



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

**FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:14 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

Upon call of the roll, the following member of the City Commission was absent:

Commissioner Darline B. Riggs

The following members of staff were present:

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

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

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: 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: For a public announcement, I received communication from Commissioner Riggs that her flight was delayed getting back into town, so she's still at the airport. Hence, her absence at the moment, so I just wanted to make that public announcement. At this time, let us all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time in the Commission meeting, we'll like to pause to observe any condolences in our community by having a moment of silence. And while we're observing a moment of silence, we would like to keep in mind the Parkland community, specifically the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School; next week Thursday on Valentine's Day will mark the one-year anniversary of the senseless massacre that took place at that campus. So let's keep -- continue to keep the City of Parkland and Marjorie Stoneman Douglas family in our thoughts and in our prayers. Thank you. We'll now move on to presentations.

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

Presentation: Police Department 2018 Accomplishments and Snapshot into 2019.  
(Police Chief Dexter Williams)

MAYOR MESSAM: I would like to call our very own Police Chief, Dexter Williams, for the Police Department 2018 accomplishments and snapshot into 2019. And, again, congratulations on your 25 years of admirable service to the City of Miramar.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you, sir. Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City legal, City Clerk's Office, Dexter Williams, Chief of Police. I have quick presentation this evening. If you know me, you know I'll be quick, so -- I just want to first start off with a couple of things with regards to our snapshot for 2018 accomplishments, and a snapshot into 2019. This will be based on a timeline of events for '18 and '19, talking about our initiatives and so forth, a couple of photos that we have just to give kind of give you a -- just a broad perspective of what we were doing out there. I have a couple videos, just three videos, short videos just to highlight for -- not only for you, but also for our community as well, so they can watch this later on as they go through. So first thing I'd like to talk about, as you know -- we've been in the -- in the media. This morning, from last night, I just want to make sure, just for the general public that's also watching, who's here, and not here, so they know what -- what happened. In regards to yesterday's events, one of our Glades Middle School students received a -- what we call a shooting text threat. With that shooting text threat was sent out to -- to the student, and at least 12 other students received the same text threat. We did not sit on this. We took it extremely serious, in light of all the -- the national atrocities that have been going on, and as well right here, as you said, in MSD that occurred here. So we took the initiative to enhance all of our public safety out at the school. This morning, I had over a dozen police officers there. I collaborated with the SIU -- Broward County SIU team for the School Board, who collaborated also with Broward Sheriff's Office, but they -- they were watching video and so forth. We also -- you know, it sounds a little odd, but we also collaborated with the media, and had them come out. They were out this morning in drones, a couple of boom trucks. We -- we did sound with them as well, because we wanted to deliver a message. First message I wanted to put out there was one thing that I was proud of the faculty, of the school. Yesterday, right after the incident rolled out, they put out a blast notification to all the parents to advise them all of what was going on, and -- and that the police department was all over it, and our detectives were working through the night to try to identify the subjects. Second, I'd like to also tell you I was proud of the student body. Usually, we would get these -- this information today. We got it last night, right after the incident occurred, maybe an hour or two after that. The kid notified his parent, and his parent notified us, and then it started the -- the plan. And then also, I'd like to thank the parents for taking the initiative to come and report these things. Before -- before MSD and before a lot of the atrocities, parents would not take the initiative. They would chalk it off, put it out off to the side, and we wouldn't hear about it until days later. So I'm thankful that the community has taken the initiative to move forward quickly on it. And it's a little model that we put forward out there for the student body, and as well for the parents and the faculty, is that if you see something, say something. That was the motto that we pushed out today to the media, that's why I said

the media was our partner today. They pushed that out too -- or for us as well. They were on all channels, four, seven, ten, last night and this morning as well, so I thank the partnerships that we have with the school, the parents and our student faculty. So I believe a strong safety community is a full team working together to make everybody strong in that -- in that aspect. The School Board action for last year coming into this year after MSD, they've got a countywide safety enhancement that they were doing. We also followed suit with enhancing our school programming as well, making sure that all of our safety infrastructure was in place at all of our schools, all 22 of them, not just the publics, but with the -- the charter schools -- I've got a million things going through my mind -- with the charter schools as well. So we've been partnered up with Somerset, east, central and -- and west with that as well. And the assessment center at the risk of the students and talking to all the students and knowing that there's early detection, that was one of the main initiatives that we wanted to discuss with the -- with the student -- with the faculty in the schools. So we had that conversation as well with them, and they also took that -- that -- that step. Collaboration with the municipalities, filling SROs, and the guardians throughout the County; as you know, we've always been boasting the fact that we were the first agency to have SROs in every single one of our schools. We still are honoring that legacy, and all of our still -- schools are still filled. I want to thank this -- this Commission for last year's initiative, allowing us to add three more SROs into our school programming to -- to address the -- the schools, all of the schools, including our charter schools as well, so that was a great, great initiative that you did. Our Miramar High School Criminal Justice Program, as well, we have an annual conference that we always do. I started this a couple years ago; it's called the National Preventing Crime Conference. I started that program with five children going to a conference; I'm now up to close to 30 students that I take, spend a large amount of money getting them there, but I think the investment in children is worth it. So that's why I support Miramar High School Criminal Justice Program with anything that they need from our agency and from this City. We have -- this year, we'll be going as well. I think we're going to Tampa. We'll be going to Tampa this year. I'll be taking 28 children, four teachers, and four police officers as well, including myself, and we'll be going through a whole -- a lot of crime prevention programming as well for that. So, with that -- and it's just a snapshot of our safe -- school safety initiatives, and I'd like to just run this next video just to enhance what it is that our SRO school programming does. (Video played.) Thank you. As you can see, our SROs are -- like you said, are much more than a security, they are mentors in our school, and I just thought today was a fitting day to make sure that our community saw that particular slide presentation and video of their programming. Now it's rare that you ever ask me about this, but I think we're doing so good; I'm so happy about my team with our statistics, but I just wanted to show you overall what -- what last year looked like. And, as always, we were way -- way below, and showing our statistics, we're eight percent, overall, down in crime in the City of Miramar. Now this is an outstanding feat, because we are right on the heels of Miami, where a lot of crime occurs, and we've been literally building the proverbial wall, no pun intended -- I'm going to give Norm a run for his money on that one. So -- but we've been working very, very hard to keep crime down here, putting different programming together, so I'm extremely proud of my Community Oriented Policing Bureau for doing the -- the work out there. And my Assistant Chief -- wherever he is,

Lenny Burgess over there, because he's my operations guy, and he's been working hard on that as well. So, as you see, our persons' crimes and our auto burglaries and so forth, all those numbers are negative, negative, negative all the way down the line. We always have these small anomalies and -- with homicides and so forth, but we are -- we have a very good track record of solving of these homicides, so I'm very proud of my Detective Bureau, and the hard work that they have done. And they've also been featured and highlighted on different TV shows, magazines as well, and in books, and I've been asked to come and speak on their tactics and how -- what they do in regards to their crime investigative technique. So congratulations to the department on -- and an outstanding year in reduction of crime at eight percent. Next slide we're going into is the highlight of just 2018, and the things that we have done, some in programming that we have going on, some you are aware of, some you may not have been with -- had gone out to, but I just wanted to make sure I highlighted it. "Hangin' with 5-0" Summer Camp program. You know that's one of our staple programs. When we started out with 5-0, 50, that we're not -- obviously, we're about 30 -- 80 -- 86 or so, 87 kids now in our summer camp program. And we provide them with everything throughout the summer, just like a -- a regular summer camp program, but we -- they're partnered up with our school resource officers who are the mentors for them throughout the entire summer. We all started another -- another initiative, the LGBTQIA Safe Zone initiative. I don't know if you remember a couple months ago, we gave you a packet on that, so you had that for your leisure reading, where we, as the agency, wanted to make sure that every child and every student and every adult in our community that falls onto this -- into this category felt that Miramar was a safe place to be. And I was in Tampa when this occurred. I looked at the program they had over there. I brought it back here, made it home, and then I'll show you a -- a -- a sticker that we put in businesses that were close to the areas that we felt -- felt that was densely populated with kids and so forth, or possibly students or adults that fit into particular category of LGBTQIA. Next is Senior and Law Enforcement Together, SALT. This is another one of our State programs, national programs that got recognized, a lot of write-ups and so forth, and this was also the brainy children of my community resource officer group. We started another initiative last year called Safety Teatime Presentation, where one of the officers goes out, mainly Julie Bermudez, and she teaches women the safety aspects of being out there, whether they're going shopping, or whether they're dealing -- on their business with their credit cards, etc. So they only -- she only talks to women in this particular program, so -- and they -- they call it Teatime. So congratulations on that new initiative. Miramar PD versus Community Access Center Youth Camp, Annual Flag Football to foster positive youth engagements, Internet Safety Presentations that we do for "Hangin' With 5-0." Citywide collaboration, Annual National Night Out, you already know that. Many of those that we -- we've been partnering up for years. Our Annual Citizens Police Academy, that is upcoming too next week. Actually, that one will be starting, and we do have some space available for that. I'll be showing one quick video for that and, hopefully, for all the listeners that are watching, they can participate with that. Crime prevention for our Business Academy. You knew that we started a business academy as well. It's just a four-week program, and we also do the same thing for the Citizens Police Academy, but we also do it for our businesses. Not only that, we also have the ¡Hola!, which is also another initiative that you know that we

do for just our Spanish-speaking population as well, and that one will be going off of -- supposed to be this year as well. We received grant funding from the Department of Justice for Police Department equipment and vehicles. As you were coming into the -- the Chamber here, I hope that you saw the new toys that were out front. That is courtesy of grants and law enforcement trust money. Our drug dealers that are out working, we go and take money from them, and we put it to good use, and that is exactly what we did with that. This year -- I'll talk about that in our '19 initiatives. We're going to be using that equipment that you see out there to start curbing some of the activities that are coming through our City, such as speeders. You'll -- you saw the speed detection. The little trick to those machines out there is that they're LPRs. They're license plate readers as well. So as you go by, it actually takes a picture of your license plate. In addition to that, it lets us know whether or not you're driving a stolen vehicle or something to that effect, and then we can take action. It's live, active, right there. As soon as we go by it, we know. So we'll be launching that and putting those out in our streets, which we already have, but I just wanted to make sure that I put it on display for tonight, so that the -- the general public can come here and see it. Going into our September event here, you see grant funding again to support our victim advocate that we have on hand, as well, we continue to always have a -- an extremely well victim services program. And, as you know, she's also the president of the victim RISE Coalition for Broward County, so I -- and the City of Miramar have been supporting her through that initiative as well. We received grant funding for -- for Florida Department of Transportation for traffic enforcement for pedestrian crossings and so forth, so we are constantly looking for money from the federal government and from the State, so that we can help offset some of the costs in our General Fund. We received grant funding as well for -- for the Department of Health for 400 intranasal NARCAN kits to address the opioid. An antagonist designed to reverse opioid overdoses. As you know, we -- we jumped onto that, and we started out with Florida Police Chiefs Association, and we were able to branch off from them, and -- and go directly to the company. And now all of our officers that are on the street are armed with this particular NARCAN kit that they all carry. This one I'm particularly proud of as well. This one was about two years in the making for me. The Restorative Justice project, a seat at the -- this project for the Urban League of South Broward. There's a press -- a process that we call a Restorative Justice Circle. It was always being held in the central part of this county, and I felt that the 17,000 students that we had on the south end were being left out, and I wanted to see it here in south Broward, and whether that included Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Cooper City, Davie, and -- and, of course, Miramar, I needed to get that program seeded. So I did seed them with law enforcement trust fund to get that program started here. We started right there at ChristWay. ChristWay was the first location that we went there, at that church, sat there and we had a nice complement of students. Our students from Criminal Justice, include -- inclusive of kids from -- from the central part of the County as well that came down. So we'll be continuously funding that program to allow students to have a voice, and speak to elected officials and other officials, you know, in -- in position, and judges and chiefs and etc. for that. For November, we had an Annual Miles of Freedom 10K Run. It's one of our -- our first run that we did just to support the military -- our officers ran from here all the way to the Veterans Park on the east side of the City, that was 10K, not me, I watched. So

