



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

**JUNE 6, 2018**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

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 Darline B. Riggs

The following members of staff were present:

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

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

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 Riggs.

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Interim City Manager Hargray.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Cole.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Smith.

MS. SMITH: Here.

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, let us observe a moment of silence for condolences we may be experiencing in the community. And I'd like to make a special note in recognition -- as we all are aware, it's been a -- based on our media reports, and our reports from our PD, we had an unfortunate death of an eight-month old baby that was mauled by a pit bull, which was one of the family dogs; a very unfortunate situation. But whenever a baby, you know, loses their life, it's just very tragic, so let's extend our thoughts and prayers to the family, and the victim's name was Liana Valino. Thank you.

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. We have a couple of proclamations, and a -- and two presentations, and I'd like to call forward Ms. Elisabeth Valera.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. And this proclamation is in observance of Caribbean American Heritage Month for the month of June 2018, and the proclamations reads as such:

Whereas, our nation is linked to the Caribbean by our geography, as well as our shared past and common aspirations; and, Whereas, throughout our history, immigrants from Caribbean -- from the Caribbean countries have come to our shores seeking better lives and opportunities, and have strived to ensure their children could achieve something greater; and, Whereas, we celebrate the triumph of Caribbean Americans, a diverse community that encompasses many nationalities and languages, who have become leaders in every sector of American life, while maintaining the varied traditions of their country's origin; and Whereas, Caribbean Americans enrich our national character, strengthen the fabric of our culture, and preserve the promise of America for future generations; and, Whereas, a significant portion of the Caribbean American community are proud to call Miramar their home, thus helping Miramar earn the distinction of being one of the most diverse cities in South Florida. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as Caribbean American Heritage Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: and we celebrate all of the cultures and nationalities in the -- from the diaspora of all the Caribbean countries. It does make our -- our nation, our State, our County, and our City that much more enjoyable, especially for you who love jerk chicken, griot, empanadas, all of the great cuisines that we get throughout the many - many cultures that we are so pleased to call residents and business owners in our community. So thanks so much for all that you do.

Proclamation: American Medical Depot Day (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation goes out to American Medical Depot, and I'd like to call up Congressman Kendrick Meek to the dais. And for those of you who may be aware of American Medical Depot, just a little quiet billion dollar corporation that's here in the City of Miramar that's doing some wonderful work for our nation, because many of their services and products goes to ensure that our armed forces are well maintained and taken care of. So it's always great to recognize our significant corporate residents. And this proclamation is in -- in a -- is in observance of American Medical Depot Day, June 19, 2018:

And, Whereas, American Medical Depot is a responsible and active partner, neighbor, and citizen in the communities in which they have a presence; and, Whereas, their best-in-class performance, and supply chain management, logistics, and medical product distribution has been built on their commitment to honest -- honesty and integrity, transparency, and accountability; and, Whereas, they are a role model in promoting equal opportunities, and valuing diversity, equality, and inclusion in their workplace, and in the companies they do business with; and, Whereas, they have promoted and invested in sustainable

environmental practices, and used the most appropriate and efficient environment technologies in its operations; and, Whereas, they have demonstrated their commitment to our community through the financial and volunteer support of civic life, healthcare, education, and the arts; and, Whereas, it is appropriate for all City of Miramar citizens to join the Mayor and the Commission in congratulating American Depot on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of expansion and development. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as American Medical Depot Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: And I'd like to offer an opportunity for the Congressman to share some brief words.

MR. MEEK: Thank you so much, Mr. Mayor. I want to thank the City, and I want to thank our great leaders here, elected and those that are selected to lead. We are honored to be here in the City. You visited our facility on several occasions, and we're proud to be a small business here, employing some 150 people, and serving our military and Department of Veteran Affairs. Thank you so very much, and it's so wonderful being here in this hall once again, thank you. Mr. Mayor, I want to recognize Gigi, who's here, who's one of our leaders there; she's on video right now. She can't come up, but --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay, great. And for those of you who may wonder where this facility is located, for those of you who remember the old USA Today facility in the Miramar Park of Commerce. They have transformed that facility into a world-class operation, so it's wonderful. If you ever get a chance to visit them, I definitely encourage you to do so.

MR. MEEK: Thank you, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Take care.

Presentation:           Scholarship Presentations (Commissioner Darline Riggs)

MAYOR MESSAM: Now, at this time, we have a presentation that will be done by Commissioner Darline Riggs, which is a scholarship presentation. Commissioner Riggs.

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Perfect. Thank you, Mayor. Good afternoon, everyone. First and foremost, I want to say congratulations to all of our graduates here in the beautiful City of Miramar and everywhere. So this is just the opportunity to thank a couple of our students here in the City, to let them know that we appreciate them, and we thank them for being wonderful students. So I have two students here I want to give a scholarship to. Our first student is from Everglades High -- we did Somerset earlier this morning -- is Ms. Alexis Jimenez, if you would please come up here and receive this wonderful scholarship, and thank you for being a wonderful student. Continue to do so, and know

that we love you and support you in all that you do. Thank you, my love. Our next student is from Miramar High, which I'm a graduate of Miramar High; I won't tell you what year. And what a wonderful young man who, at such a young age, has been such a stellar representation of his community. So if Kendrick Ellis would please come up here and receive this scholarship. Kendrick, we love you, and we are so proud of you for always being, you know, such a wonderful young man. See, I'm talking to you and I'm thinking about my son, so I -- I pray that, you know, he looks up to you, because you're such a good example, so thank you for being wonderful. And I know your parents are very proud. So please reach out whenever you need, okay. You're welcome. Congratulations. We are very blessed. Excellent. Perfect. Do well, Kendrick. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Riggs.

Presentation: Broward County Property Appraiser's Office Update. (BCPA Government Liaison Marty Kiar)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next presentation will be done by, not a stranger to us, but our very own Broward County Property Appraiser, former Broward County Mayor, Marty Kiar.

MR. KIAR: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Mayor, may I hand -- I have a handout for the Commission. May I give it out?

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, sure. Yes, you may.

MR. KIAR: Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: If you'd give it to a representative for my Clerk Office to make sure that we all get it.

MR. KIAR: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for having me today. I have to tell you, I love coming to the City of Miramar, and I always forget how beautiful this complex is. I have to tell you, I think it's awesome. As I was driving in, I saw people going to the gym, they're folks that live here, you have restaurants in this area. This is really just a wonderful model for the rest of our -- our 31 cities and, hope others to follow your example and do that. And I also want to tell you that I think Miramar is going great. You know, we have 31 cities in Broward County, and I love all of them equally, but Miramar really is a special place, now not just to raise a family, but to go out to dinner on dates, just have a good time, and have a wonderful life. And I just want to tell you that I think that yourself and this Commission do a really fabulous job on behalf of the residents of the City of Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MR. KIAR: So thank you for that. And thank you for having me today. What I have today -- I wanted to quickly give just an update for the public as to what we do at our office. And I have, pretty much, just a snapshot as to where the County is, and also where the city of

