



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

**SEPTEMBER 05, 2018**

**7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:09 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: -- call to order. Please call the roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner 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, we'll observe a moment of silence for any condolences we may be experiencing in the community. Thank you.

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: And we have one proclamation and a presentation.

Proclamation:        Senior Center Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: We have one proclamation to present for this meeting, and it is in recognition of National Senior Center Month, and I would like to call forward Miss Krishauna Mullings, who is the senior services superintendent, along with Ms. Raquel Rodriguez, who is a senior services specialist, as well as some very special guests from our seniors program. If you all can join me up on the dais. Now aren't they all lovely? And the proclamation reads as such; Proclamation, National Senior Center Month,

September 2018, Senior Centers, and the theme is "Building Momentum."

Whereas, the southeast -- central southeast -- Southcentral/Southeast Focal Point administered by Miramar participates in National Senior Center Month. This year's theme is Senior Centers: Building Momentum. Our senior center will highlight how senior centers build momentum for aging well in their communities; and, Whereas, the Southcentral/Southeast Focal Point administered by the City of Miramar has acted as a catalyst for mobilizing the creativity, energy, vitality, and commitment of the older residents of the City of Miramar; and, Whereas, through a wide array of services, programs and activities, senior centers empower the older residents of the Southcentral/Southeast Focal Point to contribute to their own health and wellbeing of their fellow community members of all ages; and, Whereas, the Southcentral/Southeast Focal Point Senior Centers in the City of Miramar affirm the dignity, self-worth and independence of older persons by facilitating their decisions and actions, tapping their experiences, skills, and knowledge, and enabling their continued contributions to the community. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim September 2018 as National Senior Center Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: Let's give our seniors a wonderful round of applause. And before they take their seat, I would like to share with the community a prestigious award that our senior center program has received, and it is from the Florida Association of Senior Centers. And it recognizes the distinguished Senior Center Award for 2018 presented to Southcentral/Southeast Focal Point Senior Center in Miramar Florida for excellence in the development and promotion of senior centers. So we have something very proud -- something that we can all be proud of, not only our seniors that make up the wonderful program, but the commitment to the City to provide the resources, facilities, and programming for our seniors, because our seniors are our most prized possession, along with our youth, who keeps our city active, vibrant. And we thank you for your legacy, your contributions, and the love that you give in our communities every day. God bless you, and enjoy all of the activities that you experience at our senior center. Take care and we love you. Thanks for coming out this evening.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. On to Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. Anyone wishing to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda should approach the podium at this time. Are there any members from the community or the public that wish to speak on any item on the Consent Agenda? Please approach the podium now. Seeing none, back to the dais. Can I have a motion, or are there any items desired to be pulled?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve. You have a question?

MAYOR MESSAM: On the minutes or on item number two? Alright, item number two. So can I have a motion on the balance of the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Call the roll.

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 Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, the Commission voted:

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

1. Minutes from the Workshop Meeting of May 16, 2018 and the Regular Commission Meeting of July 3, 2018.

**Approved**

2. Temp. Reso. #R6788 approving an agreement for **fleet-related maintenance equipment, supplies, services, and inventory management solutions** with Genuine Parts Company d/b/a NAPA Integrated Business Solutions ("NAPA"), in the amount of \$480,000.00, commencing October 1, 2018 through July 20, 2019; utilizing the National Joint Powers Alliance ("NJPA") Contract No. RFP No. 061015. *(Public Works Director Bernard Buxton-Tetteh)*

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you need a presentation, or you just have a question for staff?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just an overview.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Fine.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: I'll read the title. Item number 2 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving an agreement for **fleet-related maintenance equipment, supplies, services, and inventory management solutions** with Genuine Parts Company d/b/a NAPA Integrated Business Solutions ("NAPA"), in the amount of \$480,000.00, commencing October 1, 2018 through July 20, 2019; utilizing the National Joint Powers Alliance ("NJPA") Contract No. RFP No. 061015; authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the integrated supply agreement; providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Are we just buying parts from this company? Are we just buying parts from this company?

