideration. So this continuum, I -- I think we are in the right direction. And, as I close on this initial comment, it's just a challenge to the men employees of the City. If we're honest -- I'm not going to make a general statement, but, for the most part, we're just very reluctant to go see the doctor, until it just hurts to the point where we have to do something about it. So I'm encouraging all of our male employees to take advantage of this clinic; it's a great experience; I think you'll enjoy it, and it's important that -- that we, as men, go to the doctor, because sometimes we -- we put it off too -- too long before something major may happen. Thank you for the presentation. Commissioner Chambers, followed by Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. And I -- I think the Mayor touch on something here, which was the original sales pitch of the savings to the City. And -- and I think that's important for me, because if -- if we -- if we're not going to have that savings to where we could -- like now we're like this, in terms of the -- the care versus the cost versus savings, and Mr. Randy Cross, when he present this, we were -- eventually would have even out, and maybe even a higher savings with the insurance and so forth, the -- so that's why I say we need to be more engaged, because -- and not lose sight of what the original idea was all about, and -- and the plan, because we still have -- can go back to the first options that we were doing. So we have to make sure that this work somehow, or if it's not work, then we make the change. So thank you.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Mr. Mayor, just to say a special thanks, and I don't care for, and staff doesn't care to be singled out, but I just want to say thanks to our HR Director, Randy Crawford (*sic* Cross), who spearheaded this effort a couple years ago. And just an incredible presentation he gave at this time. And I am most grateful that it is panning out so well, and -- and moving forward. Thanks a million.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. May I have a motion on this item, if there or no other questions or discussions.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. And the second reading is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Ordinance #O1809 as presented, Commission meeting, as presented; the Commission voted:

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED FOR May 3, 2023

**Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 14, please.

14. **FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1811 approving an amendment to Chapter 21 “Utilities”, Article VI “Rates, Charges, Billing and Collection Procedures”, Section 21-224, “Monthly Services Charges Applicable Irrespective of Service Usage,” to allow for **Monthly Service Availability Fees** for all properties located in the City irrespective of connection to the City's Water and/or Sewer Utility System; and providing for an effective date. *(Senior Utility Billing Manager Zendra Williams)*

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving code amendments to Chapter 21 entitled “Utilities”, Article VI “Rates, Charges, Billing and Collection Procedures”, Section 21-24, “Monthly Services Charges Applicable Irrespective of Service Usage,” to allow for Monthly Service Availability Fees for all properties located in the City irrespective of connection to the City's Water and/or Sewer Utility System; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MS. WILLIAMS: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, residents, and staff. My name is Zendra Williams, Senior Utility Billing Manager of the Financial Services Department. I'm presenting the Temporary Ordinance No. 1811, requesting amendment to section 21-224, monthly service charges applicable, irrespective of service usage. There are properties in the City that have not converted from the septic tank system to the City's sewer system. Section 21-71 of the City Code states it shall be unlawful for any person to drain, or cause to be drained any sewage into the septic tanks or other like systems within such area, as is served by the City's sanitary sewer system, or where such system is available, thereof. Section 21-224 of the City Code of Ordinance needs to be amended to allow for monthly service availability fees for all properties located in the City, irrespective of connection to the City water, and/or sewer system. The City has invested over \$21 million in infrastructure improvements to the sewer system, which has significantly enhanced services for over 900 residents and businesses. Customers have been notified of the requirements to convert from septic tank to the City's sewer system, and that they will be charged a monthly service availability fee regardless of connection to the City sewer system. The City has communicated the availability of grants and loans to residents in order to assist with the connection to the City's sewer system. Customers who are provided water service, and bill for water service by other governmental agencies are not currently being charged the monthly service availability fee for sewer. Therefore, the verbiage in section 21-224 needs to be amended, so that those properties can be charged the monthly service availability fees by these other governmental agencies, regardless of connection to the City's sewer system. Here is a map of the properties within Miramar, and those that are served by the City -- by the County. Recommended amendment: Section 21-224, monthly service availability fees, irrespective of connection. Monthly service available fees are stated in section 21-223, shall apply to all properties located within the City limits that are connected to the City's utility system, or have it available for connection. The amount of the service availability fees is set forth in the City's Schedule of Fees, as adopted by Commission resolution, and presented in such schedule, as

monthly water, and wastewater service charge. The service availability fee shall be amended by resolution of the City Commission from time to time. The City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item virtually. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment or speak on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. I have a couple speakers on the Commission; Vice Mayor Davis, followed by Commissioner Chambers. Vice Mayor Davis, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just have a question, and I know you put up a map there. But maybe you can just tell me the areas that are currently not on the City sewer. Where -- where in the City are they? What -- what's the name of the communities, or the part of the City where they're not on sewer?

MS. WILLIAMS: If you go back to the map, please. Phase II and Phase III, there are some properties within that area that is billed by Broward County. So we have some properties that are not connected to the City sewer right now.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: All right, so can we break that down, please, somebody who actually knows --

MS. WILLIAMS: Approximately 400 accounts --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: No, no, no. Hold on. Where in the City are they? East, west, north, south?

MS. WILLIAMS: They're on --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And --

MS. WILLIAMS: East, I'm sorry.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And what's the boundaries?

MS. WILLIAMS: It's between the Turnpike and 441, south of Pembroke Road, and north of SW 25<sup>th</sup> Street.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. But those are not the only areas in the City that are on sewer.

MS. WILLIAMS: I'm sorry. Repeat that?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Those are not the only areas in the City that are on septic.