maybe I'll get on a bicycle and help. All right. So Miramar PAL Golf Tournament. I want to thank everyone for supporting us through that. We do that every single year as well. The "Shop with a Cop" program for our children that are in need. As you know, that is a staple program brainchild of our community resource team as well. We brought that here -- excuse me, "Shop with a Cop", that was Ms. Oona Kidane -- I'm sorry, Oona Hall. She also supports that program, but we use the students from our SRO school programming there to select the children that go through the "Shop with a Cop", so I'm thankful for that. And the Operation Blue Squad toy delivery for the families. As you see, we recognized a few of the families here this evening for Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, and the various streets that we drive up and down with toys that were donated to us from the Park of Commerce, Sun Beam Properties, and we use those toys and drive up and down the streets. Stop in the middle of the street, open the back of the truck, and we just tell every kid, if you can walk to the truck, you can leave with a toy, and we do that every single year, so I'm very appreciative of them with that -- that program as well. Next, this will be the future snapshot for 2019. I'd like to run the next video. This is for the CRO program. This is where we're heading into to make sure our collaboration with our community is solid, and they are the boots on the ground for our community policing program. (Video played.) As you all -- you know, as our CRO program, like I said, they are the boots on the ground in regards to our community collaboration in bridging that gap with us in our business community, our school communities as well, and the children that are up and down the streets out there. They know all of them, so we -- I applaud them for the hard work that they've done. So we go straight into 2019, and this is what you have to look forward to for the Police Department, and where we'll be going. The deployment of our new LPR, License Plate Recognition system, a vigilant security system that monitors when the persons in vehicles of interest to law enforcement. We would be placing these items on our main thoroughfares, the busiest areas are Red Road, along University Drive, and those areas on the corridor coming off of I-75. Just so we know what type of traffic is coming through, and making sure that anyone who's coming in our City, they're coming in here legally, and not driving in any type of stolen vehicles or -- etc. And especially the fact that they're also going to be out there throughout the night, so we have -- it's like a force multiplier. So we have individuals, if they're driving coming through 2:00 a.m. in the morning, we still will be alerted if they're driving -- if they don't see a police officer, we are still notified right there in our cars of these vehicles coming into our City, especially in our hotel district corridor. The completion of these Police Memorial Monument at headquarters, right across the road here, you'll, hopefully, see that become -- come to fruition in the next coming months. That is to try to find a place to reflect on sacrifices made by some of our first responders who have passed away in the line of duty. We have been working on this for -- close to about a year and a half now. Hopefully, this year we'll be able to have that completed. Ground breaking for the construction of the Historic Police District station on the east side, working very, very diligently with the executive staff. We are close -- we're very, very close to a ground break day. We just had some permitting issues that were going on. I think that has been satisfied, close to being satisfied right now, and hopefully we should see that, hopefully, within the next 60 days. We're pushing towards that, being optimistic here. Replacement of the police tasers, that item is up -- up for tonight as well. I'll explain that in regards to the new technology for

tasers that are needed. When tasers came about, we -- we adopted that immediately. I like if the officers have to have an engagement, I like some distance in between them and the subject. And these tasers that are coming in now, these are the newest in technology for -- for that type of nonlethal weapon. So I'd like to move forward with that. The next thing ups is the preparation for our Super Bowl for 2020 at the Hard Rock Stadium that we'll be hosting. A lot of programming will be coming through our City as well. We are part of the -- the security host safety team. Major Vargas will be oversight on that, whilst we go through this process. Another thing here that I have coming up is the Mendell's rule. Some of you might have remembered, and last year, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, a young man by the name of Mendell Butler-Lebel passed away as a drive-by shooting in the Foxcroft community. Miramar High School students rallied together to do a nice send off for he and his family. He was to graduate this year. Touched home for me, because he was in our Criminal Justice Program. He would have been one of our first to -- to graduate, and he did not. As a result, talked to this parents, and I told her that we would really work hard at trying to make a -- a better reward program for Broward County. Because, as you know, when they start -- Crime Stoppers put something out for homicide, they started at \$3,000.00, but that's the max. So what I'm trying to do is entice the community to come and speak out in regards to that. Mendell's Rule, what I'm trying to get launched -- I met with Crime Stoppers already. Their board is going to be onboard with everything with this. I'd like the City, also, to adopt this where -- where we will be able to start a reward system at \$20,000.00 to get people to call in and say something, and I think that will be a little more attractive. With that also being said, there'll be parameters that we put in place as well, such as, you know, the person had to be a 17 year -- or 18 year or younger. So it had to be a student. I'm not necessarily just keeping this for Broward County -- excuse me, for Miramar. I want it for the entire county. So I'm going to be using my -- leveraging my power as well, and the Broward chiefs to convince other chiefs in this county to help me finance this particular initiative. I will be also number one to see this program, and make sure that -- that this program works, where we can get that any student that's 17 -- 18 and under that's murdered in our County, that they can use the Mendell's Rule, and be able to increase the money for reward. Okay. The next -- we require a mobile command center; we're working towards that this year. It is a \$700,000.00 initiative. We do know that our budget is tight, but we will work close to try to get it -- get it, then bring it to fruition. Family Police Academy program; we're going to be working in house on that as well. We already have a -- a sketch program put together, so we'll be working with that. Implementation of a Ring Doorbell project that's also on the dais this -- this evening as well, so I you'd like me to discuss that, we'll bring that up utilizing the ring products to help the Police Department in crime prevention. Also, we'll be doing treat assessments. This will be managed by the EM office, as well, for threat and hazard identifying risk assessments for any type of critical incidents that occur within our community, that we have a resolution and a plan on how to address the situation. I'll be restructuring my org chart within house as well; I've already started doing that, and working towards closure with -- making more efficiency in my -- in my department. These are some of the -- just quick initiatives on the left. You'll see the Safe Place, Miramar PD, that should have received -- that's the LGBTQIA crimes that are committed. Folks, they can see that sign, and they can go straight into the facility, and know that they're in a safe place. Those



already have been erected, a lot of the businesses throughout our community as well. The top picture is one of our officers there working with seniors, so that is in the SALT program. The second one is -- more than likely that's Cone with a Cop, and working that program. The other one is the Joe DiMaggio on the bottom, and then the other insert there was me at the Urban League/ChristWay Church/Restorative Justice Circle program. And I spoke to all of the students there in that program for that day, so I'm thankful for the department in supporting all of that. And, to close this evening, I just want to highlight that the Police Department does have an incredible Citizens Police Academy program, and I'm, you know, imploring all of our community, if they have time, to please participate in that program, and learn a little bit about the City, and also learn a little bit about the Police Department itself. So I'll be closing with -- with that video. So if you can run it, please. Thank you. (Video played.) So, with that being said, if you can put the last slide up. This is our -- all of our connections for social media and so forth. We just want the community to know that you can reach out to us at any one of these platforms, including the website, where all this information is available to them as well, and also we'll have the videos -- they're up on the social, but some of them we'll be putting also on our website for future review. So, with that being said, I thank you for your time, and allowing me to give you a snapshot from 2018 to 2019, and I'm available for any questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thanks a lot, Chief. Yeah, that does deserve a round of applause. You know, the City of Miramar, you know, we have some of the best first responders in the nation, and we definitely are very proud of our police department. And what I'll just take the personal privilege to do at this time is just to commend our Chief with his leadership -- he doesn't do it alone. He has a great team, his command staff all the way down to officers that are down on the streets that interface with our community. And what I like most is that how you've come in and you've made your mark. You've been able to build upon the legacy programs that have made this police department known nationally, but also appreciate the fact that the new initiatives that you and your team have come up with. In fact, like last night, it's just a perfect example of how -- how quickly the police department responded to the threat, took it seriously. It was a team effort. You know, actions like that and results like that just don't happen without proper planning. You know, the prior planning prevents piss poor performance. And it was executed flawlessly. You know, we get our communication as a commission from the department, in terms of alerts that we should be aware of, but I was -- just happen to be on social media last night and saw the police department's notice to the community about the news alert about Glades Middle. And it was just an effective way to communicate with our community about this potential threat. So, you know, the tragedy that happened last year at Parkland, and the way that it happened, you know, when you look back, you know, everyone says something like that should have been prevented. You know, who knows if that was an actual threat that would have taken place had it not been caught, but all we know is that we're glad that the Miramar Police Department took the necessary action, in my view, preventing a potential Parkland from taking place right within our own community. So I'd like to thank you and your team for your professionalism and your effectiveness in addressing this. Before you take your seat, I know the City Manager had

a -- a special announcement that he wanted to make at this time. Look to your right. Who said you couldn't keep a secret away from the Chief.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Just hold on. You know, I was thinking, as I sat back here, you know, God gives us 168 hours a week, and what makes the difference with all of us with that 168 hours is what do we do with that time. The 168 hours, you make a choice whether you're going to be in contribution or you're not. I look at Dexter as a person that use that 168 hours to reach out and touch those that are less fortunate, because he has a choice. He don't have to have these programs. We've had other -- other chiefs. In my career, I've had a lot of chiefs in my life in here, and many of them never even thought about reaching out and touching those that are less fortunate. This is special. I can look back now as I go to my sister's funeral, and I go into that graveyard, it says Jackie, and gives us a date and it has a dash. It's all about the dash in your life in here. And, Dexter, I can tell you right now, that dash has got a story. It has a story about somebody that cares. Somebody who made a sacrifice in here to touch the children -- the children of Miramar, the children outside of Miramar, taking the time in here and making a sacrifice to do the things that many folk could take a choice and stay home and say, "You know, I'm doing enough. I'm the Chief." It takes a whole lot in here. So when I look at that 168 hours, I say, "Well done." And that's what he says in there. When it's all done, he says, "Well done, Dexter." Because you are doing a great job. And I'm thankful to be here to tell you, and tell your family that this is what it's all about. You have a choice, and you made a choice to have a commitment to the Miramar residents and this community and our children. Because it's all about our children. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Come on up, Ms. Williams.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: The last time I stood on this stage I was crying. I can't believe I'm crying again. Surprise me? My Kappa brothers, best friends, my mother, my family, my wife, my cousin -- I don't know where you find all these -- and you know I'm usually all over everything, but you all got me tonight. You -- I'm usually all over this, and -- like you know. So I -- I can't -- I can't begin to explain to you what it's like to just try to live a life for someone else. And, you know, I speak about it a lot, and I tell you, you know, "Hey, God has a purpose for you." And, you know, a lot of people didn't know that I was involved in two traffic crashes, and you know, and rehab and six months trying to get back and learn how to walk again, much less -- you know. And I said, you know, when I got hit and I was in the hospital trying to figure out -- I said, "Well, you know, God ain't finish with me yet." You know. And I thought about all the things, especially what the CM talked about, you know, about me, when I was younger, trying to find my way here, you know. I came here with a suitcase and nothing else and had to find my way, you know. Didn't have education, didn't have anything, you know. And the little things that I did, I said, "You know what, I got to keep pushing, keep pushing, keep pushing." So that little lady over there named Lucy, aka, Mama Lu, yeah, she was all up in my butt making sure that I did what I was supposed to do, and I'm thankful for her, and I'm thankful for my mother-in-law and everybody in my whole crew behind that supported me, and thank you. And I'm going to continue to do for our community until I drop. And if that's what it is, then I served

my God right, and I served my people in my community right, and I'll continue to follow our elected officials and what they have in store for us, that Miramar is continuously on a trajectory of success. And we're going to keep moving with that. So, with that being said -- I've been with this -- I will close on this. I've been with this chick since 1992, and, like you said, I don't know how you do it, because, you know, she barely ever sees me, ever. You know, I put in 16, 17 hours a day, every day, but she still leave a cooked plate of food on the table for me, even at midnight, so thank you for that too as well, you know. So, with that being said, I thank you, and I thank my Commission for everything.

