



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

May 1, 2019

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:15 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 Alexandra P. Davis
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers
Commissioner Yvette Colbourne

The following members of staff were present:

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, everyone. I would like to call the meeting of the Miramar City Commission 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: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Manager Hargray.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Cole.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Smith.

MS. SMITH: Here.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, I would like to invite Passport to Miramar Initiative participant, Tatiana Tate from Somerset Central Miramar Charter School to lead us in the he Pledge of Allegiance, along with Zaira (sp) Pierre, and Azalia (sp) Williams, who will be doing the pledge in sign language. Let us all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you. And let's give our Somerset Charter School students a round of applause.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we'll observe a moment of silence for any condolences we're experiencing in the community. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation: Recognition of Passport to Miramar Participants (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, I'd like to give special recognition to the students of Somerset Central Miramar Charter, Henry D. Perry Education Center, Teen Council Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Council who are participating in the City Clerk's

Office initiative, "Passport To Miramar." And if they do not want to stay for the entire City Commission meeting, this is probably the only time we'll give you permission to leave early, so this is your time. But we definitely -- for those students who had an opportunity to engage with the entire City Commission, as well as our City Clerk's Office to learn about City government, and it was a great time earlier this afternoon, just chatting with our -- with our students, and fielding some very tough questions from some of them as well. So thanks so much for taking the time out to come to learn about your City government, and we're always so proud of you and what you represent for the City of Miramar and your families. All right, we have -- we have some presentations and proclamations.

Proclamation: Ramadan Iftar Dinner (Commissioner Yvette Colbourne)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our first proclamation is -- has -- was requested by Commissioner Yvette Colbourne, so I'd like to call her forward, as well as invite the rest of the Commission in regards to the proclamation in observation of Ramadan Iftar Dinner. And if we could have our good friend, Naima (sp), and any other guests that you would like to have come forward. Welcome. Proclamation: Ramadan Iftar Dinner. May 1st, 2019, requester, Commissioner Yvette Colbourne:

Whereas, freedom of religion holds a distinction of a cherished right and a foundational value upon which the laws and ethics of the United States are based; and, Whereas, the history of Islam in this country dates to before its founding -- a founding originated with enslaved Africans who brought their Muslim beliefs with them to the Americas, and who later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation; and, Whereas, it is, therefore, appropriate to acknowledge and promote awareness of the myriad of invaluable contributions of the American Muslim in the City of Miramar and across the country, and extend to them the respect and camaraderie every American deserves; and, Whereas, the rich and unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Miramar takes great pride in supporting individual, religious freedoms, and is strengthened by the many varied, cultural tradition of its diverse population, which the Muslim community promotes through brotherhood and diversity; and, Whereas, Ramadan is observed by Muslims worldwide with a month of obligatory fasting, while fasting from dawn until sunset, Muslims refrain from consuming food, drinking fluids, and smoking to cleanse the soul by freeing it from harmful impurities. Ramadan provides guidance for mankind, a time of spiritual reflection, improvement, and increased devotion and worship; and, Whereas, Ms. Naima Khan-Ghany has lived in the City of Miramar since 1988, and has taught at schools in Miramar for 15 years; and, Whereas, she is a board member of Friends of Humanity International, which has provided wheels for hurricane micro relief; and, Whereas, she is working with the Muslim Community Association of South Florida to provide provisions for the City of Miramar Food Pantry on a regular basis to serve the community at large; and, Whereas, Iftar is the first evening meal to break the fast, which is usually associated with social gatherings done as a community. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the

City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 28th, 2019, as Ramadan Iftar Dinner.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much. You want to have a few words? Yeah.