MS. WILLIAMS: No, those are not the only areas that are on septic, but the ones that we're referring to is just the ones that are not connected to the City's sewer system. Did I understand your question correctly?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: No, I'm just trying to understand who's going to be charged. So what's the whole point of this, if it's not --

MS. WILLIAMS: Oh, it's to change the amendment, so that way the County can start billing those residents who are not currently connected to the City sewer system.

MS. FREEMAN: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Man -- Winsome Freeman, Finance Department. Okay. So -- sorry. Properties within the City that are billed water service by the City of Miramar are being charged for sewer services currently. There are properties that are being billed by the County that are not being charged for sewer services. So this reso -- this reso -- ordinance change is to allow the County to bill for those services on our behalf.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: All right. So thank you for that, you know, explanation, because does help me. So it's not so much about folks that are on septic tank, it's more so the ones that are -- they're on septic, right, is what we're saying? But they get their water from Broward County.

MS. FREEMAN: From the County, and they have the service availability, they cannot connect, but have not, and so we want the County to bill -- because there are currently customers -- all customers in Miramar are being billed the service.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And the County does not provide sewer service, and would not provide sewer service for them, only water?

MS. FREEMAN: That is correct. The City has already paid to put those sewer lines in, and the -- the funding -- the revenue from those sources come to the City of Miramar. But because they bill water, it is easier for them to bill the sewer as well, and those funds gets turned over to the City.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And in terms of the water, is that something that we could take over from the County?

MS. FREEMAN: I'll turn that over to the Utilities Director.

MAYOR MESSAM: They're not going to give you --

MR. DOMOND: Francois Domond, Utilities Director. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney. Well, that's a very complicated question, Vice Mayor. It's a -- relinquishing the service area for any utilities is a -- it's a challenge; it's going to be a legal challenge. I have experience with the Seminoles, which are easier for them to take

over the -- the -- the service areas, but that -- that's -- it's -- it's a challenge that we're going to have in front of us. We have to, primarily, pay Broward County for any piece of pipe that's in the ground currently for the system itself. Let me answer -- let me answer one question. City of Miramar must be very proud to say that 100 percent of our service area is serviced by municipal sewer system, except for Country Club Ranches. Yes. That's the only area in the City that is not in -- in municipal sanitary sewer.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. So -- and that's -- and they -- and they still have to pay?

MR. DOMOND: They -- well, no, they -- they -- they don't have the infrastructure to service the homes, therefore they don't have to pay.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So they don't -- right. They're not in -- involved in this; they don't pay a fee, or anything, --

MR. DOMOND: No.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: -- because we're not -- they cannot connect, even if they wanted to.

MR. DOMOND: Absolutely, yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay.

MR. DOMOND: That particular sliver, the north -- for the northeast corner of the City is serviced by Broward County is where the City spend the infrastruc -- the money, over \$21 million to install the -- the system; that's the one area we're dealing with, yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And what's this -- what's this fee? What's the amount?

MR. DOMOND: It's \$19.79; that's -- it's called the sewer availability fee, yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And that's monthly?

MR. DOMOND: Excuse me?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Is that monthly?

MR. DOMOND: It is monthly, yes. It's going to go along with the -- with the utility bill that Broward County --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And that's from the County?

MR. DOMOND: -- issues, yes.



VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. All right. Yeah. Interesting. Maybe I'll, you know, get a little tutorial later on, just to get a background, and better understanding, but thanks for the presentation. I -- I kind of -- it kind of cleared it up for me, and thank you.

MR. DOMOND: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I know when the -- the notice went out to all the resident in all the areas that we do the sewer system, it was very clear that if they did not hooked up, they would be charged for sewage. So I'm -- I'm assuming that those resident, we are servicing their water, we are charging those already. Are -- are we, or are we not? The one that do receive their water bill from the City of Miramar, are we already charging them for sewage, even if they're not hooked up?

MR. DOMOND: The answer's yes, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. That went into place. So the complication comes when -- I know Broward County have a big water infrastructure in that area, and they did upgrade it not that long ago. So they're not going to turn over their -- those few -- those residents to us, because there's money in the water business.

MR. DOMOND: There's revenues, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right. So now -- and it do get a little complicated, because from time to time I get calls from those residents who Broward County supply their water. They, themselves, sometimes get a little confused, and to now we want to put this place, so we can have Broward County bill those 400 residents, or 400 plus, correct?

MR. DOMOND: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right. And then some of the things been clarified for me, because I know Country Club Ranch does not have a sewage system. They just now maybe getting some drinking water, which yet to be hooked up, thanks to the team. All right. So I -- I just didn't want this to overlap into Country Club Ranch when they didn't have the infrastructure to hook up to. All right, so it's -- it's -- it sound complicated, but it's -- if you understand the system like I do, I guess -- and thanks to Commissioner Davis, she ask the -- all the correct questions, so all the correct answers was given. Next thing, is there anyone at all that did not hooked up out there? Do we know if there's a few did not hooked up yet, did not take advantage of the hooking on to the sewage system, whether on the Miramar resident or the County?

MR. DOMOND: Yes. The count -- the overall count is 400 -- 400 residents; that's what we believe it is, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And they -- they already hooked up, all 400?

MR. DOMOND: No, they have not.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Oh. So there's some residents who have not hooked up yet?

MR. DOMOND: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. And then what about the -- those that get the water bill from Miramar? Are they all hooked up, or there's a few?