MAYOR MESSAM: Can the Williams family and friends, please come up to get your photo with our Chief. All right. So we will continue to move the agenda. And our final presentation -- oh, there's another present -- oh. I'm so eager to move the agenda.

Presentation: MCC Presents: The Speaker Series (Miramar Cultural Center Advisory Board Members: Tamieka Atkinson and Kyra King)

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, our next presentation will be MCC Presents: The Speaker Series, Miramar Cultural Center Advisory Board Members Tameika Atkinson and Kyra King.

MS. ATKINSON: Good evening to the Mayor, Commission, City Manager, Assistant City Managers and guest. My name is TC Atkinson, and I leverage my background in chemistry and my current training as a PhD student in tropical biology to create and develop natural hygiene products and herbal detoxes for my holistic company called Embrace Pangea. Today we have helped over 7,200 individuals like you to detox and eliminate toxins from your life. However, today I'll be presenting on behalf of the Miramar Cultural Center. The Miramar Cultural Center is a place where community and culture can merge. We are proud of our platform on the Cultural Arts Advisory Board, because it allows us to share with the community what culture looks like at MCC and in Miramar. This season, MCC Presents is introducing a speaker series that kicks off with the world-renowned speakers, like Dr. Michael Eric Dyson and Pete Souza. Here's what you can look forward to (Video played.) So, as the video just showcased, this February 9<sup>th</sup>, MCC presents Dr. Michael Eric Dyson; tickets are still available for \$20.00, as well as a VIP meet and greet book signing with Dr. Dyson for \$15.00. His latest book is entitled "The Truth About Race Relations in America", and it will also be available for purchase. March 1<sup>st</sup>, MCC presents Pete Souza. Ticket purchases include a copy of Pete Souza's book entitled "Shade". For more information on these shows and everything MCC, please follow us on social media. We're on Facebook, Instagram, as well as Twitter @miramarcultural. Thank you so very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: So if you haven't gotten your tickets, yeah, make sure you get the tickets for the great programming we have at the Miramar Cultural Center. And our final presentation --

Proclamation: Black History Month. (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Now our final presentation will be our proclamation, recognizing February as Black History Month, and we have special guests here who will be receiving the proclamation, and they are our Bright Futures Business Leaders of America Club from our Somerset Academy, Central Campus. I had a great opportunity to speak to them yesterday and would like to call forward, and I'm going to make sure I don't miss anyone's name: Niella Wright, President; Yocelin Gutierrez, Reynolds Monestime, Lawrence Davis, and their fearless leader, Ms. Janet Holder. And, typically, this proclamation gives some background, in terms of the evolution of black history in the United States, and how it became Black History Month. Proclamation, Black History Month, February 2019:

Whereas, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and, Whereas, after the Civil War, many Black Americans sought a better life, free from oppression, and in search of new economic opportunities, and the liberty to create their own lives. And, whereas, in 1926, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted black scholar and son of former slaves, initiated Black History Week, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1926, which coincided with birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln; and, Whereas, the anniversary of the founding of the NAACP, also known as NAACP; and, Whereas, in 1976 -- how many of you were born then? None of you. Okay. All right. So in 1976, as part of the Nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and it is now celebrated all over North America; and, Whereas, since 1978, U.S. Postal Service has participated in Black History Month as well by issuing commemorative stamps honoring notable African Americans; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar is proud to honor the history and contributions of the African Americans in our City and throughout the nation. Now, therefore, in recognition of African Amer -- now, in recognition of African Americans past and present, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim February 2019 to be Black History Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: And -- yes. And before I officially hand off the proclamation to our Somerset Academy, Future Business Leaders of America Club, my charge to you is to let you know that if you think about every significant civil rights advancement in America, it did not take place without the aggressive, assertive, and even most times militant activism of youth and young people. So I tell you that to let you know, as future business leaders of America, you will be the pioneers of the next advancements of this nation. And we encourage you to continue to strive well, continue to do well in school, and wherever your paths may go, that we are assured that our hands are secure and safe, because we know that our future leaders are going to be bright, strong, and woke. All right? Take care. Well, first, can each of you introduce yourselves, starting with the president?

MS. WRIGHT: Hello, good evening. My name is Niella Wright. I am the president of the Somerset Academy Future Business Leaders of America Club.

MS. GUTIERREZ: Good evening. I am Yocelin Gutierrez. I am secretary of Somerset

Academy Central Miramar FBLA Club.

MR. MONSTAIN: Good evening. My name is Reynold Monestime, a fellow member of the FBLA Club.

MR. DAVIS: Good evening. My name is Lawrence Davis. I am also a fellow member of the FBLA Club.

MS. HOLDER: Ladies and gentlemen, good evening. My name is Janet Holder, and I'm the Club advisory.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Now onto Consent Agenda. The 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 public that wish to comment on any -- on any item on the Consent Agenda? Seeing none, are there any items by the Commission that wish to be pulled? If not, I'll take a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Which number, please?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Number four.

MAYOR MESSAM: Number four. Are there any other items wishing to be pulled? If not, I'll take a motion on the balance of the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion on the balance for the agenda.

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: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3 and 5, the Commission voted:

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

1a. Minutes from the Budget Public Hearing of September 26, 2018.

**Approved**

1b. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of January 16, 2019.

**Approved**

2. Temp. Reso. #R6836 approving the acquisition of **roofing services** for **Fire Station 19 and Fire Station 100** for the amount of \$162,357; utilizing US Community Contract No. 14-5903 between Cobb County Board of Commissioners and Garland/DBS, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Piggy Back Agreement; allocating a contingency allowance of \$16,236, for a total project cost of \$178,593. *(Support Services Senior Project Manager Daryll Johnson and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 19-63**

3. Temp. Reso. #R6894 approving an agreement with Change Healthcare Technology Enabled Services, LLC for **emergency medical transport billing and collection services** utilizing the City of Lauderhill Competitive Agreement #RMS155980. *(Fire-Rescue Chief Robert Palmer and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 19-64**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number four, please.

4. Temp. Reso. #R6897 approving a **Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”)** with **Ring, LLC.** (*Police Chief Dexter Williams*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item number four is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Ring, LLC, authorizing the City Manager to execute the MOU, and authorize -- and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Vice Mayor, would you like a presentation, or you just have a question for the Chief?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. I actually want a presentation on it, so that the residents could see what's coming their way, and give the Chief an opportunity to expand upon it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay, great. Chief, you're recognized.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: All right, thank you. Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Dexter Williams, Police Chief. This particular temporary res. 6897 regarding Ring MOU -- it's Ring, LLC. First slide, please. Just the -- just the basic information on it. Miramar Police Department proposes a partnership with Ring, LLC, to help reduce crime, and assist with the investigations in the City. The MOU will provide department access to the Ring Neighbors platform. I'll go a little bit into that in a few seconds. The platform to communicate with Ring Neighbors encourage community engagement. The Police Department would all -- would also be able to utilize the critical and safety events that are posted in Ring, and it's actually live, to assist in law enforcement operations and investigations. The department could also post the information relating to critical incidents as well that -- in respective areas, and whoever has the Ring app or in that particular neighborhood. Next. The Ring Neighborhood platform is free of charge to both the police department and the public, and I'll explain that in a second. Ring has agreed to make an initial donation of 30 Ring video doorbells -- cameras to the police department, and these cameras would then be distributed to the community, as part of our outreach program. Now Ring -- the -- the company LLC, this is a free platform. I -- I too have one of these here to promote the company either way, but the program is very effective. It is a doorbell type camera system, to which, when you walk up to the door, it actually activates motion. You can set it on motion sensor, and it starts recording as you are coming up. Actually, you can set it to when as soon as you step in, and it'll start activating and recording your -- your voice, as well as picture as well. Now there's a platform that they have, which you connect, it's called Neighbor. So I can see what's happening at this Ring, and the next door neighbor, and the next door neighbor, and the neighbor down a block or so forth, if they are all connected to this particular app program called Neighbor. Now, with that, we at the police department, will also have a direct link to it as well, as well as the community too. If they -- as long as they log in, they can also see access and be able to access anybody else's Ring on their -- as long as they're in the app -- on that particular app. They can also access it as well, and

see that information. What we want to do with the City, when we partnered up with them is to -- one, they're going to donate 30 to the City for free. We can give those Ring machines out to anybody in the general public we desire. What we'd like to do is pick residents that have been, maybe, victimized two times or more -- it's only 30 -- we see we have a very large city. Maybe been victimized two times or more, and we're going to focus on areas such as the certain corridors that we know a lot of activity is going up and down. Where we know the juveniles are running up -- ramping up and down the streets or something like that, or someone's hanging out. And we want to partner up with certain residents over there that are in Crime Watch programs and so forth and start with them first. And say, maybe you weren't a victim, but where you live there's a lot of activity out there, a lot of transient activity, so we would like to have you be one of our recipients for this Ring photograph camera and motion, so we know what's going on on your street. We want to put -- also put them on corner, corner homes, because the video, as it's -- people are going by and driving by, it also takes pictures and records that information as well. So maybe if something happens on that block, we can also get that video live, literally, and pull up the app, and see exactly what that vehicle looked like, you know. We may not be able to get a license plate, because it is at a distance, but at least we have some variation of what the vehicle may look like. And the corner locations and so forth where you know people are going to stop at stop signs and so forth. So we figure we can go through and start off on that program. Now there is an incentive to that as well. The City will receive a credit for every resident or business owner that downloads the Ring app, that comes to us as well. We'll be monitoring that. Obviously, we can trade the credits up for more Ring devices to give out to our communities. It's not going to be a benefit for us financially, that's not what we're looking for, we just want to enhance the program within our city. More than likely, I'll be focusing most of these Ring machinery on the east side of the City where there's no gated communities or anything, so we have a lot of free-flow traffic, and I'd like to be able to curb a little bit of the transient traffic that's going up and down in those areas. They also -- the Miramar resident can also earn \$10.00 in Ring credits for every neighbor that they invite also, so they can have it, the Ring, and then they can also get credits to -- towards it, and they can use it for whatever through that Ring program. So they can earn ten Ring credits is what it's call when they download the Ring Neighbor app based on the invite from -- from either the police department or an existing Ring Neighbor app. So we'll also be pushing it out in that format as well. So it is to be used to -- you know, to share and comment on real time crime and safety events in the neighborhood, and as part of the program, the Miramar Police Department will also utilize that for our crime safety initiatives as well. Thanks a lot. So the City Manager is recommending approval for this item.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any comments? If not, I'll take a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you for the presentation. It seems like it's a -- a great way for us to really know what's going on in the community. I did have a question as far as -- you said initial 30, that they were going to give us an initial 30.