Miramar is at this time. And I think what I -- what I'm going to be able to show you is very, very good, because it just shows that Miramar really is a thriving place. You know, our office is really a neat office. There really three main functions to the Broward County Property Appraiser Office. The first function is we determine the value of every piece of property in Broward County, whether it's residential, commercial, tangible personal property, or essentially assessed properties, which are railroads. And the reason that's important is because when folks pay their property taxes, the amount of taxes they pay is in relation to the value of the property that we set, and the tax rate set by their local government. So the higher the value of the property, the more taxes folks pay. The lower the value of the property, the lower amount of taxes they pay. So the first thing that we want to do is just make sure we get it right. And Broward County is a big place. There's more people here than 13 states, the District of Colombia, and all U.S. Territories, except Puerto Rico. It's big. And we have more parcels that we appraise than in many states. And even though the 200 and some odd folks who are mostly appraisers in our office do a very good job, and their assessments are very accurate, mistakes can occur. And I tell folks, if they believe we made a mistake with the value of their property, and they'll know that when they get their TRIM notice in August, which is their Truth and Millage Notice, or if they go on our website at BCPA.net and type in their name and their address, they can see their property. If we made a mistake, I always tell them come on down to our office, or we'll come to you, and if we made a mistake, we'll adjust your value, accordingly. If not, we'll let you know exactly how we arrived at any particular value. The second thing we do, and this is what I love most about my job, is we give tax savings exemptions to folks that qualify. And there are a lot of exemptions under Florida law that people qualify for. If you live here in the City of Miramar, and it's your primary residence, you're entitled to a Homestead Exemption. What that basically means is that \$50,000.00 of value is going to be taken off the tax, so that you won't have to pay taxes on; could save you 800 or 900, maybe a 1,000 bucks a year. But, most importantly, it makes sure you'll never be taxed out of your home, because it caps the value of your taxes on a three percent a year, or the consumer price index, whichever is lower. So even if the market value of your home, based on what a buyer would pay a seller, goes up 50, 60, 70 percent, the value of your tax can't go up more than three percent, or the Consumer Price Index. It's a way that people get to keep their taxes low, so they can always afford to live there. When they get that, there's many other exemptions. You have senior exemptions, veterans' exemptions, disability exemptions, visually impaired exemptions. Then you can stack those exemptions to reduce your tax bill, so you can save a little bit of money. The third thing that we do, and this is just as important -- you know when people -- as I mentioned before, if someone is entitled to a tax saving exemption, they should get it. Conversely, if they're doing something improper, if they're cheating the system or defrauding the system, and they're getting an exemption or a benefit they're not entitled to get, then they shouldn't get it. And we have a very aggressive fraud division that also goes throughout the County every single day, and it cracks down on folks who may not be playing by the rules. And what they'll do is if somebody is getting an illegal exemption and defrauding the system, they'll take away that exemption, they'll back tax them up to ten years, and they'll include a 50 percent penalty, and 15 percent interest. And then what we do is we collect that money and we pay it back to the taxpayers. Our fraud division has put about

\$7 billion of value back on the tax roll. That equates to millions of dollars of property taxes paid every year, and we've collected about \$70 million in back taxes from folks who weren't playing by the rules, and that's been returned to the taxpayers. So those are really our three main functions. But I also -- I brought here with me today, just a snapshot of where the County, and also where the City of Miramar is right now. And I have to tell you, as I've said before, I think you all are doing pretty well. The first page of the handout is really just an interesting page. This isn't the number that the County Commission is utilizing to determine its budget for this year. It's really just -- if you took all the residential and commercial property in Broward County and you sold it on the open market, for 2017, you would have got about \$250.3 billion. That's a lot of money, but we're a big place. You'll notice that for 2018, countywide, we've had about a 7.06 percent increase in property values, to about \$268 billion. It shows we're on a very good trajectory; there's a lot of building and development, and a lot of property changing hands in our County. The next page is what the County Commission is utilizing right now to determine its budget for the tax year. They're going to utilize this number, set their millage rate on this number, and that'll give them amount of money that they'll use to provide services to people in Broward County. In 2017, the taxable value in Broward County was right about \$167 billion. For 2018, there's been about an eight percent increase in value to about \$180.3 billion. What that means is, if the County Commission doesn't change its tax rate, which is at 5.463, they'll get another \$74,339,000.00 more this year than last year. That's a lot of money coming in that they can provide services to people of Broward County. But what's amazing about that is that's really being driven by the new construction, and property changing hands. Because a vast majority of people in Broward County are homesteaded property owners, and their value that they're taxed on is only going up 2.1 percent. So the bulk of it is being paid for by new construction, whether it's on Las Olas, on the beach, or down here in Miramar; that's really driving these numbers. The next page is just kind of a snapshot of where the County is. You know, right now, we have about 400,000 people with a homestead exemption. You have about 22,000 people with an additional homestead exemption for seniors, and one exemption I always like to reference, because I'm very proud of this, is we've been able to identify 2,153 people here in Broward County that are totally and permanently disabled, first -- veterans who became totally and permanently disabled while serving us and keeping us safe here in America. They've made Broward County their home, and so I'm always very proud to just highlight that. The next page is something I like to bring up, because it's very important to our office. You know, I don't believe in having satellite offices. I think satellite offices, at times, are not a great use of taxpayer dollars for our purposes, and doesn't always help residents throughout the County. What we do though is have a very aggressive mobile and exemption information team. And what our team does is they go out -- go throughout the County every single day, and they help folks with their property. And this year, so far, since January, they've been to about 488 events, and we've assisted about 86,000 residents by taking our message to our residents, and have signed up a number of folks for new exemptions. And I want to thank Miramar, because on the second Monday of each month at 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. right here in Miramar City Hall, you all allow us to set up our shop, and residents come here, and we've been able to help a whole lot of folks here in Miramar as a result of that, so thank you, Mr. Mayor, and the Commission

for that. We've also had about 16,000 people visit our office, another 42,000 homestead exemptions that we've taken this year, 9,300 portability applications, and when it comes to veteran, military, disability, and whatever exemptions, we found another 6,390 say -- this year, that have qualified for it. The next few pages pertain specifically to the City of Miramar, and the City of Miramar, as I said before is doing very well. The first page is not the number that you're going to utilize when you set your budget, but it's just a neat number. If you took all your residential and commercial property in Miramar and you sold it in the open market, for 2017, you'd get about \$13.4 billion. For 2018, you'd get approximately \$14.4 billion, which represents about a 6.92 percent increase in value. It shows that Miramar is really on the right trajectory. The next page is the number that you're going to be utilizing when you determine the amount of money that you need this year in your budget when you set your millage rate. In 2017, you had a taxable value of about \$8,757,000,000.00. So far, there's been a 7.6 percent increase in value to about \$9,420,000,000.00. And to give you an idea, right now, your millage rate is approximately 6.7654, that's your operating millage. If you don't increase it or decrease it, you'll get approximately \$4,400,000.00 more this year than last year, to give you even more money to provide wonderful services to the residents here in Miramar. And, again, the wonderful thing about that number is the vast majority of residents here in Miramar, they are homesteaded, and their value is only going up 2.1 percent. That's really being driven, that big number, by new construction here in Miramar, and also for a lot of property changing hands. The next page kind of gives you a snapshot of where Miramar is. You have about 25,000 with a homestead exemption, 24,000 with an additional homestead exemption, 650 low-income seniors that have the low-income senior exemption. But one thing I wanted to highlight, because I wanted to thank Miramar is you have 185 low-income seniors with a super senior exemption. And I'll tell you why I wanted to highlight that. Because a lot of cities haven't adopted that -- the super senior low-income exemption. Right now, if there is a senior in Miramar that's over 65 years of age, has been in their home for 25 years, makes under \$29,000.00 a year, and their home's assessed at \$250,000.00 or below, they're fully exempt from paying their City portion of their property taxes. And, right now, we've been able to identify 185 people, and so for your purposes and your budget, that's really not a big impact whatsoever, but when it comes to the residents that's benefiting, that's a huge impact on their lives. And so I just wanted to commend you, and I really hope that other cities follow your lead, because I've seen firsthand how that specific exemption helps some of our most vulnerable population, so thank you for that. The last thing I wanted to highlight on there was you have also 132 veterans who are totally and permanently disabled that have made Miramar their home, and so those are American heroes that have decided to make this their place where they want to live and raise their families, and retire and have a great life. The next few pages are just interesting things about Miramar. So the 2018 average value for single family homes in Miramar -- the market -- the total market value for single-family homes here is about \$9.1 billion. The assessed value is about \$6.9 billion. There are 30,000 single-family homes here in Miramar. The average market value is about \$302,000.00; that's what you can get on the open market. And the average assessed value that people pay their taxes on is approximately \$228,000.00. The next page is the average value for condominiums. You have about \$1.6 billion of value worth of condominiums. You have