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Good evening. Yeah, we just -- yeah, we just obtain parts.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: That's it?

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: That's it.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Alright. And the inquiry has been resolved. May I have a motion on item number two, please.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R6788, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 18-173**

***End of Consent Agenda***

MAYOR MESSAM: Before we move on to resolutions, I'd like to recognize two visitors that are here at the Commission meeting, and they're two members from our Youth Advisory Council, and we would ask that if Yvette Borges and Ivanna Fregoso would please stand and be recognized. Thanks for coming out, ladies.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

3. Temp. Reso. #R6724 approving the award of Request for Proposals No. 18-10-02, entitled "**Residential Water/Wastewater Line Program**", to the highest rated

responsive responsible proposer, Utility Service Partners, Inc., a Homeserve Company, with a royalty fee of 50 cents per product per household per month paid to the City and a one-time payment of \$45,000 for the first year; authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the appropriate agreement for a term of three years with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms; consenting to an assignment of the agreement to Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc., d/b/a Service Line Warranties of America. (*Human Resources Interim Director Randy Cross*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Mayor, item number three, there's a revised version that's in front of everyone, so I'm going to read the title. The revised version is just one small change. Item number three is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Request for Proposals No. 18-10-02, entitled "Residential Water/Wastewater Line Program", to the highest rated responsive responsible proposer, Utility Service Partners, Inc., a Homeserve Company, with a royalty fee of .50 cents per product per household per month paid to the City and a one-time payment of \$45,000.00 for the first year; authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the appropriate agreement for a term of three years with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms; consenting to an assignment of the agreement to Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc., d/b/a Service Line Warranties of America.

MR. CROSS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, and Mrs. Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Randy Cross, Interim Human Resources Director. As the City Attorney Cole stated, the item -- the change in the item before you is an assignment to the subsidiary, just for the record so that's clear. That's the only change to the item. So the issue is Commission approve -- City Commission approval is required in order to enter into an agreement with Utility Services for Residential Water/Wastewater Line Program. The City is responsible for providing water and wastewater up to the meter; everything from the meter back into the property is the responsibility of the homeowner. Breaks in these lines sometimes occur. It's not always covered under the homeowner's property insurance. The City had been approached over the past couple of years by companies that provide service to homeowners for breaks in their water line from the meter back into the property. We found that there are several companies out there that provide that service, so the City conducted an RFP process. The National League of Cities also sponsors a pro -- a similar program. Often, these companies provide some sort of revenue in exchange for access to the City's customer base, so we issued the RFP last December. Proposals were received from American Water Resources, Homeservice -- Homeserve, and Worth Avenue Group. Homeserve, which is the company that was the highest ranked proposer, who were also looking to do the assignment, was the highest rated response or responsible proposer. They are also the company that has the contract with the National League of Cities. So their offer is revenue to the City in the amount of 50 cents per month per product signed with each household. There's also a \$45,000.00 up front one-time revenue that they will pay the City. This was initially upgrade -- negotiated up from the original offer of \$30,000.00. The way they calculate the revenue is based on their prior experience with other cities of a similar size, and what percentage of the residents and

homeowners actually subscribe into the program. All the revenue that's generated from the program will be deposited into the new Miramar Economic Development Fund, which was approved by the Commission in July. So the fee for the program for residents is voluntary. It's \$5.99 a month, \$71.88 annually for the water service line, and \$8.49 a month or \$101.88 for the sewer service line. As I said, it's voluntary, and the customer can opt out at any time. In addition to those programs, they are also offering a separate scope that wasn't offered under the original solicitation, which is for interior line protection, pipe protection inside the home at an amount of \$11.00 per month. Again, customers have the option to cancel at any time, and approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Cross. At this time, are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? 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 Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yeah. Can you put the slide back up with the fees? Okay. So, question. The \$5.99, that's a fee for --

MR. CROSS: That's the coverage for the water line.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: For the water line, okay. And it's a total of \$71.88 annually.

MR. CROSS: Correct.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And the sewer line is \$8.49. This cover from the meter --

MR. CROSS: To the house.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- to the house. Does it go -- cover underneath the house?