MS. KHAN-GHANY: Good evening, everyone. It certainly is a pleasure to be here tonight on behalf of the Muslim community of South Florida, especially that of Miramar. And I would specially like to thank Commission Yvette Colbourne, who has been a dear friend of mine for the past three years. She has religiously sponsored the proclamation for the City of Miramar and, of course, Mayor Messam has been another dear friend who has never declined the request. So we are so grateful to all the other Commissioners as well, because they are my friends and my comrades, and they have been very supportive. And I do want to commend the entire Commission for being inclusive, and for being so dear in promoting diversity in the City of Miramar, and we, as the Muslim community, really appreciate the inclusiveness and the sense of belonging that we have, because we really now are one Miramar. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I just want to take a few minutes to just say thank you so much, Naima, for all of the things that you do here in the City of Miramar, and I know in Broward County as well. You are spreading that -- that diversity and inclusion, not just here in the City of Miramar, but in Broward County. So I want to commend you for it, and I thank you, and I thank the Muslim community for always being there for my office every time I call you, so thank you. And -- and I should say I know Ramadan is a special time for you, and I wish all of the Muslims a successful Ramadan, and may that spirituality that they're looking for, may -- may they all receive that by the end of Ramadan, so thank you all.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

Proclamation: National Hurricane Preparedness Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, I'd like to call for EM Chief Scott Rector for -- for Hurricane Preparedness -- Fire Rescue -- and the Fire Rescue staff that may be present, in recognition of Hurricane Preparedness Week. Good evening, sir. Always great to see you a normal sized person for a change, right. Proclamation, Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 5th through 11th, 2019:

Whereas, Florida hurricane season officially begins June 1st and ends November 30th; and, Whereas, Florida has 1,197 statute miles of coastland on -- our area in particular, and areas of Florida hundreds of miles inland are vulnerable to the devastating effects of a hurricane or tropical storm; and, Whereas, both public and private entities should develop emergency response and recovery plans in accordance with local jurisdictions and local emergency management offices; and, Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the National weather service are designating the week of May 5th -- 11th as Hurricane Preparedness Week

in Florida and Miramar; and, Whereas, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the leaders of the City of Miramar strongly suggest that all residents and visitors to this area be made aware of the potential dangers of these storms and, Whereas, the best defense is preparedness and public education about the dangers of the high winds, storm surge, flooding and tornados that may occur for hundreds of miles, in conjunction with a hurricane or a tropical storm. And, now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5th through 11th, 2019, as Hurricane Preparedness Week, and urge all citizens of the County and Miramar to participate in hurricane preparedness activities, and to pay close attention to watch and warning instructions.

MAYOR MESSAM: So I'd like to thank our fire department for all that you do in preparing our communities for Hurricane Preparedness Week, and we know that hurricane season is just around the corner, exactly one month from today. So I'm not telling everybody to rush and go get ply board or shutters, but definitely this is the time to -- to check on those supplies before the lines are around the corner. No one's in line right now, so go ahead and get -- and -- and -- and -- and enact your preparedness plans right now. So thanks so much for all that you do.

Proclamation: Stroke Awareness Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Now I'd like to call EMS Chief Jermaine McFarlane forward, and this proclamation was requested by Commissioner Winston Barnes. Commissioner Barnes, you'd like to come forward? Proclamation, Stroke Awareness Month, May 2019, requester Commissioner Winston F. Barnes and Miramar Fire Department:

Whereas, Strokes are a leading cause of serious long -- long-term disability, and the 5th leading cause of death in the United States, killing about 130,000 people nationwide; and, Whereas, someone has a stroke in the United States every 40 seconds, and someone dies every four minutes from a stroke; African Americans are more impacted by strokes than any other racial group within the American population; and, Whereas, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and smoking are major risk factors that require prevention, management and control; and, Whereas, approximately 80 percent of strokes can be prevented. Floridians should learn their personal stroke risk factors, memorize stroke warning signs, and call 911 at the first sign of stroke; and, Whereas, innovative and effective treatments are being developed to minimize the severity and detrimental effects of strokes, b\But more awareness and research is needed; and, Whereas, it is fitting to recognize Stroke Awareness Month to raise awareness about the importance of stroke prevention, early recognition of signs, and symptoms of a stroke, and the need to act fast by dialing 911 at the first sign of a stroke. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim May 2019 as Stroke Awareness Month.

Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: They're not going to like this, but I'm going to ask that the entire City Clerk staff come forward in recognition of Municipal Clerks Week. Yes, let's give them a round of applause. Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week, May 5th through 11th, 2019:

Whereas, the Office of Municipal Clerk, a time-honored and vital part of local government exist throughout the world; and, Whereas, the Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and, Whereas, the Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels; and, Whereas, municipal clerks have to pledge to be every mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and, Whereas, the municipal clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; Whereas, municipal clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county, and international professional organizations; and, Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk. Now, therefore, I, Wayne M. Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5th through May 11th, 2019, as Municipal Clerks Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we thank you all for all that you do for the City of Miramar, being the keeper of our records, and you left out one "Whereas" clause, that you serve as good role models to our students that were just here, by bringing them here to the City of Miramar. So thanks so much for all that you do.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Do we have any members of the Economic Development Board here, and the Economic Development staff -- would like to come forward in recognition of the National Economic Development Week 2019. Good evening everyone. Proclamation: National Economic Development Week 2019, May 6th through May 11th, 2019:

Whereas, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and, Whereas, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for our communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, and in depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives, such as the accredited Economic Development Organization Program, and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and, Whereas, economic developers promote economic wellbeing and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining,

and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and, Whereas, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and, Whereas, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings, including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public/private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and, Whereas, economic developers attract and retain high quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and, Whereas, economic developers work right here in the City of Miramar. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week -- week of May 6th through 11th, 2019, as National Economic Development

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. And I would like to thank our members of our Economic Development Advisory Board for all that you do in working with our staff. Thank you so much.

Proclamation: National Small Business Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And I would like to call up Mr. Robert Goltz from the Miramar/Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber of Commerce to accept the proclamation in recognition of National Small Business Week 2019. National Small Business Week 2019:

Whereas, America's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risk, and work hard; and, Whereas, from the storefront shops that anchor main street to -- or should I say that anchor Miramar Parkway to the high tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone of our Economy, and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and, Whereas, small businesses, owners and main street businesses have energy and a passion for what they do; and, Whereas, when we support small businesses, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and, Whereas, because the country's 30 million small businesses create nearly two out of three net new jobs in our economy, we cannot resolve, ourselves, to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and, Whereas, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration, and other government agencies; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar supports and joins in this national effort to help America small businesses do what they do best, grow their businesses, create jobs, and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow, as they are today. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5th through 11th, 2019, as National Small Business Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank you.

Proclamation: Haitian Heritage Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, and our final proclamation in recognition of Haitian Heritage Month, I would like to call forward the Haitian American Chamber, Guithele Ruiz-Nicolas, Haitian Democratic Caucus, Mr. Ronald Surin from the Haitian Democratic Club of Broward, and is that D'Agenan (sp) -- D'Agenan, how are you? Proclamation and recognition of Haitian Heritage Month, May 2019:

Whereas, Haiti, a word meaning land of mountains, was given its name by its first inhabitants; and, Whereas, the first black nation to gain its independence in 1804; and, Whereas, for a country's citizens, the national flag is indisputably a symbol of great pride, with the Haitian community equally proud; and, Whereas, our vibrant Haitian community has contributed tremendously to the vitality of our City with rich, cultural influences; and, Whereas, Miramar residents were the first in the County to elect someone of Haitian descent to serve on the City's Commission; and, Whereas, throughout this month, the Haitian community will gather and celebrate their heritage through historical and cultural traditions, and observances. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we take this time to invite the community to sharing with our Haitian brothers and sisters many events that will take place right here in the City of Miramar that you'll hear later on in the Commission meeting, so to support and join in with our Haitian brothers and sisters, as they celebrate their culture and their heritage in the City of Miramar. So thanks for all that you do to our community and your contributions.