POLCIE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: And I was wondering how many after that, but I guess the rest of it will be based on the credits?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: On credits, yes.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. So that answers --

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Right. And, obviously, I'm going to be soliciting them to -- you know, "Hey, you know we are -- you know. Going on. I'm sure other residents will probably buy into the program. It's a great, you know, app, a neighborhood app program, so you can really see real time what's going on. I think they'd appreciate that. A lot of folks have cell phones, Android or Apple, so they can -- they can get the app right on there, and then, for a nominal fee, buy it too at the regular store as well, but we'll be pushing it out, you know, as an incentive. We're also looking forward to credits, hopefully, they gain, and then get some additional and give them out to the community.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: When you distribute it to the residents, they will have -- those that receive the ones that you're giving them, they will have to join the Neighbor --

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: That neighbor group?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes. They have to be part of the neighborhood app group.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: In order to receive it.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. Thank you very much.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes, ma'am.

MAYOR MESSAM: Would you like to move the item?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes, please. Motion to approve.

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: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve Resolution #R6897, the Commission voted:

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

#### **Resolution No. 19-65**

5. Temp. Reso. #R6904 authorizing the purchase of **electrical control devices (“Tasers”)** using Law Enforcement Trust Funds, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. *(Police Chief Dexter Williams)*

#### **Resolution No. 19-66**

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number six, please.

6. Temp. Reso. #R6861 awarding Invitation for Bids No. 18-015 entitled “**Wastewater Reclamation Facility Reclaimed Water System Expansion, Phase I**”, to Wharton Smith, Inc., and related expenditure for the provision of construction services in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,497,000.00, with a contingency of \$250,000.00 for unforeseen circumstances, for a total amount of \$5,747,000.00. *(Utilities Director Roy Virgin and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item number six is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, awarding Invitation for Bids No. 18-015 entitled "Wastewater Reclamation Facility Reclaimed Water System Expansion, Phase I", to Wharton Smith, Inc., and related expenditure for the provision of construction services in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,497,000.00, with a contingency of \$250,000.00 for unforeseen circumstances, for a total amount of \$5,747,000.00, authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed agreement, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. VIRGIN: Good evening. Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners Barnes, Chambers, City Manager Hargray, City Attorney and City Clerk, Roy Virgin, Interim Director, Utilities Department. The item before you is approving an award of invitation for Bid No. 18-015, Wastewater Reclamation Facility Reclaimed Water System Expansion Phase I, resolution number -- provide some background to this project. The City of Miramar owns and operate a wastewater reclamation facility, and it will be termed here WWRF, with a 12.7 million gallons, mgd, which will be referred later on to, rated overall capacity. The WWRF is permitted at 5.0 mgd capacity to treat and provide reclaimed water for unrestricted public access beneficial use. Background continues. The reclaim water system is currently operating at full capacity. Therefore, in order to serve additional areas for the City, expansion of the reclaim water treatment capacity at the WWRF is necessary. So on April 20, 9 -- 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-114, approving an agreement with Hazen and Sawyer, DPC, for the provision of design services for the Wastewater Reclamation facility reclaimed water system expansion project. The design for the expansion of the reclaim water treatment facility at the WWRF was completed in July 2018. The project provides an additional 2.5 million gallons per day of reclaimed water capacity with the following major components: 1) a EcoWash backwash sand filter system to match the existing system; 2) three new high service pump; 3) a chlorine contact basin structure and a one-million gallon above storage tank. This will support the City's Comprehensive Plan by way of potable water, aquifer recharge infrastructure, sanitary sewer infrastructure, conservative intergovernmental cooperation, and a ten-year water supply facility plan. And we'll have the procurement look at the procurement process.

MS. MARTIN: Good evening, Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Attorney and Clerk, I am Brenda Martin representing the Procurement Department. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the City advertised invitation for bid 18-015 entitled the Waste Water Reclamation Facility Expansion Project Phase I in a newspaper of general circulation, and on DemandStar. The City received three bids on September 20<sup>th</sup>. City staff evaluated the bids and the bidders' references. Cardinal Contractors Incorporated was determined to be the lowest responsive responsible bidder at 5,398,100 for construction of the WWRF reclamation water system expansion Phase I project. However, the City staff determined that, pursuant to section 2.04 -- 05(d) of the IFB, and section 2456 of the City code, Wharton Smith, Incorporated is a local vendor, and was granted the five percent local vendor preference. Wharton Smith was the next lowest responsive and responsible

bidder with a total price of 5,497,000 in the five percent local preference of Cardinal Contractors. The City staff also recommends a 250,000 in contingency funds to cover the cost of unforeseen conditions. Any questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. Are there any questions from the public on this item? Any questions from the public? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any questions from the dais? Seeing none, may I have a motion, 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: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R6861, the Commission voted:

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

#### **Resolution No. 19-67**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number seven.

7. Temp. Reso. #R6859 approving the award of Request for Qualifications No. 18-08-34 entitled **“Historic Miramar Area Wide Drainage Improvements Project - Phase IV”** to Craven Thompson and Associates, Inc., in the amount of

\$799,330.00 for the provision of professional engineering and design services.  
(*Public Works Director Bernard Buxton-Tetteh and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item seven is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Request for Qualifications No. 18-08-34 entitled "Historic Miramar Area Wide Drainage Improvements Project - Phase IV" to Craven Thompson and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$799,330.00 for the provision of professional engineering and design services, authorizing the City Manager to execute an appropriate agreement, and providing for an effective date.

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Bernard Buxton-Tetteh, Public Works director. The item before you tonight is the -- the Phase IV of the area wide drainage improvement for Historical Miramar. The request is to approve an award of contract to Craven Thompson and Associates in the amount of \$799, 330.00. For background, the City completed Phase I and Phase II of the -- of the project. Phase III, as we know, is currently under construction. Phases IV, V, and VI, we completed planning documents in December of 2017. Subsequently, we went through the process of submitting the documents to DEP, because the intent of this project is to utilize SRF loan, so they -- we needed to go through their required process that they need for the -- for the loans. They approve the documents, and then we -- we got the loan -- award to go forward with the Phase IV section of it. This map is showing you the area of all the phases. Phase IV going to span between 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Turnpike, and for Miramar, south of Miramar Parkway to the county line. For the procurement process, in September, we advertised an RFQ. That closed on October 11, and the evaluation committee was - - was made up of City staff. They looked all -- all the proposals that was received. There, subsequently, was a presentation from the -- the seven highest ranked firms. After that, Craven Thompson was deemed the highest ranked firm. We then negotiated with Craven Thompson, the scope of work that was required, and then a compensation in the amount of \$799,330.00. For the scope of services Craven will be providing. They're going to provide survey for the entire area. They're going to provide a design and permitting that is needed for the project. During the construction phase, they will also be providing construction inspection, and then we also have a public relations element to their work. The project, as I said earlier, will be funded through the State-revolving loan. And approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? All right. Back to the dais. Just quick -- quick observation. I remember about six years ago at the time the City Manager was the -- was the Assistant City Manager with the responsibility of -- for utilities, public works, engineering, and I was asking some very pointed questions regarding, at the time, infrastructure improvements in Historic Miramar. And I think the City, at that point, had already done Phases I and II, bringing in water, sewer for those residents, and bringing in a great majority of east Miramar on our own system. And I asked the -- I asked assistant city manager at the time, "Well, we're getting a lot of complaints about flooding when it

rains in east Miramar. What is our plan to address it?" And we did not necessarily -- we didn't have a plan. I said, "Well, at a minimum, if I get asked what are we going to do about it, at a minimum, I should be able to tell them how much it cost, and what's the timeframe we could expect to get it done." Even if we don't have the money, I think we should know that. And probably within a -- a couple of weeks at the most, he came back, met with me, and the map that was just shown that shows Phases III, IV, V, VI, these are the zones that we've created. We don't have the funding for them, but we'll at least try to assess what the costs would be, bet it studied, so that we can put a plan around it. So now when we're seeing that right now, when we're in Phase III, for us to get the engineering and design work for Phase IV in place, It's really -- you know, it's -- it's really great to see the progress. We sustained a blow when the last -- not this past election, but in '16, when they had the two ballot questions for transportation and infrastructure, had those two -- had those two items passed, we would have had significant amount of funding to be able to really ramp up these infrastructure improvements. But -- but I just want our residents to know that the City isn't just sitting back, because we're not getting sales tax funding. You know, we're looking at every option to be able to phase in this work, so that we can improve our infrastructure in areas of our City that's -- that's most needed. So just like to give kudos to the staff for their continued process to find ways to get -- not only to identify these projects, but to identify the funding for them to get them completed, because our residents definitely deserve to have the -- at least the minimum ability to come out of their house after a rain event, and not have their driveways flooded, that the water is able to be managed and drained away from their properties. Thanks so much, and I look forward to the expeditious, successful process for Phase IV. And, finally, I know that our residents are enduring challenges with Phase III. I know that our staff has been working with the contractor to wrap up the construction work that's going on for Phase III, so that although during this construction, that we still -- we still should be able to manage that construction process with the least amount of disruption as possible. So I just would like to urge staff that in Phase IV, that we take best practices, lessons learned from Phase III, so that the residents in Phase IV don't experience the slow start that we had, and some of the challenges with Phase III. Thank you. On that note, I'll take a motion, if here are no other comments on this item.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

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: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve Resolution #R6859, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 19-68**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number eight, please.

8. Temp. Reso. #R6889 approving an agreement with Metro Express, Inc., for **sidewalk replacement and installation** in the amount of \$200,000.00, utilizing the Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group Sidewalk Replacement and Installation Contract, ITB No. 15-16-039(A). *(Public Works Director Bernard Buxton-Tetteh and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum).*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item eight is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving an agreement with Metro Express, Inc., for sidewalk replacement and installation in the amount of \$200,000.00, utilizing the Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group Sidewalk Replacement and Installation Contract, ITB No. 15-16-039(A), authorizing the City Manager to execute an appropriate agreement, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir. Welcome back.