MR. CROSS: There's an additional program, that's the \$11.99 a month that covers the interior lines.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: What I'm saying is --

MR. CROSS: You mean like in the foundation?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: The service line water line goes into the house.

MR. CROSS: Right.



COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And also the sewage line. Now do -- do we have coverage from the house to inside of the house, or we not sure?

MR. CROSS: No. This covers from the meter to the house. Once the pipe comes into the house, that's not covered. The \$11.00 per month coverage is what that offer is for.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: But the \$11.00 is for the sewage line?

MR. CROSS: Water and wastewater.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Water and sewage. Got you. I just want to clear up the confusion, that way I can explain it to my resident. I think it's a great program. I ran into it at the National League of City, and I think some of our customer can use this program. I'm in support of it. It's just like any other program, especially my program with -- the water program that the National League of City support for assisting resident with a onetime help when they run into trouble with their water bill. I just want to say this past Election Day, the 28, I have a call from a resident, and I went to the house, they were having drainage issue. And they were thinking that their insurance was covering that issue also, because they had a previous claim for the water coming in, leak, but this was a drainage issue, and this went on for months. And it was very heartbreaking to know that someone was suffering in their house from mold and stuff like that, which was something could have easily taken care of. So it's neither here nor there, but I felt bad for these resident that they were not understanding what their rights were and what's going on with the house. So thank you guys for bringing this program forward.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. I think this is a positive option for our residents, especially in Historic Miramar where the homes are older, and infrastructure is -- is deteriorating just due to age and use. I think that with this option, I see it as an -- like any insurance program. It's a premium that's paid monthly. Obviously, if you have a claim, there's a process for that claim. The question would be is how will we inform the community of the availability of this program, that it's available. Will it be included in our water bill? Will it be -- how will we market the availability for this, because there are -- you know, we all get calls at times of some kind of failure. You know, we get calls that, "Well, I have a water bill that's five times my normal monthly, you know, cost." And then when our staff goes out to determine that there's a leak on their side of the meter, the residents are often left with no option but to bear that cost. So this program would give some security in terms of capturing some of these problems. So have we thought out -- you may not have thought out in terms of how we would market this program, or how is it typically rolled out to a community once adopted?

MR. CROSS: There are some specifications in the contract that deal with marketing requirements. The marketing is handled completely by Homeserve at their cost. It will be -- they're going to do mailings. I think it was three times during the year, using our database of customer contact information. It'll also be available on -- on the City website, and when people call into the 602-HELP line, if they have questions related to this, there'll

be a script, so the -- the agents that are on the line will be able to provide information regarding this.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Alright. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, I'm just wondering if you could check with Finance. I do have that \$5,000.00 that I have from the National League of City, if we could use some of that fund for marketing. So that's something that we could look into.

MAYOR MESSAM: Alright. If there are no other comments or questions, I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R6724, the Commission voted:

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

**ORDINANCES**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to ordinances. Item number four, please.

- 4. FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1693 **amending Land Development Code** Chapter 4, Zoning, relating to use regulations, specifically regulating Section 405.8, clothing donation bins, related to permitting textile recycling; application and amendment procedures; renumbering and re-lettering provisions; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. *(Continued from the meeting of 08/22/18) (Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva and Public Works Director Bernard Buxton-Tetteh)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item 4 is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending Land Development Code Chapter 4, zoning, relating to use regulations, specifically regulating Section 405.8, clothing donation bins, relating to permitting textile recycling; application and amendment procedures; renumbering and re-lettering provisions; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, Mr. Silva, welcome.