about \$879 million of assessed value in condominiums. There are 6,892 parcels that are condominiums. The average market value that, basically, were to buy or pay a seller for condominiums is about \$155,000.00, and the average assessed value is \$127,000.00, if people pay their property taxes on. The next page -- I decided to put in there the top six non-condominium properties that we put on the tax roll. This is new construction that is being taxed for the first time this year. And you'll note there's a very large one -- the largest one is a 340-unit apartment building located at 12121 SW 30 -- 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, and that is now an additional \$30 million on the tax roll. And the rest of those are -- basically, follow that as to the top properties in Miramar. The next one are the big condos that we've added this year in Miramar, condo complexes, and you'll notice that the Mirabella plaza, the commercial condo project, added an additional \$14 million -- \$14.5 million to the tax roll here in Miramar. The last thing I wanted to bring up, Mr. Mayor, before I answer any questions that you have -- I know you have a long meeting. I just appreciate you had me today. Is, you know -- one thing I love to do is -- is just like you do and the folks up here do, is have social media as a way of communicating with our wonderful residents. It's the cheapest, most cost effective way, because it's free, and you can provide so much information to residents through social media. And we have our Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, all kinds of different forms of social media, and our handle is the same, which is just @martykiarbcpa, that's @m-a-r-t-y-k-i-a-r-b-c-p-a. We would love all the residents of Miramar to follow us, because we put a lot of helpful information out there. And, with that said, I just want to thank you so much for being here, and because I can't help myself, and because I just bought my season tickets; it's all about the U. Sorry, can't help it, I apologize. For the folks here, I know you know this. Mayor Messam was a huge standout at Florida State University, and the only mayo I ever met that played in the NFL, so I think it's supercool, to be honest with you. But thank you so much for having me, Mr. Mayor, and for this Commission, I just really appreciate how you allow me to come to discuss what we do, and how Miramar is doing.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much for that comprehensive report on Broward County and, specifically, Miramar. And we would remind the Honorable Property Appraiser that Commissioner Chambers is covered in garnet.

MR. KIAR: I did notice that. I almost ran my Hurricane ad. But it is -- you know, I do -- if it's okay, may I just add something. One of my favorite of your Facebook posts is when they had the NFL draft, very recently, and you wrote a one -- you showed yourself, and you wrote, basically, your story, you know, and how you were a free agent, and how it was just your dream that came true. And, for me, it was just so neat to be able to read that, and also congratulation to your twin daughter who, I guess, now have graduated from high school?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, Everglades.

MR. KIAR: Oh, my gosh, and I have a five-year-old and an eight-year-old, and they're growing so fast, and I think before I know it, that's -- they're going to be doing the same thing. But thank you, Mr. Mayor, thank you, everybody, and have a wonderful day.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. I did have a quick question for you, though.

MR. KIAR: Oh, of course. Absolutely.

MAYOR MESSAM: I'm not sure if your office has done any preliminary estimations, but should the ballot referendum question pass in regards to the additional homestead exemption, what im -- what fiscal impact do you see it bringing to, not just City of Miramar, but Broward County.

MR. KIAR: Sure. That is a great question and, actually, I do have the answer for you. I just got to write this on here, so Miramar. I actually brought a page with that, because that's -- that's actually incredibly important. So, right now, if it were in effect today, basically, if it had passed based on this year's millage rates and your budget -- you know, the City of Miramar would lose approximately \$3,317,000.00 in its current budget. That's the loss that the City of Miramar would take. The City Commission would lose approximately -- I don't have it on here, but it's right around 30 to 35 million, if I recall. That's the -- that would be the impact of the additional \$25,000.00 exemption.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Alright.

MR. KIAR: I hope that's helpful. Absolutely.

MAYOR MESSAM: It's good information; I'm not sure it's helpful for our budget.

MR. KIAR: I know, absolutely. You know what I -- with regard to that, what I always tell folks -- a lot of folks bring this up to me. And the way I explain it to people -- you know, it's going to be on the ballot, and folks are going to have -- you know, have to make the best decision as to whether or not they thing this is good for them and their family, or if it's not good for them and their family, and their community. And I always explain it to people; they should think about it this way. When times are good and values are still rising, most governments can absorb the hit. However, if times aren't so good, that's when it really becomes difficult. So think about the Broward County Commission right now. Right now, they have about an eight percent increase in their value, meaning that they're going to get about another -- they would get another \$74 million more this year than last year. If this weren't effected, they'd lose \$35 million, so they still come about \$40 million ahead. But think about the reverse; imagine if it wasn't an eight percent increase in value, but it was an eight percent decrease in value. Now they're going to lose about \$74 million, and then they're also going to lost an additional 35 million on top of that. Now they have to absorb \$100 million, and that is a significant amount of services that the people of Broward County will lose, as a result. So it's -- you know, this is a very important valid initiative, and, you know, and my -- what it tell the residents is just really look into it, and research it as much as possible, so you can make the best decision possible. Because it has a very big implementations.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much. Are there any other questions from

Commission? Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just for clarification, please. Is the exemptions for those 65 and older, and 25-year resident, do they both go together or they're separate.

MR. KIAR: The -- so the way it would work -- and that's a great question. The additional \$25,000.00 -- the additional homestead for -- that's a \$25,000.00 exemption for low-income seniors. That would apply to all low-income seniors that -- where either they're - they haven't lived here for 25 years, or they -- they're in their home for 25 years, or their home's assessed over 200 -- under \$250,000.00. So -- oh, there are -- so let me try one more time, I apologize. So that one would apply to any senior that wouldn't qualify for the other homestead exemption. So that one would take an additional \$400.00 off their bill, but the other one would, basically, fully exempt them. So anybody that would qualify under the super homestead -- additional senior homestead exemption, they wouldn't need the other additional homestead exemption, because they wouldn't be paying property taxes. If that -- I hope I answered your question.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Does tax --

MR. KIAR: I know I was kind of stumbling there a little bit, but thank you, Commissioner Barnes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Alright. Seeing no other questions, thank you so much, Mr. Kiar, and thank you for bringing us the good news.