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Thank you. Good evening again, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager. This item is for sidewalk replacement services. The request is to approve an award to Metro Express for an amount of 20,000, to perform sidewalk repair services throughout the City. For background, Public Works has been maintaining sidewalks throughout the City. Our goal is to ensure that the City is protected against liabilities when it comes to pedestrian -- an injury related to the use of sidewalks. The priority here is that we focus on close to our schools in order to make sure our -- our school kids are safe on their route to and from school. We also focus on our parks and our community centers, the heavy pedestrian users. We look at our major collector roads, and then we go into our neighborhood streets, and then we also look through our City's,

and work out a system for areas that are reported through the -- the system. This program has gone on for a couple of years. We started in 2017 and, so far, for the two years we've replaced approximately four miles of sidewalk throughout the City. This is just some pictures of the contractor performing work. For the procurement process, we're utilizing a Southeast Co-op contract; the City is part of that, and procurement has reviewed it. They've advised that it is beneficial to utilize that contract. The prices are very competitive, 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 comments on this item? If not, I'll take a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: One comment.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Buxton, how are you, sir?

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Very well, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Good. I just want to speak about the sidewalk replacement, not just this project, but other project in other areas. I've gotten a few complaints from some community in regards to contractors, when they do the repair, and especially in those areas where we have -- dealing with tree roots. I just want to make sure we have someone monitoring these contractor, make sure they do a good job, because this area where they're don't pour enough concrete and maybe did a good assessment of the tree root to make sure we doesn't have cracked sidewalks right after they finish and gone. And if they can't provide us a good service, we have to bring it back and do it in house, because our workers work pretty hard to do a good job. All right?

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: All right. I'll make --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So I just want to make sure that we follow through with the -- watching these contractor. Thank you so much.

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Are there any other comments? If not, I'll take a motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: 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: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R6889, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 19-69**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number nine, please.

9. Temp. Reso. #R6890 approving the award of Invitation for Bid No. 18-018 entitled "Historic Miramar Drainage System Improvements, Phase IV" to Erosion Barrier Installations Corp. in the amount of \$199,324.00 and AllState Resource Management, Inc., in the amount of \$199,400.00, for a total combined amount of \$398,724.00. (*Public Works Director Bernard Buxton-Tetteh and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item number nine is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Invitation for Bid No. 18-018 entitled "Historic Miramar Drainage System Improvements, Phase IV" to Erosion Barrier Installations Corp. in the amount of \$199,324.00 and AllState Resource Management, Inc., in the amount of \$199,400.00, for a total combined amount of \$398,724.00; authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate agreements with Erosion Barrier Installations, Inc., and AllState Resources Management, Inc., and providing for an effective date.

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Good evening.

MAYOR MESSAM: Busy tonight.

MR. BUXTON-TETTEH: Yes. My last item tonight is the Historic Miramar drainage system, which is the canal embankment project we've been working on the last few years. The item before you tonight is the award of contract to two vendors this time, Erosion Barrier, and then AllState Resources. For background, we've been -- Public Works has been maintaining the canals east of University Drive. In 2012, a capital project was implemented. We began to get construction going on about three years ago. The project aimed at addressing eroded canal and lakes that are maintained by the City. This map is just showing the canals referenced just east of University. We have one to the east of the Turnpike, one to the west of the Turnpike, and then there's one on the north side of Miramar Parkway. The current method we're utilizing, the Geotube system. These are high strength geotextile materials that are filled with sediment. We either address them from the canal or we import the sand, and these are used to restore canal embankments. This photographs just showing how the process is done. On the left, you can see the -- the textile material is laid along embankment. You can see the -- how uneven the edges are, on the right side showing how the contractors performed the work by having a dredge or a boat in the water, and then when they need to bring sand, they bring sand and then pump it into the bags. On the left is showing you -- during the process when the bags have been filled with sand, on the right is the final stages for the work where we spread the sand over the bags, and then you put sod on it to complete the work. For an update on what we've done so far. We've completed 142 properties, total of 841,000 has been spent. We had initial grant from DEP for 245,000. We've used that grant funding. Thereafter, we've utilized almost 600,000 of the City's enterprise fund from the storm water management. We have a few pictures showing you some of the before and after scenarios. This one is on the Miramar Isles area, on the left showing you the existing condition before the work was performed, and then the right showing you the finished product. This is just showing you another house on Harbour Drive. The left is how eroded the -- the canal embankment was. On the right is after the work had been completed. And then the same front area on the east side Miramar Park as well. For the procurement process, a bid was advertised September 26. We held a -- a conference on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The City received four bid on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The bids were tabulated. Two vendors, Erosion Barrier and AllState were determined to be the lowest, responsible bidders; the amounts were very close. So this is the table of the bid tab that we -- we had. The decision to use two vendors, obviously, was to ensure that more properties were done. We also had worked with these two vendor previously. We thought it was in the best interest to have two vendors perform work, especially since we had two large canals, so we can have simultaneous work being done, and approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Any members from the public that wish to comment on item number nine? Any members from the public? Seeing none, back to the dais. I have a speaker - Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just a quick observation. I think for -- for those residents who are removed from living beside, against, adjacent to -- to a lake, they might not

understand the value of this program. But for those resident who live close to -- to a -- a lake, one of the things about this erosion is that it kind of sneaks up on you. One day you have all of this little yard space, as it is -- as it was in the beginning, and then all of a sudden, you have even less. And I think this is one of those really cool initiatives that this city has taken. Even beside and beyond the fact that residents have complained to us over time. But I think -- these -- these are one of the things that commends the staff of the City of Miramar and the kind of work that they do, because if you look at how dramatic the changes are, the fores and the afters, you understand you're giving people more yard space, and the processes that are used, what we're doing is we're securing the embankments from -- from them eroding the way they did in the past. So I just want to commend staff on the work that has been done in this particular area of -- of -- of shoring up the -- the banks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Any other comments? If not, I'll take a motion. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Buxton, thank you so much. Good to see you at the podium a few times tonight. This project, it means a lot to me. And one of the thing that our resident and businesses and staff can take away from this project is how big this project is, and how much we are able to accomplish with so little funding. I mean this is a big job. I've been out there several time, before and after, and for us to do so much with so little funding, it's amazing. So this -- this is what I'm taking away from this. And with other project, where criminals comes in and rip us off, this is to show that we can accomplish big things with small fund, so thank you, and kudos to our resident and the City of Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: Can I have a motion.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6890, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 19-70**

**ORDINANCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number ten.

- 10. FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1713 **amending** the City Code Chapter 15, Pensions, Article IV, **“Police Officers' Retirement Plan and Trust Fund,”** amending Section 15-166 of the City Code to revise the definition of “Tier Two;” amending Section 15-173 of the Miramar City Code regarding military service buyback; amending Section 15-174 of the Miramar City Code to permit the purchase of permissive service credit; amending Section 15-211 of the Miramar City Code to provide for normal retirement with twenty years of service; amending Section 15-212 of the Miramar City Code to increase the benefit formula to provide for a seventy-five percent multiplier after twenty years of service; amending Section 15-223 of the Miramar City Code to create a DROP Loan Program; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for severability; providing for a repealer; and providing for an effective date. (*Human Resources Director Randy Cross*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item 10 is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending the City Code Chapter 15, Pensions, Article IV, “Police Officers' Retirement Plan and Trust Fund,” amending Section 15-166 of the City Code to revise the definition of “Tier Two;” amending Section 15-173 of the Miramar City Code regarding military service buyback; amending Section 15-174 of the Miramar City Code to permit the purchase of permissive service credit; amending Section 15-211 of the Miramar City Code to provide for normal retirement within twenty years of service; amending Section 15-212 of the Miramar City Code to increase the benefit formula to provide for a seventy-five percent multiplier after twenty years of service; amending Section 15-223 of the Miramar City Code to create a DROP Loan Program; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for severability; providing for a repealer; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, Mr. Cross

MR. CROSS: Good evening, sir. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Members of the Commission. Randy Cross, Human Resources Director. This item before you is to amend Chapter 15 of the City code. This is the first reading of two readings for a temporary ordinance. Last November, the City Commission approved the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Police Benevolent Association of Broward County. One of the conditions of the collective bargaining agreement included an amendment to the Pension Plan, where the benefit would be changed from 75 percent of average final compensation of 25 years to 75 percent at 20 years. It's an actuarial impact of \$243,000.00, which is part of the budget for the current fiscal year. In addition to that, the Pension Board is recommending three additional changes to the ordinance that are outside of collective bargaining; one is to adopt a DROP Loan Program for members of the plan that have separated from service. Another is revising the military buyback, so that -- it's current two years. They'll -- officers will now have four years upon employment to enter into the military buyback program. And the last is to have a permissive service credit buyback process. It's \$2,915.00. That's for the military service buyback. The other two amendments don't have any actuarial impact. Approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: 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 comments? This is the first reading. May I have a motion, please.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Ordinance #O1713, the Commission voted:

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

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for February 20, 2019

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 11.

11. **FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1721 relating to **signs**; making findings; revising Section 403.4 Civic and Recreational District Tables and Section 403.5 Activity Center and Workplace District Tables and Commercial and Industrial Use Tables to permit off-premises **signage/billboards** subject to specific conditions; creating Section 405.6A providing for distance separation between cemeteries/mausoleum and off-premises signage or billboards; creating Section 405.15A providing for distance separation between parks, reservations, playgrounds, and state or national forests from off-premises signage or billboards; amending 405.13 providing for distance separation between cemeteries/mausoleum and off-premises signage or billboards; creating section 405.13 relating to off-premises signage and distance separation from specific uses; amending 405.19 providing for distance separation between places of worship and off-premises signage or billboards; amending Section 405.24(k) providing for distance separation between schools and off-premises signage or billboards; amending Section 1002 relating to sign code definitions; repealing Section 1003(c)(4) relating to the prohibition of off-premises signs; amending Section 1009 relating to prohibited signs; creating Section 1014 providing for off-premises signage and billboards; providing that off-premises signage and billboards may only be digital in nature; setting time, place and manner standards; providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing that officials are authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date. *(Community & Economic Development Director Eric B. Silva)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item 11 is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, relating to signs; making findings; revising Section 403.4 Civic and Recreational District Tables and Section 403.5 Activity Center and Workplace District Tables and Commercial and Industrial Use Tables to permit off-premises signage/billboards subject to specific conditions; creating Section 405.6A providing for distance separation between cemeteries/mausoleum and off-premises signage or billboards; creating Section 405.15A providing for distance separation between parks, reservations, playgrounds, and state or national forests from off-premises signage or

billboards; amending 405.13 providing for distance separation between cemeteries/mausoleum and off-premises signage or billboards; creating section 405.13 relating to off-premises signage and distance separation from specific uses; amending 405.19 providing for distance separation between places of worship and off-premises signage or billboards; amending Section 405.24(k) providing for distance separation between schools and off-premises signage or billboards; amending Section 1002 relating to sign code definitions; repealing Section 1003(c)(4) relating to the prohibition of off-premises signs; amending Section 1009 relating to prohibited signs; creating Section 1014 providing for off-premises signage and billboards; providing that off-premises signage and billboards may only be digital in nature; setting time, place and manner standards; providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing that officials are authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date. *(Community & Economic Development Director Eric B. Silva)*

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. SILVA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Eric Silva, Community & Economic Development. This is the first reading for an ordinance for digital billboards. An amendment to the Land Development Code is required to allow digital billboards in the City. Advances in technology have led to digital advertising becoming the primary means to promote businesses and marketing. The City's ordinance must comply with federal standards and State law, the Highway Beautification Act, and the Florida statutes. This ordinance proposes digital billboards along I-75 and the Florida Turnpike only, only in specific zoning districts, and these districts are regulated by the State and the federal government, so we can only allow it, basically, in commercial districts and industrial districts. The maximum height proposed for the billboards is 50 feet, and all billboards will be oriented towards the expressway and away from residential areas. They have to be at least 250 feet from residential areas, and the minimum spacing from one billboard to another would be 1,500 feet, and staff, throughout this process, we analyzed at least 15 or so different cities to come up with these standards. And we also analyzed 14 properties in the City, some public, some private. And you can see the ones in green are the ones where we think they will meet the code requirements, as well as the federal and State requirements. The ones in yellow may have issues, and some of those issues could be the size of the site, and the ones in red would not meet the requirements of the code or the federal and State standards. This is just an example of what one of the billboards could look like. This one here is on -- is in Dania Beach along I-95, and they're prevalent throughout South Florida, 95, the Palmetto, the Turnpike, pretty prevalent digital billboards for a few years now. And approval is recommended for first reading.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members that -- from the public that have a comment on this first reading on item number 11? Any members from the public? Seeing none, back to the dais. In order, Commissioner Barnes followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Couple of good questions. We're talking here about Turnpike and 75?