MR. DOMOND: No, there's still -- we do have some of the residents in Miramar that -- that have not --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay.

MR. DOMOND: Yes, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: All right. Thank you. Thank you, sir.

MR. DOMOND: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all. May I have a motion on this item, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colb -- I'm sorry. Commissioner Colbourne

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Ordinance #O1811 as presented, Commission meeting, as presented; the Commission voted:

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED FOR May 3, 2023

**Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 15, please.

- 15. SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1806 amending the City Code Chapter 2 entitled “Administration” Article III entitled “Boards, Committees and Commissions” creating a new Division entitled “**Elderly Affairs Advisory Board**”; and providing for an effective date. ***(Passed 1st Reading on 03/15/23) (Social Services Director Katrina L. Davenport)***

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending the City Code Chapter 2 entitled “Administration” Article III entitled “Boards, Committees and Commissions” creating a new Division entitled “Elderly Affairs Advisory Board”; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MS. DAVENPORT: Good evening, Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commission, City Manager, City Attorney. Katrina Davenport, Social Services. There’s no changes from the last presentation.

MAYOR MESSAM: The City Clerk received no requests to speak on this item virtually. Are there any members from the public that wish to speak on the second reading of this item? Seeing none, back to the Commission. Are there any other questions? There’s

no changes from the first reading. May I have a motion? Oh, Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Is -- is there a age requirement for anyone to be on this board? Like you have to be over 70 --

MS. DAVENPORT: Fifty-five years plus.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Fifty-five years plus. Okay. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion on item 15, please.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Thank you.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Ordinance #O1806 as presented, Commission meeting, as presented; the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Commissioner Colbourne	Yes

Vice Mayor Davis  
Mayor Messam

Yes  
Yes

**Ordinance No. 23-05**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 16, please; second reading.

- 16. SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1807 amending the City Code Chapter 2 entitled "Administration" Article III entitled "Boards, Committees and Commissions" creating a new Division entitled "**BID Construction and Professional Services Advisory Board**;" and providing for an effective date. *(Passed 1st Reading on 03/15/23) (Chief BID Administrator Dr. Karen E. Hollis)*

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, Chapter 2 entitled "Administration" Article III entitled "Boards, Committees and Commissions" of the City Code of Ordinances to allow for the creation of Division 10: "BID Construction and Professional Services Advisory Board;" and providing for an effective date.

DR. HOLLIS: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor Davis, congratulations, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. There are no changes to the previous -- since the first reading.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Wonderful presentation.

DR. HOLLIS: I missed one part. Thank you for your service, Commissioner Colbourne.

MAYOR MESSAM: City Clerk received no requests, virtually, to speak on this item. Are there any members from the public in the Chambers that wish to speak or comment on this item? Hearing none, back to the dais. Are there any comments or questions on this item? May I have a motion, please.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

DR. HOLLIS: Thank you.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Ordinance #O1807 as presented, Commission meeting, as presented; the Commission voted:

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

**Ordinance No. 23-06**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Reports and Comments:**

#### **Commission Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Commission Reports. Starting from the end, and working our way back, Commissioner Barnes, you have a report?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just some comments and observations. Thanking staff for the great job done at our Kite Festival, and at the Miramar Invitational this past weekend. What we've proven again on an international scale is that we could do it right here in Miramar. Our Kite Festival, we thought we were going to get 4,000 people; staff is estimating that there were between six and 7,000 people; we gave away 2,000 kites to incredible children who came out with their families, and had a great time. The Miramar Invitational speaks for itself, and I have a very special thanks for the fire rescue, and the police departments, because of my little inconvenience on that Saturday. It just reminds us of how incredibly special this city is; the attention that was given, the attention from the

fire department, the paramedics, the police department. In fact, I think a resident said I got presidential treatment that Saturday. But I'm good. In fact, not so good here at the City, because a number of people have become doctors to me. I keep being reminded of how much I must drink water, and I -- in fact one particular lady, and she knows who she is, she spoke to me in the exact tone that the doctor spoke to me in at the hospital before she let me go home. But, again, I thank this incredible bunch of people that work for the City of Miramar for the incredible work that you continue to do.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Barnes. Since we're to Vice Mayor Davis, do we have item 17, please, so it could be read into the record, and Commissioner Davis -- Vice Mayor Davis -- just so you know, it says Commissioner Davis on the -- the sheet, so -- so I'm just trying to help our City Clerk, you know, so she can feel okay about that. Item number 17, please.

**17. Temp. Reso. #R7858 naming the West Water Treatment Lab** in honor of Dr. Roy L. Virgin. *(Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis)*

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, naming the West Water Treatment Laboratory in honor of Dr. Roy L. Virgin; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor, you have a re -- a presentation, or --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes, I -- I do want to read a short bio on our City Manager, for those who don't know how prestigious he is. We want to educate everyone before we move forward. In March 2002, Dr. Virgin joined the City of Miramar in the Utilities Department as a lab technician. Over the course of his tenure, he was promoted to different positions with increasing levels of responsibilities, including lab supervisor, assistant regulatory compliance superintendent, water quality manager, assistant director of utilities, director of utilities, assistant city manager, and now our city manager. Prior to be -- prior to being appointed as an assistant city manager, Dr. Virgin had oversight for the expansion of three major projects, including, but not limited to, the East Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project, the construction of the Historic Miramar Infrastructure Improvement Project, and the Expansion of the Reclaimed Water Project, at a cost of \$32 million, \$22 million, and \$7 million, respectively. During his tenure in the lab, Dr. Virgin performed and reviewed all phases of complex chemical, physical, and biological analyses, and executed routine and preventative maintenance on laboratory equipment. He played an integral role in the expansion and development of the City's new, state-of-the-art water quality lab. He's a well-respected peer reviewer of numerous public health publications, and holds several professional memberships, such as: International City/County Management Association, ICMA; National Association of County and City Health Officials, NACCAHO; American Association of Cereal, and that's C-E-R-E-A-L, Chemists, AACC. Dr. Virgin also served as the vice president of the General Association of Miramar Employees Labor Union, G.A.M.E. After 20 years of service in the City's Utilities Department, Dr. Virgin became City Manager in 2022. He