MR.KIAR: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And, again, thank you for the great work that you and this Commission does all the time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much.

MR. KIAR: I really appreciate it. Have a great day.

MAYOR MESSAM: Take care. Okay. That completes our proclamations and presentations

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: And now 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. Anyone wishing to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda should approach the podium at this time. Seeing none. Are there any items from -- by the Commission wished to be pulled?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'd like to pull number two.

MAYOR MESSAM: Alright, number two. Are there any other items? Seeing none, can I have a motion on the balance of the Consent Agenda?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 3, and 4, the Commission voted:

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

1. Minutes from the FY18 Fire Assessment Fee Budget Public Hearing of September 19, 2017 and the FY18 Budget Public Hearing of September 27, 2017

**Approved**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number two, please.

2. Temp. Reso. #R6718 authorizing the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$967,532 from the Florida Department of Transportation through the **2015 Transportation Alternatives Program** for the **Miramar Parkway Streetscape Project** from S.W. 68th Avenue to S.W. 64th Avenue; authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Proposed Local Agency Program Agreement between the City of Miramar and the Florida Department of Transportation for the provision of financial assistance for construction related services. (*City Engineer Bissy Vempala*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item two is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, authorizing the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$967,532.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation through the 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program for the Miramar Parkway Streetscape Project from S.W. 68th Avenue to S.W. 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue; authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Proposed Local Agency Program Agreement between the City of Miramar and the Florida Department of Transportation for the provision of financial assistance for construction related services, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Colbourne, would you like a presentation or you just have questions for staff?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'd just like a presentation on it. I think it's something we should highlight to our residents, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Welcome.

MS. VEMPALA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, and members of City Commission. Bissy Vempala, City Engineer. This agenda item is to approve the acceptance of a federal grant in the amount of \$967,532.00 for the Miramar Parkway Streetscape Project from SW 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SW 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and authorize the City Manager to execute a local agency program agreement with Florida Department of Transportation. This is the location of the project. In 2015, the City of Miramar received the approval for Federal Highway Administration funding through FDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program for the Miramar Streetscape Project. FDOT requires the City to enter into a local agency program agreement to receive the allocated funds in the amount of \$967,532.00. The Miramar Parkway Streetscape Project is currently in the permitting stage with FDOT and Broward County. This project includes constructing median and streetscape improvements, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, ADA compliant ramps, pedestrian level lighting, landscaping and irrigation along Miramar Parkway between SW 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The construction is anticipated to start early next year. Approval is recommended. I'll be happy any questions that you may have.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Hearing and seeing none, back to the dais. Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VVICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you. I -- I -- again, I just think it's -- it's worth highlighting. It is a good thing for this city. Great for Historic Miramar. It's just another way that we are -- are spending dollars to improve our City, and to redevelop the area, so thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks, Vice Mayor. Also, this continues our continued efforts in regards to redevelopment and revitalization in Historic Miramar, and to see that we are actively seeking all available grants, just not only adds to the benefit of the project, but it definitely helps us as taxpayers to be able to -- to accomplish these objectives. So, as you can see, from 441, actually, all the way to 69<sup>th</sup> Way will have a complete, complete makeover. So thanks so much for bringing this information. At this time, may I have a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 3, and 4, the Commission voted:

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

### **Resolution No. 18-121**

3. Temp. Reso. #R6655 approving and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the proposed Park Agreement - Fee in lieu of Land with Tekton Development Corp., for payment of a fee in the amount of \$284,029 in lieu of park land dedication for the residential development known as **Tekton Apartments**. *(City Engineer Bissy Vempala)*

### **Resolution No. 18-122**

4. Temp. Reso. #R6719 approving the final ranking and award of Request for Qualifications No. 18-12-09, entitled “**Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for Miramar Parkway Streetscape from S.W. 68th Avenue to S.W. 64th Avenue**” to the highest evaluation scoring, most qualified responsive and responsible proposer, R.J. Behar & Company, Inc.; authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Proposed Professional Services Agreement with R.J. Behar & Company, Inc., for the provision of construction engineering and inspection services in an amount not-to-exceed \$130,000. *(City Engineer Bissy Vempala and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

### **Resolution No. 18-123**

### ***End of Consent Agenda***

## **RESOLUTIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number five, please.

5. Temp. Reso. #R6711 approving renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment Agreement with Microsoft Licensing, GP providing for the **software maintenance of computer and server IT infrastructure software**, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,072,000 over a three-year period, utilizing State of Florida Contract No. 43230000-15-02 with Software House International (SHI). *(Information Technology Director Clayton Jenkins)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item five is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment Agreement with Microsoft Licensing, GP providing for the software maintenance of computer and

server IT infrastructure software, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,072,000.00 over a three-year period, utilizing State of Florida Contract No. 43230000-15-02 with Software House International (SHI), and providing for an effective date.

MR. BRITO: Good evening, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. BRITO: Vice Mayor, Commissioners. My name is Marco Brito, Information Systems Manager for IT. This is a request for Commission approval to renew our Microsoft Enterprise agreement. The previous agreement was approved by Commission in 2015 for a period of three years. Our parent agreement is set to expire on June 30, 2018. This agreement is for the Microsoft licensing of all desktops, servers, and laptops. The agreement is for -- I'm sorry. The agreement is for the licensing of all desktop, laptop, and server infrastructure. The proposed renewal is -- will allow us to extend our licenses for additional three years for an amount not to exceed \$1,072,000.00 per City Commission -- per City procurement code. City Commission approval is required for purchases made for over \$50,000.00. Approval recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any questions, comments? Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just -- just for clarification. We're talking about software maintenance. We're talking about copyrighted material that we are paying almost a license fee for in using our -- the -- the equipment in the programs that -- that we -- we pay for.

MR. BRITO: This is specifically for licensing of all Microsoft operating systems, Office suites, as it relates to server and laptop operating systems.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No, I'll tell you why I ask the question. I think our residents need as much clarification as they can get --

MR. BRITO: Sure.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: -- when we do these kinds of expenditures, because -- I'm going to say it. You know, my laptop, my desktop don't cost a lot of money, but if we understand the extent and the use of the programs, in addition to the equipment that a city like us use, then that clarification is made easier for residents who question the kind of money we're talking about. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor -- I mean Commissioner Barnes. Any other questions? May I have a motion.



VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6711, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 18-124**

## **ORDINANCES**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number six, please.

6. **FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1689 relating to comprehensive planning; making findings; amending the goals, objectives and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element; deleting certain references to

maximum height of structures; providing for a unified flexibility zone and the allocation of flexibility and redevelopment units; revising restrictions on certain uses; revising provisions relating to **Regional Activity Centers**; revising Policy 1.13 establishing standards for land use density control in irregular residential land use categories; providing land use map revisions in the commercial, industrial, employment center, commercial recreation, recreation and open space, institutional, and public facilities, utilities, and conservation land use category; providing definitions; revising the plan introduction; removing and updating antiquated content, policies and references; providing for transmittal to the Department of Economic Opportunity; providing for repeal; providing for severability/interpretation; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; providing for recertification; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date.  
(Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item six is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, relating to comprehensive planning; making findings; amending the goals, objectives and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element; deleting certain references to maximum height of structures; providing for a unified flexibility zone and the allocation of flexibility and redevelopment units; revising restrictions on certain uses; revising provisions relating to Regional Activity Centers; revising Policy 1.13 establishing standards for land use density control in irregular residential land use categories; providing land use map revisions in the commercial, industrial, employment center, commercial recreation, recreation and open space, institutional, and public facilities, utilities, and conservation land use category; providing definitions; revising the plan introduction; removing and updating antiquated content, policies and references; providing for transmittal to the Department of Economic Opportunity; providing for repeal; providing for severability/interpretation; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; providing for recertification; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Mr. Silva.