MR. SILVA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Eric Silva, Community and Economic Department. This is an amendment to the Land Development Code. This ordinance proposes to amend Land Development Code section 405.8 to allow for textile recycling bins. Some highlights of this amendment. The Code currently only permits nonprofit, charitable organizations to locate these donation clothing bins. This will replace clothing donation bins with textile recycling bins, and permits a franchise, for-profit company to collect these items for resale and recycling, and we're adding new provisions, including definitions, placement. So we have stand -- standards, such as they can't be in on the travel lanes and the parking lots, they can't be in the emergency access areas, they can't be in the client's parking spaces. There's maintenance requirements, design standards, and procedures. And these are just some examples of what they could look like. And we also have a requirement in this ordinance about any advertising or exactly what that bins look like. It all has to come through the City for review and approval, and approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any questions, or may I have a motion? Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just to say thanks to staff. It's been a while in coming. We spoke with the applicants, gosh, a year and a half ago. In fact, when we spoke, and they told about -- told me about they do with these bins, I -- my -- my first question was why are we not doing it in Miramar as well? And, very frankly, it's been a problem for me. I have these things to put out, and I'm saying, "When are we going to get the bins? I don't want to put them in the regular garbage." And, not only that, I think people who see these bins appear are not aware of the advanced technology, if I might use that phrase, that goes into these bins, which will help to prevent the spillage and the untidiness that other bins tend to have. Because, basically, this bin has equipment in it that will tell one office or other, "Hey, this is filled. Come empty it." And -- and for me, though, the major reason for me welcoming this is you're not sure what to do with -- with fabrics. You not sure what to do with leather goods, and not only are they relieving us of that problem, they're actually paying us to do it, which is the part I like. So thanks for moving this on.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Barnes. Are there any other comments or questions? Seeing no other speakers -- one note I would like to make is I do see that we have, perhaps, what would be considered an illegal bin right now off of Flamingo and Miramar Parkway on the northwest intersection. It's white, and it was -- it's placed on the empty lot between the pharmacy and the gas station, so I'm not sure -- I know that's a code enforcement issue, but I know that, periodically, these bins pop up in the -- in various parking lots, so -- so I just wanted to -- to make a note that there is a bin. It's unbranded. It just says: Donate Clothes, and it's sitting right on the -- the empty lot behind the service -- the gas station. So I know that's probably an expense for us to go and take it up, but I don't know if there's a contact number. I didn't see any contact information on there, so -- so I just wanted to bring that to staff's -- to staff's attention. Alright. If there are no other comments or question, I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Ordinance #O1693, 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 September 17, 2018

MAYOR MESSAM: On to other business.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **26. Reports and Comments:**

#### **Commissioner Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Starting from the end, Commissioner Riggs, do you have any reports?

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: No, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. You're recognized, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I would like for our City Attorney to draft a mandate to recommend that when there's a complaint that's filed against a staff

member, whether it's management or elected official, that they try to do a immediate investigation, and complete their findings. If they need help, they could also ask the Miramar PD for help. I'm not sure if that's legal, but what I want to ensure is that all our employees of the City have confidence in our HR Department that when they make a complaint, it's going to be investigated, and the finding is completed and finding. So my goal is to ensure that every employees here in this City can go to HR, and if they are mistreated in any way, they can file a complaint, and rest assure, HR is going to follow through with their investigation. That's my goal, as long as I'm an elected official here. Our employees are very valuable to us, and they're -- have invest a lot of time, especially those employees who've been here for a long time who had weather the storm with this City during the difficult time. They are here, and they work here, and every one that work here need to reassure that they can file a complaint. My knowledge of HR is very little, but one thing I know for sure, HR should be for the employees. It's a government entity, and we want to ensure that it works that way. So, Mr. Attorney, I'm entrusting you to look into what we can do to ensure that it's function much better for our employees here at this City of Miramar.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: We will work with HR and check what their policy is on investigation. I believe they already have something, but we'll make sure it's sufficient, and work with them, and confirm that it is.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And what I would like also is for HR to give me, personally, additional information as to the function of HR Department to enhance my knowledge as to the complete function of HR. Thank you on that. I know yesterday we have a ribbon cutting at Monarch Lake Park, a brand new park that's open. It's very excited for our resident to have that park finally open for business, so I want to thank the management, Construction Management, and Park and Rec for making that happen. Also, the -- we going to have a workshop this coming September 13 for the iguana, so for those of you out there who are having trouble with iguana in your yard, we have a workshop coming up this September 13<sup>th</sup>. You could -- to learn how to trap and remove the iguana. I don't have a number here, but you can always call the City to get information to that workshop, and the iguana -- or call my office at 954-602-3157. Also, this coming September is Sickle Cell Month, and we will be having a Sickle Cell Heart Walk at River Run Park; that's September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and registration is from 9:00 to 9:30 -- from 9:00 to 10:00, please. So, for those of you interested in supporting the Sickle Cell Walk, there's a cost. I think it's \$25.00, and it's 9400 Miramar Parkway. And the recent -- the election this past Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup>, I'd like to congratulate all winners, both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party nominee for Governor. They did a fantastic job. We have a number of people running for judges, and various party positions. This election cycle, we had a great group of candidate in all races, so both the winners and losers, I'd like to congratulate -- congratulate all of them. This is very important to me and to all of you. I've partnered with a young lady to -- we're looking for those students in high school who have GPA from 1.5 to 3.5, and we're going to help them to -- how to apply for scholarship for colleges. And this coming September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the first class. We're going to have a one-hour class, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 29<sup>th</sup>,