holds a bachelor's degree in public administration, a master's degree in public health from Florida International University. He also holds a doctorate degree in health science from Nova Southeastern University. So it was -- it is my distinct pleasure to honor and recognize Dr. Virgin, if my colleagues so desire, for his lengthy, and continued service to the City and its residents by proposing to name the West Water Treatment Lab to Dr. Roy L. Virgin Wastewater Treatment Laboratory. That is the end of my presentation, and I wholeheartedly feel that his efforts in ensuring that our water quality, and his expertise as a scientist really bodes well in renaming or naming this new laboratory in his honor.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I like the way you read that. And I think me, and some other people could take some lessons, some English lessons, how to speak and read things.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Before we get to Commission comments, the City Clerk received no comments from -- virtually, to speak on this item. Are there any members present in the Chambers wish to comment or speak on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. I want to say that I was very supportive of Dr. Virgin when he was director of Utilities, very supportive of him as assistant city manager, and continue to support him as city manager. I think his qualifications truly highlights his accomplishments, and everything that he does, not to mention his personality, and how he handles staff and so forth; I think he's doing an awesome job. You know, naming a building off of someone is actually something that I - I used to think that it was after someone has passed, or maybe departed from their career or something to that -- to that extent, and, in this case, it's neither one. With that said, I definitely support my colleague bringing it forward. Clearly it's -- you know, it's -- it's not what I believe, but I certainly think that Dr. Virgin has -- is deserving of it, and I accept what my colleague is proposing.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Next up, Commissioner Barnes, followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: My only fear is that we have broadcast his business all over the place now, and someone is going to try and steal him away; that's my only fear. But I thank you -- I thank you so much, Commissioner, now Vice Mayor for recommending this dedication. As someone who did fairly well in chemistry in -- in high school, I've told Dr. Virgin in meetings and privately, I could sit and listen to him talk the chemistry of water for the whole night, so this is more than deserving. I thank you so much, sir, for your service.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Just some observation here. I see naming the West Water Treatment Lab, not the West Water Treatment Plant, so is it just



the lab that's the new lab, or is it the entire plant? Because what I'm reading here it says lab.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes. It is the new laboratory that is -- I'm not sure if it's actually completed, and it may be completed, and that's what we're naming the laboratory.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I think that's a fair assessment. I'm in agreement with naming the lab, because Dr. Virgin has been so intimate in our water lab from the East Water Plant to here -- to the west, and I'm only hope that we can also approve of a -- maybe a cot or a -- a full-size bed or something there, that way he can go by when he's not working, and have some place to lay down and -- and rest a little bit, because this gentleman truly, truly indulge himself into the City of Miramar drinking water -- safe, clean drinking water for our residents, and I thank him so much. So thank you, Dr. Virgin, for your expertise.

MAYOR MESSAM: Dr. Virgin, I think your -- I think your -- your professional experience in -- record here at the City of Miramar speaks -- speaks for itself. I think specifically as it relates to anyone in the community, regardless of where you start, you know, that there's the -- the prospects of -- of where you can go. No one is perfect; no one in here is perfect. And when you can show the authenticity of a person like yourself, very -- I see you to be a very humble person; you don't necessarily -- not a -- you're a man of eloquent words, but not a -- a loud person, in terms of when you speak. And I think that is something that everyone can look up to, in terms of your -- your professional growth, your academic growth, and -- and -- and what it means to the City. I've had many conversations with you, specifically, as related to when you were the lab manager, and -- and the challenges that you saw in the lab at that time, and where you saw the lab, where it could be. And to see this new facility being built with -- addressing many of the issues that you have raised over the years, I think is -- is fitting, so I support this, and -- and it is something that everyone can look up to, and especially as it relates to our utilities. The City of Miramar can stand proud. Mr. Manager, you're recognized.

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Vice Mayor Davis, and the rest of the Commission, I want to thank you for the -- I would say the opportunity, but all -- but, more importantly, for such prestigious asking that my name be placed on the building. I'm, indeed, humbled for that. I started my career here, and I spent 14 years and nine months in the lab; prior to that, as a 23-year-old, I got my first job in a lab at the Scientific Research Council in Jamaica, and I've worked in a lab up until 14 years and nine months here at the City of Miramar in the lab. So my DNA, if you will, is not just water quality, or chemistry, but, indeed, just science. I -- I live my life as a scientist, and not just because of the qualifications; that, by itself, is one thing, but it's the work. And anyone who has worked extensively in -- in either research, or any areas of science know that you has -- you have to be patient, you have to be dedicated, because the results are not instantaneous. Sometimes they take weeks, days, and months for you to get them. But in this particular case, I believe -- particularly because I think I'm more a public health person, that water -- I do not believe this, but I know this, is life. And we here, in the City of Miramar, take exceeding pride in