MR. SILVA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Eric Silva, Community & Economic Development Department. This item is for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The City's Comprehensive Plan currently does not include a definition section. Back in 2010, when the City was doing a big update to the Comprehensive Plan, the definition section was inadvertently left out of the adoption of that document, so we're fixing that problem now. The definition section is over 50 pages, but just a few examples of some of the definitions: affordable housing, concurrency, gross density, special residential facilities, transit oriented development, and water conservation area. These definitions are used throughout the Comprehensive Plan, all the elements, but one that's really important is the Future Land Use Element. The City has ten areas they call dashed line residential categories, and what they are, basically, is a number of units, like 1,000 units was assigned to an area that has like 5,000 acres. So those unit densities are shown on a circle inside the Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map.

And they're located throughout the City from east to west. So the proposed amendments: we're going to revise the introduction; we're going to – in the Future Land Use Element to delete obsolete content and policies and references, and also delete some references to height and lot coverage. The reason why we're deleting those references to height and lot coverage are because those references are usually not in a comprehensive plan, they're in the zoning code, so to avoid any conflicts between the Comprehensive Plan and the zoning code -- all the districts in the zoning code have these requirements for height. And lot coverage is handled by usually like setbacks and other development standards, so there's potential conflicts in the Comprehensive Plan and zoning code; that's why we're deleting it tonight. And the action requested by the City Commission is to find the amendments in compliance with State law and internally consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, and to authorize City staff to transmit them to the Florida State Department of Economic Opportunity, and other State agencies for their review. And approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, are there any questions from the dais from first reading? May I have a motion?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Ordinance #O1689, the Commission voted:

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

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED FOR July 3, 2018

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number seven, please.

7. **FIRST READING** of Temp.Ord. #O1690 relating to comprehensive planning; making findings; amending the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Future Land Use Element of the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan; revising Policy 1.14 to modify the distribution and intensity of the approved mix of uses within the **Transit Oriented Corridor** land use category; collapsing the allocation of the residential uses into single-family uses (755 dwelling units) and multifamily uses (2,651 dwelling units); reducing the allocation of office uses from 2,500,000 square feet to 2,000,000 square feet; providing for transmittal to Broward County and the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; providing for repeal; providing for severability/interpretation; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; providing for recertification; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. ***(Staff recommends continuance to the Meeting of 06/20/2018) (Community Economic & Development Director Eric Silva)***

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item seven is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, relating to comprehensive planning; making findings; amending the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Future Land Use Element of the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan; revising Policy 1.14 to modify the distribution and intensity of the approved mix of uses within the Transit Oriented Corridor land use category; collapsing the allocation of the residential uses into single-family uses (755 dwelling units) and multifamily uses (2,651 dwelling units); reducing the allocation of office uses from 2.5 million square feet to 2 million square feet; providing for transmittal to Broward County and the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; providing for repeal; providing for severability/interpretation; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; providing for recertification; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. Staff is requesting a continuance of this item to the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

MAYOR MESSAM: Alright, thank you. Can I have a motion for a continuance to the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to continue.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to continue Ordinance #O1690, the Commission voted:

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

**Cont'd to 6/20/18**

SECOND READING SCHEDULED FOR August 22, 2018

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number eight, please.

8. **SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1687 amending Chapter 11 “Business Taxes, Permits, and Business Regulations” by creating Article VIII “**Towing of Vehicles from Private Property**” to provide for towing regulations; and providing for an effective date. ***(Passed 1st Reading on 03/21/18) (Continued from the Meeting of 05/16/18) (Staff recommends continuance to the Meeting of 06/20/18) (Police Chief Dexter Williams)***

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item eight is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending Chapter 11 “Business Taxes, Permits, and Business Regulations” by creating Article VIII “Towing of Vehicles from Private Property” to provide for towing regulations; and providing for an effective date. Staff is requesting a continuance of this item also to June 20<sup>th</sup>, so it can be properly advertised.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion to continue to the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to continue.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: 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 Riggs?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to continue Ordinance #O1687, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes

Yes

Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Colbourne	Yes
Commissioner Riggs	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

**Cont'd. to 6/20/18**

## **QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

MAYOR MESSAM: Onto quasi-judicial, please.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Thank you, Mayor. Florida Courts have determined that if there are certain types of matters, including the following applications, which are to be treated differently than other issues considered by the Commission. Most decisions of the Commission are legislative in nature, which means that the Commission is acting as a policymaking body. In contrast, in quasi-judicial matters, the Commission is applying existing rules and policies for a factual situation and is therefore acting like a judge or a jury in a courtroom. In such cases, courts have decided that due process and fundamental fairness require that more formal procedures be followed. The City of Miramar procedures for quasi-judicial hearings are as follows: anyone who wishes to speak shall be collectively sworn in by the City Clerk. The hearings will be conducted in an informal manner. I will read the title of the item to be considered. Staff will present a brief synopsis of the application and make a recommendation. Next will be a presentation by the applicant. The Commission will then hear from participants in favor or and in opposition to the application. All witnesses are subject to cross examination by City staff, City Commission, and the applicant, and a participant may request that the Commission ask questions of a witness. The applicant and staff will make concluding remarks. No further presentations or testimony will be permitted, and the public hearing will then be closed. All decisions of the Commission must be based upon competent, substantial evidence presented to it at the hearing. All backup materials provided to the City Commission as part of the agenda will automatically be made a part of the hearing record. All approvals will be subject to staff recommended conditions, unless otherwise stated in the motion for approval. At this time, the City Clerk should swear in all witnesses.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: All of those wishing to provide testimony on the following quasi-judicial item, please stand and raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? Please move forward to receive a colored dot, thank you. Come forward, please.

MAYOR MESSAM: Item nine please.

9. Temp. Reso. #R6720 approving Application No. 1802779, an unconditional and irrevocable waiver of Easement rights for **Boardwalk**, located west of Flamingo Road and north of Somerset Boulevard. (*City Engineer Bissy Vempala*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item nine is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving Application No. 1802779, an unconditional and irrevocable waiver of Easement rights for **Boardwalk**, located west of Flamingo Road and north of Somerset Boulevard, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Welcome back.