October 13<sup>th</sup>, and the 20<sup>th</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. -- 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. And we want to make sure that we can give all the guidance to these potential college folks. We want to help them bring their GPA up, and how to access those funds that's out there, colleges. So we want to encourage all those young folks to call my office, 954-602-3157, and we will be helping them to be on their way to go to college in any way we can. So that's the program that I'm rolling out to help our children to get to college. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Vice Mayor.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you. I have a few things I just want to touch bases on. On August 31<sup>st</sup>, I had the opportunity to go and see the Best of Broward play the Best of Dade; City of Miramar High School, we had a great turnout, great event, great to see faculty. Wish we would have walked away with the win, but I'm sure we will next time. I have confidence in our team. Yesterday, I had the pleasure of attending the opening of Monarch Lakes. Residents are quite excited about that park. It was -- it was great to know that -- that it finally opened up. This is something that was one of the projects that was approved as part of the 2013 bond that was approved by the Commission. The park does connect to the Trilogy Park, so it makes the walkway even longer, so I know the walkers are quite excited about that. I do want to say congratulations to the four new firefighters who completed their -- their training, or at least the first part of their training, and graduated earlier this week. All the best, and God bless. One more. We have -- I do want to take this time to invite everyone to a health fair I am working on with PACE Center to provide information from our Social Services Program here, as well as Social Services in other areas. We have homecare agencies and so forth that will be there. It will be at St. Bartholomew Church from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. this coming Sunday. I do want to touch on the iguana workshop, even though my colleague, Commissioner Chambers, already did. This is something that I've gotten a number of complaints on. I know I have them in my yard. I've even had a call from one elderly lady that says she couldn't come out her front door, because there were iguana in front of -- iguanas were in front of her -- her door, and she was afraid. So there is a workshop on September 13, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. It's right there, and this is an opportunity for residents to come out and learn how to deal with that situation. The workshop is going to be held by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, so, again, this is a very important workshop. I know residents out there have a lot of concerns with iguanas. Come and learn how to remove them properly, and how to control them on your property. Again, remind everyone Hispanic Heritage Month is coming up, and our celebration will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Regional Park. Thank you all.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Couple items -- be very brief. First item is the -- I'd like to thank the Miami Dolphins and Mr. Clayton for being a great host for us at the Hard Rock Stadium where my office's mentor program, My Brother's Keeper, had an opportunity to tour Hard Rock Stadium where the Dolphins play. They toured the locker room, they toured the facilities, all of the suites and -- and, more importantly, the young men had an opportunity to sit in the boardroom at the stadium. The significance of that