MR. SURIN: We thank you so much, City of Miramar. My name is Ronald Surin, president -- new president of the Haitian American Democratic Club. The fact that the month of May when my mother celebrate her birthday, and the month of mother, it's fitting that it's a month that designated us Haitian Heritage Month. In fact, Haitian heritage is everybody's heritage. When African people were kidnapped from the west coast of Africa and brought to the so-called New World, we were the first one to manage the shackles of the chains of slavery. Ever since, we have endeavored to share that freedom throughout South America, North America, and the motherland, Africa. So we value freedom, and we value it for everyone. As part of the City of Miramar, in this tapestry of diversity, we want to be recognized, and we accept this proclamation as a symbol of our unity, and we just want more action, not just mere words. So we invite every one of you to get to recognize our heritage and your heritage throughout the month of May. Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

COMMISSIONER Colbourne: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Call the roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3 and 4, the Commission voted:

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of April 17, 2019 will be placed on the May 15, 2019, Commission Meeting Agenda.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R6938 approving the award of Invitation for Bid No. 19-005 (Re-Bid), entitled “**Landscaping and Irrigation Improvements Project (along Miramar Parkway from University Drive to SW 69 Way)**”, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, H.G. Construction, Development and Investment, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed agreement with H.G. Construction, Development and Investment, Inc., for the provision of construction services in an amount not-to-exceed \$112,388, and allocating a ten percent construction contingency allowance of \$11,238.80, for a total project cost of \$123,626.80. *(City Engineer Bissy Vempala and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 19-111

3. Temp. Reso. #R6942 awarding Invitation for Bid No. 19-006 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate agreements with Gold Nugget Uniform d/b/a Argo Uniform Co., Inc., Global Trading, Inc., and Lou’s Police Distributor’s Inc., as either the primary, secondary, or tertiary awardee per group, in sequential order of the lowest priced responsive responsible bidder, to provide **police uniforms and associated services** for an initial term of three years commencing May 26, 2019, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms in an annual amount not-to-exceed \$153,250. *(Police Chief Dexter Williams and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 19-112

4. Temp. Reso. #R6939 approving the purchase and installation of one (1) **Clarifier WeirWasher Cleaning System** at the **Wastewater Reclamation Facility** from PSI Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$30,820, for a total expenditure from PSI Technologies, Inc., for FY19 in an amount not-to-exceed \$103,606.26. *(Utilities Director Roy Virgin and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 19-113

End of Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, onto resolutions. Item number five, please.

5. Temp. Reso. #R6944 approving **appointments to various City Boards**. (*City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item number five is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving appointments to various City Boards, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So we have a number of appointments, and we will go down each committee or advisory board to take those recommendations, and then we will move the acceptance of the appointments under one motion. The first advisory board is Blasting City Advisory Committee. There are six at-large positions or seats representing communities from Country Club Ranches one, Huntington one, Nautica one, Riviera Isles one, Sunset Falls one, Sunset Lakes one. We have applicants that have submitted for two of the communities: Country Club Ranches and Nautica. So, for Country Club Ranches, we have one appointment that can be made, and we have two applicants: Phil Hagan and Luis Pedraza. Do I have a nominee for Country Club Ranches? Does anyone want to nominate someone from Country Club Ranches.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Phil Hagan.