MS. VEMPALA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, and members of City Commission. Bissy Vempala, City Engineer. Before you tonight is a request to approve the vacation of easements located within the Boardwalk development. Here is the location map located north of Somerset Boulevard and west of Flamingo Road. Boardwalk is a proposed multifamily residential community located adjacent to the Vizcaya development. The City Commission approved the site plan for this project on June 15, 2016. There are some existing easements in -- within this development that will conflict with the proposed location of the building. Southern Homes of Homestead, LLC, the developer, decided to get those easements vacated, so that they can proceed with securing the financing for the project and start construction. They'll be dedicating new easements once the proposed infrastructure construction is complete. The Development Review Committee have already approved this vacation of easements. The easements to be vacated are shown in the green color in that sketch. The approval is recommended with two conditions. They are: the property owner shall provide new replacement easements upon completion of the new water and sewer utilities for Boardwalk; and the second one is the replacement easement shall be accepted by the City and recorded no later than December 21, 2020. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any questions from the dais on -- for staff? Okay, no. Alright. Now to the applicant. Would the applicant like to speak? Okay. Alright. Are there anyone -- are there any -- is there anyone from the public that wish to speak on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Commissioner Barnes followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Again, for the benefit of our residents, explain what easements are, and explain if this is really just a swap of easements in this particular case.

MS. VEMPALA: Easement is an area of land where the City has the right to access that location and do improvements to the existing City-owned utilities underneath. So there are some utilities existing within that area that has to be relocated for the construction of the new homes for this project, so they had to -- we had to vacate that area first, so they could start construction. And then when once they finish the infrastructure they'll dedicate new easements.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: She already address my question. Thank you.



MAYOR MESSAM: Alright. If there are no further questions, may I have a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6720, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 18-125**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **10. Reports and Comments:**

#### **Commissioner Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. On to other business. Commissioner reports. We'll start from the end. Commissioner Riggs, you have a report?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: No, I do not.

MAYOR MESSAM: Alright. Commissioner Barnes?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Couple of questions, comments, and so. We have, I suspect, all as Commissioners received a number of allegations about a recent hire. I am requesting from our Interim City Manager a report in writing as to the -- in response to -- to the emails that we -- in fact, I think we got one either today or yesterday -- at the earliest possible date regarding the claims that have been made. In addition, our IT guys are here still. I want to get rid of my iPhone. I think back and forth over the last few years is counterproductive. I'll give you an example. On the air on Monday this week, a caller tackled me about the problems he has here in the City of Miramar. I gave him my legislative assistant's telephone number, and it ended up on this iPhone. Not her cell number, her office number, and the message was left on this phone. Please, I will take any el cheapo phone over this phone. It has been a problem. Let me tell you why. When I first became a commissioner, I did not accept a laptop for my home, I did not accept a fax machine, so there are a number of safeguards that are necessary for the operation of a computer to work at my home. Never took one, not planning on taking one. On an ongoing and regular basis, I have to continually be changing my password. Shari is -- is bolder than I am, and she will -- it's counterproductive. I really don't have a problem getting an el cheapo phone instead of this. It becomes counterproductive after a while. I'm not -- I'm not, you know, getting on your case, but it makes no sense. How can I give a resident my assistant's phone number, and that caller calls, and the message ends up on this? I submit that that is totally counterproductive. Please, either we have a system where I don't have to go through all of this kind of stuff, or give -- I'll go buy a phone and you go hook it up. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Chambers, a report?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I feel your pain, Commissioner Barnes. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have some occurrence similar of that. Kind of leave it alone. Just want to speak on item number eight. I would like to meet with staff as soon as possible. I don't think we can continue to continue that item. There's a lot of issue with towing of cars in Miramar, so I want to make sure that we have a tight resolution to protect our residents. That's number one. I don't know if the gentleman is here. A gentleman reached out to me, Mr. Pierre, in regards to his home address, let's see, 7904 Coral Boulevard, Miramar, Florida 33023. I just -- I don't know if he's here, but I want -- ask staff to try to reach out to him and try to get this issue resolved as soon as possible. I believe he's trying to sell his home, so I'm asking that sometime this week, in the coming week, we get it resolved as soon as possible. Thank you so much. I just want to say this coming Saturday will be Caribbean American Heritage at Shirley Branca beginning from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. For those of you who like to come out and celebrate with the band or your family, please do

so. Graduation; a lot of graduation taking place over the last week, and I just want to say Everglades High School Class of 2018, fantastic. The kids are doing great things. Also the Fire Academy at Everglade High School. Fantastic program that went well. I have the pleasure of attending. And our very own Miramar High School. They know how to celebrate, and they had a fantastic graduation the other night. It was a pleasure to be there once again, and congratulation to my nephew; he graduate from Miramar High School. And I must say we have our first Criminal Justice Program graduation at Miramar High School. So I want to thank Chief Williams and all his men and women in uniform that support that program. Thank you so much. I'd like to congratulate Vice Mayor Colbourne and her celebration that she had. It was a successful dinner. Didn't make it, but I heard it went well, so thank you so much. And Commissioner Riggs, congratulation for your trip to Haiti. Thank you for doing that. It's always good to support our orphanage, so thank you so much. I had the pleasure of having a request for a 94-year-old lady, and she request -- her daughter request me at her birthday party. Had some pictures. Those are the request that I don't get every day, so I had to oblige, and we had a real fantastic time. Had a lot of support. I took my mother with me and had the pleasure of Mr. (unclear 55:08) BSO was there, and Keith Martin from the PFA, and our very own Assistant Fire Marshal was there also. So we had a fantastic time. The cake was good. Her daughter treat us to some ackee and saltfish and dumpling, which was good, so I just want to say I had a great time honoring this lady request to have me at her 94-year-old birthday. This past weekend, I had a book signing here, which went very well. The young lady was able to sold out all her book, and it's a pleasure to host that event. This book, *Believe in Yourself*, a great read, so I have the honor of having a foreword in the book, so for those -- those of you who picked up a copy, you'll see my foreword in the book. The Man Cave here, I would like to thank Park & Rec, Elizabeth. Another great event for the Man Cave this past Saturday, so it went very well. Thank you guys so much in Park & Recreation. We had a couple of picture. For those of you who didn't come out, you miss the haircut. Sorry, you're going to have to pay to get your hair cut this weekend. I would like to thank the Professional Firefighters Association. They had the Trailblazer Award Ceremony here. It was well attended and went over very well for the first one; looking forward to it next year. And just did a fabulous job, so thank you, Chief, for your support, and all the men and women in uniform that came out to support this event. And I think that's it. Wait. Not done. Mr. Mayor two daughter graduate this weekend. I love them so much, awesome young lady. I always admire them. They're my true friend, always, and I really adore them. I wish them all the best.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And just thank them so much for all their success. I know they're going to do very well in the future. You should be very proud, and their mom, so thank you. I have the pleasure of attending my daughter graduation at Silver Shores Elementary. How do I forget my own daughter. But Silver Shore is one of my school that I do on my volunteer, in addition to New Renaissance. So Hailey turns -- graduate, going to be going to middle school, and she is quite a young lady, very smart, and know what she want to do, so I just love her and appreciate her. So looking forward to her going to