MR. SILVA: Yes, only the Turnpike and 75.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. I'm just trying to remember what they look like on the Turnpike heading south. Things have changed over the years. Are we going along with that trend in making this change by allowing -- because I remember when Channel 6 was thinking of coming here, that whole matter of billboards advertising along 75 came up for mention. Are we going to, if I may put it this way, look like the Turnpike heading south into Miami-Dade County, not the proliferation, but I'm talking about the size of the billboards, and the fact that they're electronic in nature? Will our billboards look like those?

MR. SILVA: The size will be about the same, yes. The size of the billboards themselves?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Right.

MR. SILVA: The standard size is pretty much 672 square feet per billboard; that's the industry standard, and that's what we're proposing with this ordinance.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. And the distance between billboards?

MR. SILVA: We're proposing a limit of 1,500 feet from billboard to billboard.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Last question. Revenue? Or is it in any way of -- escape us?

MR. SILVA: The revenue --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Because these are State and federal highways, so we -- we don't make revenue from these.

MR. SILVA: The revenue that the City could receive -- of course, we get any permit fees, they'll come to the City.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay.

MR. SILVA: and then individual property owners, that's between the billboard company what happens.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. And there is stipulation about the distance from homes?



MR. SILVA: From home -- it's 250 feet from any existing homes, at least, and they have to be oriented away from the homes towards the expressway.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Towards it -- okay, thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Silva, I just have some concern, like Commissioner Barnes, and I just want to request meeting with you before this item come back before us.

MR. SILVA: Of course.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: thank you..

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Chambers. You know, the question raised regarding revenue -- obviously, if the City has a property that complies with this ordinance if it's adopted, then the City would be in a position to negotiate with any of the bidding advertisers or billboard owners the terms of the revenue that we would either charge or share for the placement of the legally installed billboard that complies with this proposed ordinance. And based off of the -- the map that was shown, there very limited places in the City or sites in the City that would comply with this ordinance. So, obviously, I would be concerned if it was -- you know, these billboards could be placed anywhere within the municipality. But, based off the -- I would think the intentional drafting of this ordinance basically forces these billboards to be in appropriate places that would have the least amount of residential impact, while affording the City an opportunity to have quite a few sites that could be potential sites for these billboards, which then now presents an opportunity for the City to capitalize off any potential revenues that would be generated. In addition, I would hope that a proposed agreement with the billboard company would not only share revenue, but we would actually have placed advertisements, you know, marketing our city, marketing our venues, marketing our events, marketing our services, so it presents a lot of opportunities for us. But I think we -- I think as we look at the development of this ordinance, that I encourage all of us to meet with staff to raise any issues or concerns, so that they can be clarified. But I think the -- that the potential of this ordinance opens up an entire new opportunity for us, in terms of a revenue source, as well as an ability for us to market our City or assets and our -- and our venues. Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yeah. Just -- just -- just to add to what I said, and -- and probably underline what you said. These billboards move millions of dollars in -- in revenue, and at the risk of sounding mercenary, I hope we just look for the best deal as possible going forward. Because they don't use these billboards to make peanuts. They make a lot of money. So -- so let's see how much of that we can pull.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I agree with you 100 percent, Commissioner Barnes. And not only that, we want to make sure this doesn't get out of hand with the look coming into Miramar, so we have to do our due diligent, and make sure this is on the up and up. I know where this is going, so -- thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any other comments? If not, I'll take a motion on this first reading on item number 11.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

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: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve Ordinance #O1721, the Commission voted:

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

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for February 20, 2019

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 12.

- 12. SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1717 amending Section 2-51(A) of the City Code to add the Miramar Sister Cities Board; amending Article III “Boards, Committees and Commissions,” of Chapter 2 “Administration” of the City Code, creating Division 7 “Miramar Sister Cities Board” to create the **Miramar Sister Cities Board**; and providing for an effective date. *(Passed 1st Reading on 01/16/19) (Staff requests continuance) (Community & Economic Development Director Eric B. Silva)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item 12 is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending Section 2-51(A) of the City Code to add the Miramar Sister Cities Board; amending Article III “Boards, Committees and Commissions,” of Chapter 2 “Administration” of the City Code, creating Division 7 “Miramar City -- Sister Cities Board” to create the Miramar Sister Cities Board; and providing for an effective date. Staff is requesting that you continue this item until April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. May I have a motion to continue to April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to continue.

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: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to continue Ordinance #O1717, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes

Yes

Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Colbourne	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Other Business. On to Commission reports. Item number 13.

### **Reports and Comments:**

13. Temp. Reso. #R6915 urging the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to amend the **Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement** between Broward County and municipalities in Broward County; directing the City Clerk to transmit the Resolution. *(Mayor Wayne M. Messam)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item 13 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, urging the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to amend the Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and municipalities in Broward County; to provide that municipalities' allocated share of no less than ten percent of the proceeds of the Transportation Surtax will be distributed to the municipalities pro rata based upon population; directing the City Clerk to transmit the Resolution, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Attorney. I brought this item forward after attending Broward County Mayor Bogen's Mayors Council Meeting, where he invited mayors from across the County to talk about regional issues of importance to the County. And one of the topics that came up was the passage the transportation system surtax that just passed in November's election, which you all remember I think is a -- is it a penny sales tax? Penny sales tax to Broward County. And it will generate revenue to improve our trans -- transportation system throughout the County, so -- 16 billion, so that -- the County, as you know, is responsible for transportation in Broward County. However, there is allocation to municipalities for qualified projects. There has recently been the -- the seating of an oversight board that will monitor this process, and give approval on these projects. The issue that was raised, however, is that municipalities are having a challenge in forecasting and planning for whatever revenues that may come to the municipalities. It's -- it's -- it's -- it's not direct, and it's clear -- and in a minute our City Attorney will be able to get into more detail. But what this resolution is doing, and the first one was passed by the City of Weston, and it was drafted by our City Attorney that also serves as the city attorney for Weston. By municipalities having a -- a specific percentage allocated annually, cities can properly prepare and anticipate the revenue that will come to the city for transportation projects for our allocation. And that would benefit us in many ways. One, it helps us to properly plan and forecast. Second, based on revenues we can expect and project to

get, we could leverage that anticipated revenue in terms of issuing bonds, financing, all types of options that it -- it will empower -- it will empower our staff to be able to appropriately prepare and plan for these projects. But, currently, right now, as the agreement exists with the cities and municipalities, it's -- it's -- it's not as certain. So I think that if the City of Miramar join other municipalities in sending a resolution to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, it will show that the cities really need this, and that we can compel them to adopt -- adopt such an agreement, so that cities can better serve our local communities. And, at this time, I'll -- I'll -- I'll yield to our City attorneys who can, perhaps, give more insight into the actual resolution.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Thank you. I think that was very good and very thorough, actually. The only things I would add is just a little historical context. When the -- before the Transportation Surtax was on the ballot, there were discussions and negotiations with the County back with the -- one -- two years -- two years ago when we were trying to do the half cent for infrastructure and half for transportation. Originally, the talk was that the cities would get 30 percent back in the initial discussions two and a half years ago, when it was just going to be a one penny sales tax for transportation, and it was going to be 70/30. The MPO had actually approved that at one point. Then there was more negotiations; it ended up being the 50 -- the half of each of the two different types, and it didn't pass. This time, the County did not really negotiate with the cities, they just did an inter local agreement, pretty much on their own, and gave it to the cities as a take it or leave it. And, you know, the City of Miramar, and pretty much all the other cities had no choice but to take it, so the City did pass it, and under the inter local agreement as it's drafted now, 90 percent of the money goes to the County, and the County Commission can spend it as it deems appropriate within the criteria. And that's really -- the thought is mainly for regional types of transportation projects. The other ten -- at least ten percent they've committed will go to the cities through a ranking process through the MPO. So all of the cities that want to use any part of the ten percent would have to give projects and proposed projects to the MPO. The MPO would then do a ranking. It would then go to the County Commission, and then the County Commission is required to -- to fund the MPO's number one ranked project, and the number two-ranked project, in order until the ten percent is gone each year. Many cities are unhappy with that, and it proposed last year before this went on the ballot to change that to a population system like this. And the advantage of that, as you mentioned, Mayor, or first is it would allow cities to bond the future dollars that they're going to get and, second, it guarantees that every city will get money. Since the taxpayers in every city are paying this additional penny sales tax, the thought is that every city should be able to have whatever -- at least some guaranteed community transportation projects. So that's the -- the genesis of this. The resolution itself just asks the County Commission to amend the inter local agreement to provide for the pro rata distribution. The thought -- the hope being that enough cities pass this, there can be discussions with the County to amend the inter local agreement. With or without this, there's going to have to be discussions about amending the inter local agreement as to a couple of other issues that are just probably not workable the way they're drafted. But this is to try to get this issue on the table.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Attorney. Are there any comments?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Comments.

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

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. First of all, Mr. Mayor, thank you for putting this item on the agenda. It -- it is a good item, and I certainly hope that other municipalities will have it on their agenda, and that they will -- they will pass it. I do serve on the MPO, and I just -- you know, it's interesting that only ten percent is going to -- to the cities, and yet it has to go through all of these different levels before we see any of the -- of the funding of it. Our taxpayers, you know, they voted for this, and it's for the municipalities. I think it definitely should go to the municipalities so that we, as a commission, and each municipality can make that decision as to what -- where they want to spend that money in their community. You have Broward County who is responsible for the regional -- again, like was stated, and that's where 90 percent of the money is, and -- and that's -- you know, that's going directly to Broward County. So I do think, in all fairness, that it will better for the cities to manage that ten percent.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I just want to say this penny tax was important. When I went shopping the last two weeks, and I felt it, so I guess it's working, because I felt it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. If there are -- if there's no more discussion, I'll entertain a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6915, the Commission voted:

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

### **Resolution No. 19-71**

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks, everyone -- thanks, everyone, for the support on this item.