is that boardroom is the place that multimillion-dollar deals are negotiated and contracted, and the young men were able to see another side of football operations. Some of them play football, some don't; most don't, and we shared with them that, at some point, they're going to go pro in something, whether it's athletics, or some career, or armed forces, and they needed to be prepared. And Mr. Clayton, who's the senior vice president for communications, handles all the marketing and communications for the -- the Miami Dolphins, is an African-American professional that was able to share his story and how he got to where he was with the Dolphins. And it's really important that our young men get an opportunity to see examples of success, and to know that they can have someone that they can reach out to. And what was so great about it is he gave out his -- his phone numbers to the young men to be able to call if they needed any -- had any questions about career options, or just needed any advice. And it's great to be able to -- to have that type of exposure. So I'd like to thank the Miami Dolphins for opening up their doors and allowing our Miramar young men to be able to see another side of football and football operations. Also, I would like to use this opportunity to remind our residents to be prepared; we're well into the hurricane season. Exactly one year to the day, I declared a state of emergency in the City of Miramar for -- for a little weather event called Hurricane Irma. Little did we know that it would -- we would be spared, but we did not -- but we were not completely spared. We had loss of power, we had downed vegetation, and it was a really -- a challenging time for our City, because we had to endure or we had to deal with a sewage spill. But just like to thank, again, our hardworking staff for being prepared, and our emergency response team for being prepared, and our Public Works and our Utilities Departments, and all of the departments that come together to be responsive to the community's needs. And we know right now that our neighbors to the north of us in the Gulf are enduring this weather event with the current tropical system that has hit. So this is the time now. There are no lines in Publix and Winn Dixie waiting to get water, and no lines at the gas station, so this is the time now to prepare when it's not an emergency. So I just wanted to make sure that everyone know that you can go to the City's website: [miramarfd.org](http://miramarfd.org), and you will be able to get -- you can download your hurricane preparedness plan. Last night I had an opportunity to visit the township of Miami Lakes. I was invited to come to their town council meeting, because they had an agenda item to adopt a blasting committee for their community. Miami Lakes, as well, is also experiencing the effects and impacts of blasting from the White Rock Quarry. The significance of their development is that they'll also -- their residents will also have an opportunity to formalize and provide feedback and consult with their township staff to deal with these issues. And, as a region, we can come together to come up with solutions to deal with what's going on in our -- in our region with -- with the quarry. So I was able to offer and extend any available information that we have that could, perhaps, assist them, and in terms of their blasting committee, because we've already kind of went through that path, and that information is available freely for them as long as they would need it. So just wanted to share that other cities as well are enduring these impacts and are beginning to organize as well. And I know that our Interim Manager and their township manager have been in communication on other issues as well, so I would like to -- just to inform the public of that. Also, I would like to announce that on -- the Manager -- Interim Manager will be reaching out for a strategic financial planning session for October 18<sup>th</sup>. I think it's



one of the -- maybe one of the items that's either on our list to kind of discuss our strategic financial planning session. I know that we all have questions, as well as ideas, and it will be a great opportunity for us to -- to meet with and -- and discuss with -- with our staff to discuss some of the challenges, as well as opportunities that -- that are before us, in terms of our -- our City affairs, and our finances. So, again, I'd like to thank our Youth Advisory Council members for coming out. We may have hit a record tonight, and we'll try to get out of here before 7:50. That concludes my report. Mr. Interim Manager, do you have a report?

#### **City Manager Reports:**

INTERIM CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Yes, Mayor. Just want to go back and reiterate what you just said. We have blocked off October the 18<sup>th</sup> or October the 25<sup>th</sup> for a Commission Strategic Financial Session. Looking at our future of 2021 through 2025. So we will be reaching out to the Commission -- was to think about what is our plans for the future for the City. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Alright. Thank you. Mr. Attorney? No report? Alright.

#### **City Attorney Reports:**

None

#### **FUTURE WORKSHOP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
09/17/18	5:30 p.m.	Miramar Economic Fund and Opportunity Zone	Commission Chambers
10/03/18	5:30 p.m.	Disparity Study Implementation	Commission Chambers
11/05/18	5:30 p.m.	Blasting Advisory Committee	Commission Chambers
11/28/18	5:30 p.m.	Country Club Ranches	Commission Chambers
TBD	TBD	Miramar Cultural Arts Center	Commission Chambers

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR MESSAM: On that note, let the annals of the City of Miramar mark that 7:49 p.m. concluded the Miramar City Commission for September 5<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Denise A. Gibbs, CMC  
City Clerk  
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