Glades Middle, and all the other graduate from Silver Shores Elementary. I have the pleasure of presenting a proclamation to the school that went over very well, so I want to thank them so much. And looking forward to continue to volunteering at that school, and many other school in the community. And I think that's it. Thank you all so much. Have a fantastic week.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Vice Mayor, you have a report?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: A very short one. Just want to say I did hear that that 94-year-old lady actually wanted to meet you especially for her birthday. That was her birthday gift, so that was very nice that you --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: It was an honor.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: -- made that you went there and took her flowers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And she wasn't a day over 25, I'm telling you. She have a lot of energy. Her mouth is very sharp, and she was lovely.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: So that's good. Congratulations to all the graduates. Your daughter, Mr. Mayor, your daughters, your daughter, Commissioner Chambers, and all the graduates in the City of Miramar, all the best for the future. Thank you all.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Couple of announcements. First, last week I had an op -- I was invited to attend a meeting with the -- at the ICE Facility here in Miramar by Congressman Alcee Hastings and Debbie Wasserman Schultz, who came down to meet with the command officials at the location to get an update. As you all know from the reports given here at City Commission by our Police Chief that the latest update has been the acquisition of the property just east to provide parking. We received updates from that meeting. The meeting was a collection of agencies: Department of Homeland Security, the ICE Facility, GSA, which is the Government Services Agency that does the procurement for federal agencies, and they provided an update. So one of the questions we raised was how long will it be before the parking lot would be built. There was no definitive response. In fact, they had just that week received technical requirements or a formal communication from ICE regarding those needs. At best estimates, we're probably talking a year out before that lot would be constructed. In their terms, it is actually moving at jackrabbit pace, because, typically, for agencies, it's a 36-month cycle for most -- for most -- for most deliveries of those types of needs for the respective agencies. The parking lot would accommodate, perhaps, a little over a couple hundred cars. They receive about 250 appointments a day, which include about 25 walk-ins, but we all know that it's probably almost twice as many cars that may visit that site on a day, because people will just come to -- to -- to walk in in hopes of getting an appointment. So it became apparent that -- that the parking situation may not necessarily meet the demand that's -- that's coming there. Collectively, one -- one of the things though -- what was really the -- a big issue that was raised by all of us was what would be the temporary solution

between now and those improvements being put in place, which would include the parking lot, obviously, and some covered shelter for the individuals that are waiting for their parking. There is nothing being planned to this point in terms of temporary shelters for -- for those individuals between now and then; covered canopy walkway. We're waiting for those responses for that. So the -- both congress people pressed that issue. They are looking to see what they can do internally to turn up some heat. What I can say is that they have agreed to copy the City, so the City Manager's Office will be receiving updates and being copied on emails in terms of the updates on where they are, in terms of providing those outstanding -- answers to those outstanding questions, as well as keeping us up to date on the developments of the acquisition of the site, as well as the construction of -- of -- of the parking -- of the parking lot. So it's -- we have gotten some movement, but I think that it was -- it was kind of disheartening to see that -- the lack -- based on the attention, based on all the complaints, based on all of the urging, to see that there wasn't more of a comprehensive solution in the short term, as well as to the ultimate resolution for that -- for that site. And it is really impacting that community. Although we recognize that individuals are now allowed to come inside, but we're hearing that, you know, they're brought in one by one, and it's only a couple of facilities there. It's definitely inadequate. We even inquired about porta potties perhaps being placed on the site. It was more concern about, perhaps, the management of that -- those porta potties and the elements that they may bring, or what could happen in there, you know. Everything was so regimented, in terms of some of the -- the responses. So I think that we -- we should continue to work with our congressional delegation. They are fully engaged in this process, but I don't know if there's anything that we can do locally more. I think we should explore every option to, perhaps, see how we can turn up the heat, you know, even more, because more can be done, in my estimation. There has to be something more, because it's a -- it's a humane issue now. It's -- we're entering into the rainy season, and we're after Memorial Day, and now temperatures are exceeding 90 degrees, and it's just deplorable to have someone, you know, individuals by the 100s, you know, dozens out in those elements under those conditions. And imagine you're waiting, and it starts raining; where do you go? So I just wanted to -- to -- to give that update. And, for the benefit of the Commission, now that our City will be formally receiving updates when they do come, City -- the City Manager or his designee will be able to provide us with those direct updates from -- from -- from the federal government as it relates to the developments for the ICE Facility. Yes?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Let me just jump in here. Why don't we investigate the possibility, the remotest possibility as to whether we'd be given permission to, for example, erect tents? Not so sure how the mechanics would work, but let's look, if you would, at the possibility, at least requesting permission to erect tents to help the applicants that have to attend on ICE. And then we look at where we find the funding to do that. But I think -- I think we have to look at it from that kind of pragmatic perspective as of now, so why don't we talk to someone, "Listen, can we be given permission to stick up a couple of tents Mondays to Fridays when the applicants have to attend the offices?" And then we look at how we can fund it. I think we should at least look at that.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I think that's a great idea, Commissioner Barnes, and that's something we can easily do, as long as we got the permission. So we have people willing to volunteer, and to donate tents to help, so I'm liking that idea.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. I think that's a reasonable approach, and -- and -- and it seems like we have consensus at least to be able to explore what those options are. And what I would encourage staff to do is that we know that there are going to be issues. You know, there's a risk management element to this. We know we have to identify a particular site, and get permission, and -- and what liabilities may -- but I would hope that the report would come back of ways of how we can mitigate whatever those risk issues are to point to a solution. I don't -- I would hate -- I don't want to hear a report that would come back like I heard from those individuals at the ICE Facility that, in my estimation, recited bureaucracy and protocol before assuring that a child has cover. You know, I think that's tragic. And I know that our City administration and our attorneys can work to -- to identify what these risk elements are, and seeing if there's a risk, or if there's a challenge, best propose a solution to mitigate that, or something that we can use to -- to help cover ourselves, in the event that, you know, those items that would cause a risk to -- instead of saying no. How do we mitigate that risk? Because it's just -- we are better than that. We're better than this, and -- and -- and I know that we can -- we can push towards just human decency in this process. Because all of those individuals, we don't know their cases or what their situation is, but they're just doing their duty to comply with our immigration laws. They have to report, and they're doing their duty to report under those circumstances. That should not put them -- that's not on -- there should not be an indictment nor a license to be in inhumane conditions. And I think that we can sit here and say it's not our problem, it's the federal government's, but it is our problem, because it's in our City.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: And if I may add again, Mr. Mayor, it is a federal problem. It's going to continue to be one that they, apparently, would like to avoid. Our reputation is being sullied. It is happening in the City of Miramar. So anything at all we can do to mitigate that situation, we should at least attempt.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Alright. Thank you. Alright. On to -- continuing on on my report. We celebrated Haitian Heritage Month in Miramar on May 17<sup>th</sup> on the eve of Haitian Flag Day. We recognize Miramar residents and their contributions to the City. The -- I'd like to thank all of my colleagues that were able to attend. I think we all enjoyed the -- the event, as well as the entertainment; that was a nice touch, with spoken word, as well as with jazz. It was a classy event, and something that -- I was just happy that we could share with our Haitian residents in the City of Miramar to celebrate their culture and heritage in our City. And we also held Broward Speaks, which was a student created and led even that, basically, dealt with the issues of the school shootings in Parkland, as well as in Texas. Students reached out and wanted to do something in our City to register voters, as well as to discuss potential solutions to keep schools safe. It was a very creative format through -- through the arts. The students were from Everglades High School, Miramar High School, West Broward, Flannigan, and American Heritage, and