#### **14. Discussion regarding oil drilling in the Everglades. *(Mayor Wayne M. Messam)***

MAYOR MESSAM: And the final item, item number 14, is just simply -- I requested that our City Attorney give us an update -- obviously, we received the communication regarding -- regarding the ruling from the -- the First District Court of Appeals up in Tallahassee ruling, overturning DEP's denial of the exploratory oil drilling permit for Kanter Real Estate. So I requested that our City Attorney, just for the benefit of the public, give us just a general overview of what took place, and to provide just a summary of what our possible next options will be. And then, as a follow up, after that, after the discussion, I do think it is appropriate for us to convene a town hall to -- to communicate to the public. As you all know, about four or five years ago when this issue first came up, it was great opposition to this -- to this application, obviously -- for obvious reasons. And I know many -- I know I've received a lot of communication, not just from residents, but even from stakeholders near neighboring cities to -- asking what -- what would be the next steps, and then how the community can, potentially, assist in -- in -- in -- in -- in -- in addressing this issue. So -- so, at this time, I'll yield to our City Attorney to give us an update, and -- on this particular item.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Thank you, Mayor. This s a -- a long process with many steps. And, you know, this certainly was one step that did not turn out exactly as we would have liked, but it is -- it is the beginning, not the end of the process. So the -- in order for the applicant to ultimately start drilling, or doing its exploratory drilling in the Everglades, there's numerous steps that have to pass. The first step is the State DEP permit, and that's what this relates to. So, if you may recall, they had applied for the State DEP permit. It was -- it was denied. They appealed that to an administrative law judge. We intervened -- the City of Miramar intervened, along with Broward County, to support the DEP in that effort. The administrative law judge ruled against the DEP, and said that they should

issue the permit. That then goes to -- back to the DEP, and the DEP continued to disagree with the administrative law judge and said, no, they're going to deny the permit. That then got appealed to the First District Court of Appeals. We intervened again with Broward County to support that effort. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, the First District Court of Appeals, as you mentioned, entered an order overturning the decision of the DEP, finding that it was erroneous, and ordering the DEP to issue the permit. One thing I did want to note about that order, which was interesting is, as you may recall, in November, you voted on various constitutional amendments. There were 12 constitutional amendments on the ballot. Amendment No. 6 was something called Marsy's Law, which dealt with victim's rights, and you probably all voted for that, because you support victim's rights. Also in Amendment 6 were -- was another item, which was something that deals with the standard that courts use when they're evaluating decisions of administrative agencies. You probably didn't even realize that that was part of what you were voting on, but you voted to tell courts that when courts are looking at what administrative agencies do -- they used to always defer to the agencies. So if the agency said -- made a decision, they were supposed to defer to the agency's determination. Well, you changed that when you amended the Constitution, and now they look at it a fresh. They don't defer in any way to the administrative agency. So the court in this -- in this decision, at least as part of it, said that they needed to follow that constitutional Amendment 6 and, based on that, they were not deferring to the agency. So part of this decision is based upon that constitutional amendment. The next step in the litigation on that would -- there -- there is a possibility of a motion for rehearing, which is when -- when we would go to the court and ask them to reconsider what they did. There's a possibility that we can ask the court to certify the issue of great public importance, and ask that the Supreme Court hear that issue. We are in consultation with the DEP and Broward County, and we are working, collectively, to try to decide whether or not that type of motion of reviewing would have a chance of winning, and whether it should be taken. But that is only at the -- the state level. The bigger fight, or there will be fights along various other levels. At Brow -- at the Broward County level, there's various things that Kanter is going to need to do. First they're going to need to obtain the proper land use. The land use for the property, according to the County, is conservation, reserve water supply area, and the County has taken the position that this is not a permissible use in that land use category, so they would, therefore, need a small-scale amendment to the County's Future Land Use Map. You -- you've seen those, because we do those as well. They would have to have hearings, and, you know, we would be able to appear at those hearings, and give our input, and that could, ultimately, be challenged in court as well. There's also an issue as to the zoning. The property is currently zoned -- according to the County, it's conservation 1, which is a conservation district water supply area, and the County is taking the position that the proposed use is incompatible with that zoning, so they're going to need to change the zoning. Once again, that will require public hearings, and that would require quasi-judicial hearing, and could also be challenged at some point in court if -- if the County grants or doesn't grant it. There's also a long list of -- of different types of permits and licenses that they'll need to get from the County, which would also create potential issues. They'll need a building permit, they'll need environmental resource license regarding wetland impacts. They're going to need a surface water management license, a hazardous material



management facility license, a waste transporter license, an air quality license, a tree preservation, light removal license, etc. So there's various permits and -- you know, with all those different levels, there -- there will certainly be issues as well. Beyond the County, there's also going to be some potential issues with South Florida -- South Florida Water Management District. The South Water Management District did pass a resolution opposing exploratory wells in the conservation area as far back as 1993. So it will be interesting to see how things play out there as well, and we will also have an opportunity to be heard there. They'll need a water use permit, then a right of way occupancy permit. So I guess the message that I'm trying to give you is that there's a lot more steps that will need to be taken. I mean if the City is interested in continuing to oppose the project, there are many avenues for us to do -- to do that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. So just one quick question I have. So if -- if Kanter Real Estate is -- is waving their DEP permit, what's the -- I know you mentioned that there needs to be additional approvals or permits, but who is that authority that is saying: okay, check, you have your DEP permit. Check, you have your S -- South Florida Water Management District approval, and you have -- you've met the approval of the County, in terms of land use and zoning. Who is that authority that will be overseeing these operations?

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Well, it's -- it's each of the agencies. So, for example, if someone wished -- wanted to do something within the City of Miramar that violated our zoning code, or violated our land use, and it didn't come to us, and they didn't ask for a rezoning, and they just started doing it. If it's in our jurisdiction, we can stop them. We can give them code citations. We can get an injunction to stop them. So this is in the unincorporated area of Broward County, so the County Commission would have to do that. So if they were to, say, just take their permit from the State and just start operating without going -- without getting the proper zoning, without getting the land use amendment, without getting all the permits and licenses, that -- those would all be county issues. There's also, potentially, some South Florida Water Management issues that -- there's approvals that they need. So if they start doing work without those approvals, it would be the District that would do that. At the state level, you know, it looks like they have the permit that they would need, so, probably, the State would not be involved in that.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Are there any other follow-up questions from the Commission on this item? Okay. Well, I will be calling a meeting. Not next week. I know it's lovebird meeting -- lovebird week with Valentine's Day next week, but, perhaps, the following week, so that we -- you know, Miramar, in the beginning, we led on this issue. We raised the issue regarding this permit, because it was going -- it was flying under the radar, until we had the town hall meeting, and we got everyone involved, in terms of other municipalities, as well as the County. And I think Miramar needs to continue to lead on this. We know that we have an advocate in Broward County, in terms of -- I mean being in opposition to this, but, as I stated before, when this issue first came up, that we can't take this for granted. And, look, four years later, look where we are right now. So it's

going to take the community to stand up, to be defenders of our precious natural resource, because, I mean, it's just -- it's just unthinkable to think that -- that drilling will be piercing right through our water table. You know, there's hundreds of thousands of people that depend on the -- the quality of pure, clean -- our treat -- our treatable water that we withdraw out of the Biscayne Aquifer, and they're going to be piercing right through that. We don't know what chemicals they're using, we don't know what operations they're using, and it's in the Everglades, and it's right outside of our city. So I don't think this is a time that we can -- you know, just allow the process, throw our hands up, and just -- and just assume that a land use -- that a land use process will be successful. We need to make sure that it doesn't go through that process. We need to make sure that we are speaking to whoever now is the South Florida Water Management District Board. I know that they will be replaced by our -- by -- by -- by our new governor. But we need to make sure that we are -- are standing in solidarity as a community, and we do have allies in this effort. So I'll be sending communication we're calling a town hall meeting with the -- just with the -- the purposes of educating the community of the facts of what just happened yesterday, what options we have at our disposal, and -- and a game plan, in terms of how we can have civic engagement to ensure that the authorities like Broward County, the South Florida Water Management District, and even to whatever extent the Department of Environmental Protection can play in this process. Yes, Vice Mayor Colbourne, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I know we're in the process of getting our legislative priorities together. I would assume that this definitely will be on the list, high up on the list of our priorities, our legislative priorities for our lobbyist to -- to also assist us in -- in, you know, making sure that this does not happen in the City -- outside of the City of Miramar. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you -- thank you, Vice Mayor. All right, so, obviously, this doesn't require any action. I just felt that it was important for us to have this discussion, and --

- **Town Hall meeting to be scheduled to update residents.**

MAYOR MESSAM: And at this moment, I'll start from the end with Commissioner Barnes, if you have any reports?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just some comments. First thing off, please, do something about the AC. And I'm not being facetious. It's cold in here. And I'm not going to fake it and behave as if I'm not cold. I am cold. Please, I beg that something be done about the AC next time around. I have a coat, which I used in the winter elsewhere. I'll bring it and wear it if I need to. Please do something about the AC. Congratulations to all staff members who were honored earlier for meritorious and long service. These are the people that make our city look good, these are the people that make our city work well. I offer also a very special round of thanks and gratitude to the Parks & Recs Department, who I had the privilege and pleasure working with -- with our Christmas tree holiday event,

and the Martin Luther King Day observances a well -- as well. Thank you all, guys, for the work that you do. The -- these are the people who, more so, because these are very public events, make us look good, and we, I think, sometimes, are not aware of the amount of work they do and the number of hours that they put in. As I said to a -- a couple of them, or when we had a little get together last week, I said, "Listen, you guys are there before the event begins, and we all sneak away and leave you, and you're still there to - - to break it down. A whole lot of thanks to our Parks & Recs Department, and the work that you guys continue to do. And, of course, I told them also about when they were so kind to my daughter when they did face painting with children like this size. So I love -- I love that group of people, so leave me alone. Also, the Martin Luther King Parade. When we were asked not to throw candy from our floats, there's a reason for it. Nobody is trying to be mean, nobody is trying to play the Grinch, but I pay attention. We did that once upon a time a long time ago, and we refrain from doing it. Let me tell you why. When you throw the candy, and the children don't catch it, it's not close to them, guess what they do? They walk toward the wheels of the truck. I promise you, and with all the respect I can muster, if there is a problem, I will help those person get an attorney to deal with the City. It is nice. In fact, our Mayor, what he did, he got down off of the truck, "Don't throw it." I mean you see those children, and they're running towards the truck, and I -- the truck is crawling; those wheels are massive. Those children would get seriously hurt. And those are my observations.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any other comments, Commissioner? Done? Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I do. I'd like to congratulate all the employees who got their recognition tonight. It shows that Miramar is -- is a team that work together very well here. The Chief with PD, and the Fire Department, all the G.A.M.E. people did an incredible job here in the City of Miramar. And just last night, my daughter school, Glade Middle, there was a threat that went out, and I know there was concern with me and my daughter mom in regards to my daughter going to school today, so -- but thanks to the Chief and Assistant Chief working all night, and also Major Dunkelberger, to assess the situation, and make sure our children was safe going into Glade Middle this morning. So many thanks to everyone that worked on the team last night and today. And this is what happen with our SROs in the school. They do a fantastic job. Based on that presentation you all saw earlier, right, it's not just being there. They provide a vital service to our children, and that's why we want officers who love children to work in the school, keep teaching them, and building that relationship before they get to middle school or high school. So many thanks. Also, to Park and Rec. for the MLK Day Parade. That's -- it was a good crowd, good turnout, and as far as the float, I don't think that's going to happen next year. You know, it -- it's -- I think I'm going to leave it there. But as far as the candy throwing, I'm the only one from the float that throw some candy, but I spend hours and hours on volunteer bag -- bagging up my candy, as I did last year. So when I throw it, I can throw it at a distance so the kids can get it. Is candy a good thing to throw? No, because it's not healthy. So maybe we need to find something more healthy to throw to our kids next time. So I will be improving, and probably staying away from the float, so