making sure that our water quality is of the highest standard. And so when we set foot in the lab, and we set forth to do any test, we want to make sure that the test that we conducted can be stand -- can stand up to any scrutiny in any court. And so when I was the water quality manager, I always train my staff to say: if you can back your results up -- and we have you have as the water quality manager, Ms. Shelanda Krekreghe. if you can back your results up with the kind of work and integrity that is put behind it, you got nothing to worry about. And so you must spend time to research, spend time to make sure you get it right, and if you're not sure the first time when the result comes out, then you rerun your sample. Because those numbers can be brought into question by anyone, and your job is to make sure you can defend them. And so water quality for me is, maybe, the single most important thing, because we all have to use it. The water touches every resident, every businesses, every visitors in the City of Miramar, so we stand behind the quality of water that we produce for our businesses, our residents, and our community in general. So, once again, without being too long, I want to thank you, I want to thank the rest of the Commission for recognizing that my name can be placed in a little tiny section of that Water Quality Lab, and I'm, indeed, humbled by such. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion on item 17, please.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: 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: No.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7858, as presented; the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 23-87**

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Davis, have any more report, any report?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Just -- just a couple of things. I did want to thank staff who were involved in the swearing in that took place recently for myself and -- and the Mayor. I know Cassandra worked hard, from the Manager's Office, and also Devon, and all those who were involved. We certainly appreciate the time you took to ensure that this event went well. To the banquet staff, marketing, and their, you know, respective ACMs; we certainly appreciate your efforts. I did also want to just address -- I know we've had a lot of rain, and I've been speaking with ACM Johnson. I've got a few complaints, which is not necessarily unusual, but I did want to, you know, get a -- get a thorough report, as I had mentioned to him, as far as the areas that are consistently flooding, to see if these areas are those areas that have gotten any drainage systems in place recently. You know, I have a resident that seems to think that the drainage system is not working; the new one that is in the area where she lives, so I just would like to see how these new areas are holding up with the rain. And it's not just in Miramar. I mean I've seen horrific pictures in Miami-Dade, Aventura, but I do want to make sure I have the story correct. Is it that there is a solution to the problem, or is it that this problem is going to continue unabated whenever there's heavy rains. So if I could get that, I would be -- be grateful. And I know the presentation from the South Africa Summit with Sister Cities was very interesting, but I would like for us to get some information on our current Sister City Board, and how they are coming together to decide on various sister city initiatives, and just to really have them do a presentation to this board; maybe it's in the form of a workshop. Because I did see them the other day when we had Belize, folks from Belize here, and they looked so organized; they had their own T-shirts, and, you know, I wasn't even sure that they were part of the board, because I -- I really hadn't met them. And so it would be nice just to have them come before this Commission. I know you have several workshops, Mr. Manager, here that are -- that are beginning at 6:00 on various days. Maybe we could get a presentation from our Economic Development and Housing, and maybe some members from the Sister City Board, just to let us know where they were, and how far they've come, and where they're going. Just to make this body aware of -- of their activities so far, because I know we are coming up onto, hopefully, making a decision, and I would like to get that -- the whole concept, and what cities they've looked at, and what kind of research has been done, which areas they're focusing on for sister

cities. And so if that could be done in the form of a workshop, I'd appreciate that. And that's it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. I think I'm going to go back a little bit to our City Manager, Dr. Roy Virgin speech in regards to the naming of the lab. And as I sat here, and I listened to him, what I heard is responsibility, accountability. This is an area where you don't have any room for any error, and folks who works at the drinking water plant, they take it seriously. It's a big responsibility, and accountability. And sometime this should go right across the board here at the City, every department, everyone that works here, from the Commission on down, even though sometime when we try to hold someone accountable, they -- they scream out a bit, especially people who are a bit intellect, they will complain. But from the people at the bottom to the top, we all should be held accountable, because we are providing a service to our residents. And I must say I want to thank the team, the utility team, because right now, there's 140 resident in Country Club Ranch that can be hooked up onto potable city drinking water. They -- they -- they got it done. And I -- I remember when I brought this forward, the top couldn't do it, but I know that things doesn't done overnight, so if you take a little bit at a time, and have a -- a long vision, we can get it done. I know when I just got here eight years ago, it wasn't easy for me, but, over time, I grow. It's got much better; it's not perfect, but it gotten better. So, once again, accountable -- accountability, we must hold ourself accountable. And we must held everyone accountable to, to a certain high standard of getting things done for our residents. I'm glad that Commissioner Barnes is okay, and he got the royal treatment; that's -- that's a good thing, and I'm very pleased that his event was successful; six to 7,000 attendees is fantastic. I also want to thank the new Vice Mayor Alexandra P. Davis; thank you. I have no doubt that you will represent us very well. Just like the next lady to my left, our current and previous vice mayor, and now serving as Commissioner Yvette Colbourne; thank you. Thank you guys for your service to the City. And I thank you for your trip to Africa; you did represent us very well, and I thank you for that. That's what we want to see; that's what the employees want to see; that's what the residents want to see. I also want to go back to -- Commissioner Davis held an event with COOL Church this past Saturday at Miramar High School. It's the Easter Egg Hunt, which was very successful, and it was so good to see an event in midtown to east Miramar, where residents could go and participate. That's -- it was a really good thing. I stop by there and saw what was happening; it was really good with the helicopter drop. And then when you go over to Ansin, and see the Miramar Invitational, and folks come out. They have that right here in the City of Miramar, just another fantastic thing. When it come to me, folks used to say my events was -- was too small, and I don't think anyone can accuse me of having a small event anymore, but I like to work my way up from the bottom. I'm a -- I'm a -- I'm a -- I'm a from the bottom up guy, and I must say my Easter Eggstravaganza at Miramar Regional Park was in excess of 9,000 people, to where staff start to complain, and some folks -- of course, we do have some rowdy parents, who do not listen, do not follow instruction, and they willing to put themself, their children, and others at risk, which was a bit disappointing with some of