they just did a phenomenal job. I would like to thank Police Chief Dexter Williams and City Attorney Jaime Cole for participating. They were invited by the students. When I say they planned everything, they planned everything. I think it was important that they did, because it was their event, it was their voice, and it showed just how -- how -- how smart and impactful they are, and they can take an initiative and turn something very positive out of that event. I'd also like to announce, coming up on this year again, I'm hosting the Aviation Academy, which will take place here at City hall, July 24<sup>th</sup>. The event is now live, and registration is open to first come, first serve for Miramar -- for Miramar residents, and you can register for this event on Eventbrite, so just search for summer -- Summer Aviation Academy Miramar on Eventbrite, and it will bring up the registration, and we will be accepting 80 students, and the event is totally free. Also, this summer, I'll be hosting the Summer Technology Boot Camp, which will take place July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>, and you can register at [www.fvi.edu/freedom](http://www.fvi.edu/freedom) -- i mean, freebootcamp. And the purpose of this boot camp is to be an introduction to technology for our young -- young people in our community. Miramar has a -- has a budding and emerging technology section in our City. Students will be exposed to cyber security, technology in general, some coding, and so that they can be exposed to the world of technology, and the event is totally free. And this is one of our new corporate clients -- our clients, but corporate residents, which is one of the new Horizons Program, the Florida Vocational Institute. They do training in allied health, as well as technology. And they're located in the Miramar Park of Commerce. And, as echoed before by some of my colleagues, I'd like to congratulate all the graduates this year from our area schools. We were able to celebrate, as a commission, the graduates of Everglades High School, Miramar High Schools, as well as this morning, Somerset Academy. And it's just always great to see just the look of promise, you know, in our graduates, and in the parents, their joy of seeing their kids matriculate through high school to either move on to college or armed forces, or to join the workforce. And it's just a great pleasure to -- to see them graduate. And it was very special this year, because Ang and I graduated our last two this year, so we -- we always joke in our household -- in the Messam household, when you turn 18, you have to leave. So it's either going to be a happy ending or a sad ending, it's your choice. So we always joke about that. So we're glad that all three have had a happy ending, and that they'll all be moving on to Florida International University. So thanks again, Commissioner Chambers, for your well -- for your well wishes. And I will be leaving tomorrow to go to Boston for the Annual US Conference of Mayors conference. There are some great initiatives that are planned to be released this year. We've already had a preview of one of those initiatives that was sent out by our Interim City Manager that the Florida -- Federal Home Loan Bank has some great affordable home prom -- affordable home programs with the Home -- Hometown Hero Initiative that they'll be launching at the conference that our staff has had an opportunity to preview from the -- from the Atlanta Division of the Federal Home Loan Bank, which is basically -- its' like Freddie and Fannie Mae, the bank. They make sure that their member institutions have funding and lending and, pretty much, all of the banks in our City and credit unions, and some small community banks are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank. So looking forward to a -- another successful conference. And that completes my report. Take care, and God bless.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, real quick.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can I have a minute. Something came to my attention. I just want to address to the City Manager. We've been having a issue with our utility employees getting to gated community, all the HOA. So that's something that we're going to have to address. When we have a water main break or something, it's been too difficult to get into these community. So whatever we have to do, we have to really address that. Just this evening when I'm coming home from work, and run into that issue where the water main break in Monarch Lake, and they couldn't get in. If I hadn't pull up and make some effort to get them in -- it's just too difficult. So it's something that we have to -- have to work on with our employees. And I just want to say, Chief, there's a young lady that missing in east Miramar. Can you quickly give us a overview, if you can. If not, we just want to have everybody keep in mind that she's still missing, and we want to -- every effort to try to bring some closure to the family. So if you want to touch on that real quick, and thank you so much for that.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners, I'm Dexter Williams, City of Miramar Police Chief. Yes, we are currently investigating that. We are not in a position, yet, to say whether there is any foul play that's involved in this case. Obviously, we're looking into just being very cautious on making any type of accusations or anything of that nature. But, yes, at present moment, we do still have a missing young lady that we have gotten information from -- obviously, from the family and so forth. The circumstances surrounding it have been very suspicious, based on her pattern of history of what she normally does with work and family, etc., so we're being very cautious on the information that we're putting out presently, because we want to make sure that we don't contaminate any of the investigation in regards to this. We will be moving out more information again, working collaboratively with the -- the media to put information out. We also been working with the State's Attorney's Office, as well. We are trying to get them to be a little -- a little more forthcoming with helping on certain things. Obviously, like I said, we don't have anything at this present stage to do any connect the dots, so I just want to be very cautious on how much I speak to it right now.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thanks. I get daily calls, so --

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- I don't have much I can offer other than comfort to the family.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes. I --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.



CHIEF WILLIAMS: I can definitely say there's more than a -- more than a team working on this presently, and we're covering every aspect of it, every single part.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I have no doubt. We have a good team.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thanks. Thank you.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes, we do.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Chief. Thank you Commissioner. Yeah, I received a couple of calls as well, so -- and I've put them in touch with -- with the police, with our Police Chief, so we do want the family to know that all -- all available resources are being extended -- are being extended towards this case, and we take them very seriously. So thanks, Commissioner, for -- for raise -- for raising that issue. Alright. Mr. Hargray, do you have a report?

### **City Manager Reports:**

INTERIM CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I'd like to take the time -- I'd like to take the time to thank the Commission for believing -- believing in my ability to take this City to the next level. Most important, do the employees also believe that I can take them to the next level. Through nationwide experience and established relationships, I have built a team that I believe has the prerequisites, knowledge and experience to get the job done. The pace is going to be fast, but it's going to be thorough. I can feel a temperature now that is warming, that I believe the staff is ready to run. As such, I would like to introduce the newest addition to the team. I'd like to begin with Dr. Karen Hollis. Dr. Hollis is responsible for the development and implementation of the Diversity & Inclusion Program with a focus on assisting business that desire to take advantage of opportunities made available through the City of Miramar. I'd like to introduce to those that may have already -- he's already been introduced, it's Kevin Baker, the Chief Operation Officer. Kevin brings a wide-ranged municipal experience, which include oversight of fleet management, solid waste, storm water, sanitation, CIP. He has leveraged his expertise and oversight of city operations throughout Broward County and Dade. I'd like to also introduce Susan Gooding, and I'm struggling with that Limburg -- Liburd. This is not a stranger to us. Susan spent five years with the City. Basically, she ran the Finance Department. She understands every detail, the CAFR, and everything that's necessary, how important it is. I think now I feel strongly -- now I feel strongly to believe that by having Susan as a part of our team, that now we can answer the real questions that have been placed so much on a burden on the Budget Department. We need to be able to deal with facts, numbers, and be able to answer the questions. We need to analyze our data to provide the Commission accurate information. I believe, at this time, it is time for us to ride. It is time for us to go forward and move. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Hargray. Mr. Attorney, you have a report?

**City Attorney Reports:**

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Nothing tonight.

**FUTURE WORKSHOP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
06/18/18	5:00 p.m.	FY19 Budget Planning Workshop	Commission Chambers
TBD	TBD	Disparity Study Implementation	Commission Chambers
TBD	TBD	Strategic Planning Session	Commission Chambers
TBD	TBD	Miramar Cultural Center	Commission Chambers
TBD	TBD	Blasting Advisory Committee	Commission Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR MESSAM: Alright. And I will gladly accept and make the motion to adjourn this meeting before 8:30. Meeting's adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Denise A. Gibbs, CMC  
City Clerk  
DG/cp