the children won't get hurt. Go back to cars, and I think that might work perfect. So I -- I think the employees' float work very well. It was very crowded. It looks nice, and -- and it was fantastic. I must say that. Now for construction, I know we have a pavilion at the park, and I'm hoping that this does not happen again, where we build a playground and do not have a cover on it. It -- it's -- it's counterproductive to come back and put a cover, so whatever we have to do to complete a project like that once and for all, we need to look at doing that. The summer month is coming, and it's going to be hot out there. When are we going to come back and try to add a cover to that pavilion? That's nonsense. Please, don't let that happen again. Dr. Hollis (sp), I'd like to thank you so much for your contribution to working on this project that you are assigned, and all the program that you've been bringing forth so far. Thank you so much. Looking forward to continue working with you, and our resident and businesses. This Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> is Senior Night. Senior Night, right here at the Miramar Cultural Center and Banquet Hall. And this will be commence at 4:00 p.m. We're going to have a reception from 4:00 to 6:00, and from 6:00 to -- to 9:00 will be the presentation. The theme, Harlem Renaissance: A Red, Black and White Affair, focus on respect, honor and love for our senior. This event include an award ceremony to celebrate seniors who have made significant contribution to the wellbeing of our -- of others, and have a passion -- a passion for community service. It is our opportunity to enjoy a spectacular evening. Tickets are \$25.00 and a table of ten can be purchased for \$200.00. Please call my office at 954-602-3154. And it's going to be real fantastic. I have -- our high school seniors going to be there to serve our seniors at dinner, and to cater to their need at their table, so it's going to be a very good mix of high school senior with our senior citizen having a wonderful dinner. So, for those of you have not purchased a ticket or not sponsor, you have a opportunity to do so. Also -- and this play, "I got a Man." It's an inspirational screen play that address love, life and relationship. It will be showing -- showing on February 9 at the Cultural Arts Theater, 212 NE 59 Terrace in Miami, 33137. We have a special matinee show at 2:00 p.m. for our seniors. I will be providing a free bus for Broward resident and Miami Garden resident. This bus will leave our Multi-Service Complex at 12:45 p.m., and, also, we'll be leaving the Parkway Baptist Church, 18000 NW 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 18000 NW 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami Garden. We'll be leaving there at 1:15 p.m. So, please, space are limited. We only have 57 seats, so you have time to call and book early on the bus. The bus ride is free. The tickets are \$25.00. Also, the City of Miramar present Game Night, and I know a lot of folks going to be looking forward to Game Night. It's just a whole family affair, poppa, momma, children, just about everybody can come on out and have a good time. And this will be March 23<sup>rd</sup>, right here at the plaza -- I mean march 15, I'm sorry. Right here at the Miramar -- 2300 Civic Center Place, and we're going to have music, domino -- domino tournament, freestyle domino, cards, video game, skating ring, and so forth. So stay tuned to hear more from this -- about this upcoming event. One of the thing that I would like to ask staff -- I spoke to the Director of Cultural Center, and I also spoke to the City Manager that our businesses here in the Town Center, we want to provide them with a opportunity to increase their revenue and visibility. So what I would like to ask that we do advertisements for these business here free of cost in our Cultural Art Center before each shows and during the intermission. So I don't know if I have to have consensus on the dais, but this is something that I want to see to give back to our community, because it's

very difficult when someone take their hard earned money and put into a business, and then it's fail. So anything that we can do to help our businesses -- businesses in Miramar succeed, we ought to do so. So this is a test pilot that we need to provide this service for our business here at Town Center, and maybe look forward to expanding it later on in the future. So I just want to put it out there, so everyone know that I ask that of our City Manager, to provide that service. Thank you so much everyone; have a fantastic week, and looking forward to see you all next week.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Vice Mayor.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. I do want to offer a big congratulation to all the employees who received awards today, and that were recognized for their years of service. You know, the stories were amazing that we're told, and it's just a great opportunity during these ceremonies to kind of get to know the employees a little better, get to know a little bit more. We know what they do every day, but, you know, this way we get to know a little bit more about them, so, again, thank you to all the employees for all that they do on a daily basis. I held a day of service two Saturdays ago on Sherman Circle. It was a cold and rainy morning, probably the coldest and rainiest Saturday morning we have had in a while. I got up that morning and thought, "Well, I guess I'm going to go out there, and there'll be a few people show up, and I'll thank the kids very much for coming out. And I'll give them service hours, and send them back home. But, instead, I had about 100 people who came out. The rain and cold did not keep them away, so I -- you know, it was really heartwarming. I do want to thank each and every one of them that came out. We had Bruce -- Bruce W. Carter Young Marines, they came out in numbers. We had volunteers from Miramar High School, Everglades High School, Muslim Students Association, and McArthur High School, Coral Springs High School, Pembroke Pines, St. Bartholomew, Catholic School, New Renaissance Middle School, Drumming Finger, Somerset Academy, Dillard High School, Perry D. -- Perry Education Center. So I just want to say thank you to all of the students, thank you to the parents, thank you to the adults -- adults that came out, the staff that participated, and -- and, of course, Waste Pro. In addition to -- to just picking up general litter around Sherman Circle, we did a beautification on -- on Fog Road, and I -- anyone who hasn't seen it, I -- I ask them to please drive by and take a look. It's a remarkable improvement to the area, and I -- I actually attended a meeting a few days after that in the community, and some of the residents that actually saw them out there early morning, they -- they too were very thankful, and very pleased with the work that was done. So thanks to staff and everyone again. Other than that, I don't think I'll see you guys before next week, or at least the residents, so Happy Valentine's to each and every one. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. So I'll quickly go through a couple of announcements. On Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, between 9:00 and 11:00, we have the Mayor's Chess Challenge; that will take place at Vizcaya Park. You can join myself and other elected officials from around the County and community leaders for a free and friendly meet up in support of scholastic chess. These chess meet ups take place around the County, and it's hosted by mayors across the County, and we'll have it in Miramar

next Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. So all you wizards out there, and great chess players, come on out and -- and sit down at the table and get your butt kicked by these nice, smart second and third graders that are really good, good chess players. So I look forward to seeing everyone at Vizcaya Park on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Next, we have the Annual Health and Fitness Fair that will take place right here at Town Center, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event is free. The 3K, a walk/run, the health screenings are all free, and due to demand, we've added a 5K run, and for those who want to participate in the 5K run, that cost is a nominal \$15.00 that you can register at active.com, active.com, search Miramar Mayor's 5K, and you'll see the race, and you can register there. There's -- not only is it a health fair, it's yoga demonstrations, cooking demonstrations; it's an active event. So after the 3K and the 5K, you'll give -- you'll have good demonstrations that you can participate in. We'll do the City's largest salad bowl that you'll have an opportunity to help make. It was a hit last year, and we'll do it again this year, so look forward to seeing everyone on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Event starts at 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the race. 6:00 a.m. for registration for the race, and we'll start at 7:00, get done, and have a great time. Last night I had an opportunity to host the My Brother's Keeper's mentees to watch last night's State of the Union address by President Trump. It was a very engaging discussion afterwards. It's interesting to -- to hear life's perspective, you know, from young teenage males, in terms of how they view life, and how they view politics. You would be surprised that they are paying attention, in terms of what's going on, and they actually have their own thoughts. And it's interesting to hear, you know, how they view the world, and how they view the current affairs of our country. So I always like to -- to -- to highlight them when I have an opportunity, and to give them opportunities to -- to express themselves, as they are maturing and growing into our -- our future leaders. And my final two comments is for runners who are looking for a group of runners to run; maybe you like to run, but because of life, you can't run during normal times, so there is a crazy group of runners that are part of the Mayor's -- Mayor Messam's Run Club, and we meet on Monday, Wednesday at 5:00 a.m. at the Publix Shopping Center at 184 and Miramar Parkway. And we run anywhere from three, four, five miles, depending on the day, and we also meet on Saturday mornings. We give you -- we let you sleep in a little bit, and we meet at 6:00 on Saturday morning, so we give you that extra hour to sleep. And that's when we have our long runs, you know. So -- so those of you who want to start running, come on out, because we have runners, actually, at every level. We actually have expecting mothers who actually walk two and three miles in the morning to get their exercise in. So whether you're a walker --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: My bicycle ride starts at 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 --

MAYOR MESSAM: We're finished by 7:00. We're in the showers and getting our day started by 7:00, so -- but we meet Mondays, Wednesdays 5:00 a.m. at the Sun -- at the Sunset Lakes Publix Shopping Center, and we average about 15 runners every session that we go out. So I'll look forward to -- to having you show up there. And, finally, I've raised this issue in the past, and I know that there's some preliminary work that's taking place on it. And I just want to continue to raise the prospects of us formalizing a committee of City staff and the community, so that we can raise the funds to install the 911 -- 9/11

memorial in the City of Miramar, so we can make that a reality. I know there's some renderings that have been done of -- of what it could look like. And I think that if we begin to -- if we just, at least, establish a committee with -- with fire and PD, and the community. That we can really come up with a -- with an initiative to -- to -- to -- to raise the funds to make that a wonderful project that will not only recognize and memorialize those that lost their lives on 9/11. But we also can, perhaps, have it as an opportunity to remember those who may have lost their lives serving our community in the City of Miramar. So the prospects are endless at what we could do with a project like that. We can bring the community together. So -- so I'll just end on that note. Mr. Manager, do you have any reports?

### **City Manager Reports:**

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I just want to bring the Commission up to date on some things that are taking place in here in the future in 2020. Obviously, we know we're going to be dealing with the Super Bowl, possibly with the -- the Pro Bowl. They're considering have the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl together with Broward County being the host of the Pro Bowl. 2020 is going to be a very interesting year for Miramar, particularly our location and the access that we have. We have been approached by Robin Beamon with USA Track & Field. Mr. Kee is working directly with her. They have come to us and asked us to consider having the Hershey USA Track & Field Championship here, as well as the National Youth Outdoor Championship. It appears that with our track, the Ansin Sports Complex, I think that what's taking place now is that people realize that it is a destination, and you can have world records broken there. So we're looking forward to the challenge of 2020, and those billboards will definitely work to let people know, and don't forget that we have great assets here. So 2020, we're talking about Ansin Sports Complex track and field, and we're also talking about the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl, and MCC would definitely be a part of the Super Bowl. So we have some nice challenges of recognition of our City. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Manager.

### **City Attorney Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Good.

### **FUTURE WORKSHOPS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
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03/20/19	5:30 p.m.	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)	Commission Chambers
TBD	TBD	Miramar Cultural Center	Commission Chambers
TBD	TBD	Miramar Sister Cities	Commission Chambers

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR MESSAM: On that note, we're adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

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Denise A. Gibbs, CMC  
City Clerk  
DG/cp