those men and women, or women and men that came out. But we got through it, and, overall, it was a success. Thanks to Inner Circle, Big Sound provided the sound for us. Thanks to Mr. Billy, the Parks Director, and Ms. Janine, the Assistant Director, and all their team that went into this, and were able to see it through, and make it successful. It was a really, really good success. And -- and I know we're building up, because my fashion show in December was successful, and my New Year's Eve -- both events New Year's Eve -- New Year's Eve for the children, and New Year's Eve for the adults was successful. So we're looking forward to a -- a lot more entertainment for family, and a lot of good stuff, because when you get family and children out the house, and you get them off their video game, the computer, you get them active, and so forth, so that's a wonderful thing. I -- I just want to say that I'm not trying to make any mischief or anything, but we went away from a big presentation of Commission Report, so we could try to get of here early, because there's folks who do come back here at 7:00 a.m. in the morning, and I -- I -- I looked at the presentation tonight, and I think it was quite a bit, and it seem like, somehow, we have -- we going to manage to get through, and get out of here, but if we could try to limit some of these presentation, or some of them can be given at another time, I think that would help us to not draw -- draw the meeting out, and not go back to what we came from, which was the late night with the report. So, with that said, I know it's been raining. I just want to thank all of you for your work here at the City of Miramar; Miramar PD, thank you for your support at the egg drop, and also the fire rescue, and my staff, and my team, thank you all so much. God bless.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. Our Marketing Department. I see Lorna lift up her head quickly. I want to say that they do an awesome job, they really do, and they do a lot as well, and they do it well. One of the things that I would like for them to work on a little bit harder is the billboards. The -- the information that we put on the billboards -- and it's similar to -- to when we have banners. It's sometime overwhelming, and you cannot read it, as you drive by. I think it would be more beneficial if we were to limit the information on there, make it larger, so that folks will really understand what it is, rather than just using the flyer. So, you know, you guys do a great job, and I know you can handle this, so just a recommendation. Thank you. And the other thing is customer service. And I have -- I know during budget, Mr. Manager, we talked a lot about customer service, and really developing a way where we have a training for everyone in a department, from top to bottom, just understanding who is the customer, and so forth, and customer -- customer training. While I don't think we have a serious problem, I do think that there is an opportunity for us to excel at customer service. This past week, I've had -- I've had a number of complaints, and it may be that you have a problem, currently, with the telephone system, the customer service telephone system. Is there an issue with it that -- that we should be aware of? Because as early as -- or I should say as late as this morning, I received a complaint that the phones are not being answered. Someone tried to call several times in order to pay their water bill, and they were unable to. So my question is do we have a issue with our customer service and the telephone system?

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Commissioner Colbourne, not from what I understand there's any problem. However, I do know that we are in the transition to move the customer services division from the Utilities Department here to Town Center. And so I'm not sure if during some of these transitions there might be a little down time; it could have been. But as far as I'm concerned, there is not a -- an issue. Usually, when the lines are out for any extended period, they would let us know, so we could relay those through to the Commission, just in case, but I wasn't aware of there -- of any downtime, except that which I spoke of earlier, so it could have been during that period.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Can you speak on the transition?

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Well, there -- it's almost over. They -- they -- they -- the -- the unit, the area is prepared, and now we should have the staff moving over within the next week or so. It's really an enhancement. We'll have a centralized area, well -- well put together. It will centralize, therefore, the 602-HELP area. In addition to the --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Where -- where are they going to be centralized?

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: In the -- on -- in the Building Department, the first floor.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The -- okay.

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The first --

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: And I would recommend that you take a look at it; real state of the art, and I'm -- I think it will do a lot to our -- our -- our -- those who will be working in that area, because what we had before was kind of a makeshift, and we -- we did well, tremendously well with that area we had, but we -- we -- we figured to get us to the next level, one of the areas that we have to -- is to -- is to also improve the -- the work areas, and -- and -- and this certainly will do that. So I would recommend that you take -- take a look at it, and -- and give us your feed --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm -- I'm going to definitely ask you for a tour of the area, so that I can be up to date as to what's going on with that -- with the transition. And -- and to see their new location, so I would definitely welcome a tour of that. And, you know, perhaps the service interruption that you've had this week, it could be due to that, so if you would just look into that, because there was -- there was something -- something was happening, so it does not continue. The next thing I wanted to talk about is Sunshine Boulevard. Over the years, Sunshine Boulevard had a terrible flooding issue, and, you know, City attempted several times to fix the problem, and I just want to say that today I made sure -- I didn't get a call from anyone on Sunshine Boulevard, so I personally called them to find out was it flooded, and they said no. With all the rain that we had, it was not, and I just want to say that. It really means a lot that that problem was taken care of. And,

clearly thought, there was some flooding in a lot of different areas. I -- I assume it was a lot of different areas, because where I drove, I saw some areas. Can we just get some sort of report as to how bad -- Channel 10, you know, made sure they mentioned Miramar several times. Can we get someone to speak as to how -- how bad of a flooding we actually had in the City of Miramar? And do we have anyone out there; do we know that the water has receded?