MAYOR MESSAM: Phil Hagan has been nominated by Commissioner Barnes. Any other nominations? If none, we'll accept Country Club Ranches nominee, Phil Hagan. Going once, hear nothing, nominated, Phil Hagan. Next appointment for Nautica, one applicant, Patricia Lara. May I have a confirmation on Ms. Lara or I'll accept another nomination.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I nominate Patricia Lara.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Any other nominations? All right. Nominated, Patricia Lara. So for Blasting Committee, we have two appointments: Country Club Ranches - Phil Hagan, and Patricia Lara for Nautica. Next advisory board, Cultural Center Arts/Park Advisory Board. We have two vacancies: Mayor Messam and Vice Mayor Davis. I'm not -- I'm not in a position to make a nomination this evening. Vice Mayor Davis, do you have a nominee or appointment?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I'm going to hold off on mine on this particular board right now as well.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Moving on to Economic Development Advisory Board. We have two vacancies: Miramar Commerce Park rep at large, one appointment, and Vice Mayor Davis one appointment. Vice Mayor Davis, do you have an appointment?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Val B. Glenister.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Davis has appointed Val B. Glenister, and there is one nominee representing the Miramar Commerce Park, Mr. Robert Oxenhorn. Are there any other nominations for Miramar Park Rep.? I will accept the submitted application for Robert Oxenhorn. Without objection, Robert Oxenhorn will be the appointment for Miramar Park -- Miramar Commerce Park. Education Advisory Board; we have one vacancy, Miramar High School Innovation Zone, and there's one at-large position. Do we have a nomination for Education Advisory Board?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Sonya Apollon.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes has nominated Sonya Apollon. Are there any other nominations?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: George Pedlar.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers has nominated George Pedlar. Are there any other nominations for Education Advisory Board? Hearing no other nominations for advisory board, does anyone want to second Sonya Apollon or George Pedlar.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I'll second George Pedlar.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Based on voice consent, we have Mr. George Pedlar as the at-large nominee for Education Advisory Board. Fire Fighters' Pension Board, one at-large position. For the Fire Fighters' Pension Board at-large position, pursuant to the City Code, as a ministerial duty, the Commission shall appoint the fifth member selected by the other four trustees of the Fire Pension Board.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Steven Bloom.

MAYOR MESSAM: Steven Bloom by Commissioner Chambers. Mr. Attorney, I have a question. We have three submitted applications for the at-large position. Is this at-large position -- is this the fifth appointment, or it said select a trustee; are we appointing one or two?

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Just one.

MAYOR MESSAM: So if we're appointing just one, and then, pursuant to the City Code as ministerial duty, the Commission shall appoint the fifth member selected by the other four trustees, and the selected trustee was James Estep. So we have to accept -- okay. So James Estep. So, understood, Commissioner Chambers, you nominated Steven --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Understood.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay, good. Thank you, Mr. Attorney. Historic Miramar Advisory Board. We have five appointments, each elected official, and they are: one, non-

Historic Miramar resident at large, and one Historic Miramar business owner at large. Commissioner Barnes, do you have an appointment?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Appointing Tywonika Gonzalez.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Commissioner Chambers, do you have your appointment?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: James Hepburn.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Lizca Francois.

MAYOR MESSAM: What was that name?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Lizca, L-I-Z-C-A.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, so this is someone not listed, but some you're --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: That's right.

MAYOR MESSAM: Could you spell the name, please?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: First name is L-I-Z-C-A.

MAYOR MESSAM: L-I-Z- --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: C-A Francois.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, okay. Lizca Francois. Vice Mayor Davis?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Delrose Facey.

MAYOR MESSAM: My appointment is Ms. Norma Martin. Historic Miramar Business -- excuse me, non-Historic Miramar resident at large. We have two applicants, Ismo Guzman and Mayra Martinez. Are there any recommendations or nominations for the non-Historic Miramar resident? Not all at the same time.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Ismo Guzman.

MAYOR MESSAM: What was that?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Ismo Guzman.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Hearing no other nominations, Ismo Guzman for non-Historic Miramar resident. Historic Miramar business owner at large; we have one applicant. Do we have a nomination?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Mary Raynor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes is recommending Mary Raynor. Are there any other nominations? Hearing no other nominations, Mary Raynor. Parks & Recreation, Mayor Messam and Vice Mayor Davis. I'm holding on my appointments. Vice Mayor Davis, you have two appointments.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I'm holding mine.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Planning & Zoning Board. Vice Mayor Davis, are you ready to make your appointment?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes. Saran Earle-Smith.