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: I'm going to ask our assistant director from Public Works, Mr. Kirk Garcia to -- because he was out there most of the day, and he has a report -- we're also preparing a written report to the -- for the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: So we should have that by tomorrow.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay, great.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. HOBSON-GARCIA: Evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Commission, City Manager, City Attorney. Yes, Public Works started off today having our landscape crews, our storm water crew, and also our street maintenance crews out, looking at all of our hot areas. Hot areas are places that we know, typically, with heavy rain sometimes hold water. And we had staff clean off all of our inlet grates, you know, just to make sure that all of the water was going in. At about -- and then I, and Tony went out about 2:00 in the afternoon, and we went to all of the hot areas that we know sometimes holds water, and what we saw that we had two areas in particular, and those are going to be -- and those are going to be addressed by the new Phase IV project that we are executing right now. One of the areas is between 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and that was SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street. We do have an existing exfiltration system there that the storm water crews installed about ten years ago, but what we saw is that area don't have a -- don't have a positive outflow system. As part of Phase IV, we will be installing a positive outflow system there. The other thing that we saw that on 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue between -- between Miramar Parkway, and the end of 68<sup>th</sup>, if you go south, that the east swale area, we think that we need to do some more drainage improvements that -- we're going to do a swale area there, and we think that some of it needs some type of exfiltration system, because we didn't like what we see. We didn't think that the water was leaving that area quick enough, and our plan for just swale improvements we think needs a little more enhancements. So we're going to go to our engineers, and talk about it to see what else we can do. Because our focus is to give, not just a good product, an excellent project at the end. The other area that we saw that we had some problems in was in SW 36<sup>th</sup> Street between 68<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup>. We were doing some improvements there right now; we are going to install pipes there, but maybe that area should have been our first focus. When we did this project, we started in the southeast area of the basin that we are going to be improving, and maybe we should have hit the two hot areas first. So, again, we learn -- we made a mistake; I will

take the hit from you all for that one, but I would learn from it. Maybe we should have gone into those two areas first, and did all of the improvements, and then work out from there. The problem that I see with that is that we would have been opening up a small area, and then people would have wondered, well, why didn't we do the whole area, so that's why began what we did. But maybe some more -- speaking about it to the public may have been a better move. The other area that we saw that we had some problems in was Island Drive at Miramar Parkway on the southside of Island Drive; that is going to be addressed during the Phase V project of that, so we are beginning to work on the design on that, and then we will come to you all for \$35 million for that, but we'll bring that in the future. And then we can -- and then staff and I continue our inspections, and we did see that we have had some flooding issues in the Sherman Circle area, but those were just localized flooding, because the majority of the trees in there, they are mahogany, and they are the black olive trees, and those species of trees drop their leaves, and this is the time where we had a perfect storm, because I have the same trees at my home, and for the last five weeks, I've been blowing every single day to get my driveway and grass clean, because the trees lose 100 percent of their -- their leaves. So we saw that some of the swale areas were being affected, and we got staff out there, and we cleaned it up in the morning. But then when the rain came, it pushed the -- it pushed the leaves that had fallen on the grass into the concrete and gutters, and that, again, cause flooding. So we went in there three times during the day, and cleaned it up, and when I left there at 5:30 to come back to the office to come here, I went through there as my route to come back here, and everything was nice, and dry in that area. The roads were a bit dirty, so we're going to send out street sweeper in there tomorrow to clean that area up. And then we did have some other localized flooding in different areas, but, typically, we don't look at it as a concern if -- if after 24 hours that area is a dried area, then it means that the storm water system has worked as how it is designed. One of the education items that we always have is when rain falls, rain takes time to find its way to the inlets, because it has to run, you know, over grass and different areas, and then -- and then the earth gets saturated, and then the canals get filled. And so one of my calls today was to South Broward Drainage District to find out what -- what they were doing to -- you know, to bring down the water levels in the canals, which would then affect the water levels in our lake. And talking to Kevin -- Kevin is the director of South Broward Drainage, he told me that the five pump stations that they have that serve our city, they were all running full bore, and they were moving water into to the C9 canal. The C9 canal is a gravity system, so if there is high water levels out in the ocean, it means that the water in the C9 canal cannot leave. It means that we are pumping into a high head area, and it means that our -- our lakes and canals are going to remain high. So we -- in talking to Kevin, in the next two to three days is when they are going to expect, if we don't get rain, that they canal levels will begin to go down, and areas that still have water, those will become dry. So that's a quick summary of what has happened; I'm available to take any questions that you may have.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well, I've -- that was not quick, that was thorough, and I really appreciate it. I sincerely appreciate -- and I think residents that may have been listening, they would also appreciate it. I do -- I do look on -- on the temperature here --



I'm sorry, the -- the weather forecast here, and it does say rain again over the next two days.

MR. HOBSON-GARCIA: Right.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So, you know, you are so good. You've been -- you have done so good, can you just stop the rain at this point? Can you just --

MR. HOBSON-GARCIA: I do have a call in. I am waiting for a callback.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you so very much. That's it for my comments. Appreciate you.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Mr. Mayor, I do have a question.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, Commiss -- Vice Mayor Davis, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I did get a specific area that -- you know, you mentioned a lot of areas, and I was really proud of you for remembering them all. But there was one by 62<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and she sent me videos. I did send that to ACM. However, her -- her issue -- but she put on social media, in fact, was -- and I quote, "I know the ground is saturated, but the new drainage system obviously cannot handle this amount of water." So that's an area that we've done some drainage work, 62<sup>nd</sup> and 23?

MR. HOBSON-GARCIA: 62<sup>nd</sup> and 23 --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: One of the phases?

MR. HOBSON-GARCIA: That was done during Phase I. Where we are working in Phase IV is 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Turnpike, to County Line Road, to Miramar Parkway. So 62<sup>nd</sup> --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Right.

MR. HOBSON-GARCIA: -- is the Phase I --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Is already done.

MR. HOBSON-GARCIA: Yeah. And --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So her concern is that if it's done, and there's still a lot of flooding, what -- what's next?

MR. HOBSON-GARCIA: I didn't go to that area, so I can't specifically talk about it, but what could be happening is that some of the inlets maybe -- you know, maybe when we had hit there earlier during the day, again, with the rain constantly falling, with -- with the

leaves with -- from the mahogany, and the black olive trees falling into the grass, with the rain falling into the grass, it may have washed the leaves off of the grass back into the road, back onto the inlet. So we will make sure that we go there tomorrow, first thing in the morning, and clean it up, because I have -- I have already sent staff home at 9:00 p.m. tonight. But --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for your hard work, and we look forward to the report.

MR. HOBSON-GARCIA: Sure.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And just before we -- I give back the mic, Mr. Mayor, the other situation that Commissioner Colbourne had mentioned about the customer service, I do see that when you Google utilities, Miramar, there's all kinds of numbers, and I -- I think I mentioned this before. I mean I just looked, and I just saw, you know, a number. It says: Miramar Utilities Admin, and there's a number 602-3069, and when you call it, it doesn't go to 602-HELP, it goes to somebody's phone, and -- and with somebody's name. So I think we just need to have folks just, you know, do a search, find out what's out there, and, you know, if we need to make some changes, try to make those changes. Because people are getting hold of numbers, and these are not the numbers to call, but they're out there in -- on the web. Thanks.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: On -- on that note, I can tell you that the complaint that -- that I received was for someone that they -- they call, specifically to pay their bill. They know where to call; they -- they always call the same number, but they just could not get an answer this time. Multiple calls over a couple days, and they could not get an answer.

MAYOR MESSAM: Does that conclude your report?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: That concludes my report, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Thank you. Good. All right. Just a couple of announcements. I would like to thank staff for their efforts, and the contributions for a great Rhythms of Africa event that took place the beginning of the month, two performances, recognizing the Ten-Year Anniversary of Rhythms of Africa that started right here in the City of Miramar. As well as recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Third World. The Friday performance featured, actually, most of the former and current Third World members, and one of the highlights was the fact that the kids at Everglades High School, while practicing for Rhythms of Africa, they actually had no idea that they would be performing with a professional band set, Third World, and Julian Marley. So when they showed up for their rehearsal, and saw all of these individuals, they were floored. And their performance showed it, and it was a really good -- it's one of those feel-good events, where you see our -- our children participating on the world stage with international artists; it's a -- just an opportunity of a lifetime. So I'd like to thank our Marketing Department, our Parks & Recs Department, and Miramar Cultural Center staff for the collaboration to put

something together of just such quality; that was really meaningful, and very impactful for our youth, and plus it was a lot of fun too, so great job, as always. I'd also like to give a shoutout to the City of Miramar Teen Advisory Council. Had an opportunity to run into our Teen Advisory Council in Tallahassee at the capital, where they represented very well. They had an opportunity to meet many of our State legislative delegation in -- in Tallahassee. They also had the opportunity to be introduced on the Senate floor by State Senator Shevrin Jones, where they recognized the City of Miramar, and our Teen Advisory Council for their participation in the event. It's always great when our youth can be exposed to civics, and to see how governance act, not just in the City of Miramar, but as it relates to our state and federal government, so it's great experience for our youth. And I think we should continue to support these type of events for our youth to get them exposed to the legislative process. Because, who knows, one of them could be our future states representative, state senator, perhaps even governor. Also, I would like to thank all the efforts that went into the swearing in ceremony, specifically to the residents that -- that -- that appeared. It was just -- it's always great to interface with the -- with the resident. Personally, you know, being the -- I guess, now the -- the fourth election, it -- it -- it -- it never gets old, you know, to -- to sit there, and to -- you know, to really grasp the gravity of what we are called to do, and what we are elected to do to serve the community, and to be able to participate in that process with the residents is -- it's always humbling. And, finally, I look forward to attending the African American Mayors Association Conference coming up next week. The City of Miramar will be making an announcement during next week; you have to wait for that announcement, but it will be some great news for the City of Miramar, as it relates -- and connected to that organization, and I can't wait to share it. So sorry for the cliffhanger, but you'll have to stay tuned. Thanks so much, staff, for all that you do.

### **City Manager Reports:**

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

CITY MANAGER VIRGIN: Quickly, Mr. Mayor, tomorrow will be the swearing in of our new police chief, Mr. Moss, so at 3:30 will be the swearing in. So we look forward to him being in uniform, and being at the podium soon. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Manager.

### **City Attorney Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Attorney, a report?

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: No.

### **FUTURE WORKSHOPS:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
05/03/23	6:00 p.m.	Historic Miramar Innovation and Technology Village - Innovation and Technology Center Feasibility Study	Commission Chambers
05/17/23	6:00 p.m.	Employee Health Center Annual Review	Commission Chambers

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **18. VOTE TO ADJOURN**

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to adjourn.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Meeting's adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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