MAYOR MESSAM: Teen Council Advisory Board, Mayor Messam, Vice Mayor Davis; I'm on hold. Vice Mayor Davis, you have two appointments.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes, I have Shahad Dwaiwi and Jah-Layla Creary.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. I'll quickly recap the appointments. Blasting Committee -- Advisory Committee: Country Club Ranches, Phil Hagan; Nautica, Patricia Lara. Economic Development Advisory Board: Miramar Commerce Park representative Robert Oxenhorn, and resident Val Glenister. Education Advisory Board: Miramar High School Innovation Zone at-large seat, George Pedlar. Firefighters' at large appointment: James Estep. Historic Miramar Advisory Board: Delrose Facey, Tywonia Gonzalez, Lizca Francois, James Hepburn, Norma Martin, Ismo Guzman, Mary Raynor. Parks & Recreation on hold. Planning & Zoning Board: Saran Earle-Smith. Teen Council Advisory Board: Shahad Dwaiwi, and Jah-Layla -- Jah-Layla, correct? Creary. Those are the appointments. May I have a motion, please?

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Mr. Mayor, on the Firefighters' Pension Board, in addition to Mr. Estep, you still are to appoint one of the three.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. That's -- that was -- it wasn't clear. That's why I --

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. So before we have that motion moving these appointments, the Firefighters' Pension Board at large one, there are three applications. So I noted that Commissioner Chambers nominated Steven Bloom. Are there any other additional nominations for Firefighters' Pension Board? Hearing none, Steven Bloom

will be the at-large appointment for the Fire Pension Board. Now that we've collectively have stated these appointments, may I now have a motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R6944, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 19-114

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number six, please.

6. Temp. Reso. #R6940 approving the renewal of the amended and restated **Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Franchise Agreement** with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., for the second three-year renewal period, commencing May 1,

2019; authorizing the City Manager to execute the second amended and restated Franchise Agreement with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. (*Public Works Director Bernard Buxton-Tetteh*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item number six is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the renewal of the amended and restated Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Franchise Agreement with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., for the second three-year renewal period, commencing May 1, 2019; authorizing the City Manager to execute the second amended and restated Franchise Agreement with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. TRAPANI: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, everybody in attendance, I would like to take one opportunity to recognize Ms. Norma Martin. Today is her 80th birthday. What a great representative she is for our city. Okay. So tonight, we are here to talk about the Commission approval that's required to renew amended and restated Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Franchise Agreement with Waste Pro for the second, optional three-year renewal. So just a little background. The initial five-year term contract was executed in May 2011. The residential monthly rate was set at \$18.75 per month. The first three-year contract renewal was effective May 2016; the residential monthly rate remained \$18.75 per month. That contract expires April 30th, 2019, which was yesterday, but we did have -- enact a 120-day execution -- I mean extension in place. So we also -- as we're going through this process, we look into the consideration for solicitation for bids versus just a second contract renewal. So in this graph, you'll see a -- a background of the recent solicitation trends in our region, and we analyzed the recent municipal RFPs, and what you see in front of you is the -- the cities that have advertised RFPs recently, and the results on the monthly increases for the residential rates. As you see, there's been some pretty significant increases and, most recently, the cities of Hollywood and Boca Raton have advertised RFPs, and there was only one respondent to those RFPs recently as well. So that's just something that we looked at, and we considered going into our contract renewal. So our renewal options, negotiations have resulted in a three-year term, which expires on April 30, 2022. It maintains our current service levels and contract terms. We have some contract enhancements, which is the residential recycling processing, which ensures all our recycling materials collected from our residents are being delivered to a recycling processing facility, and not being landfilled or burned. We are funding -- the vendor is funding a educational community engagement program, and the vendor has agreed to participate in our P-Card program as well. So our estimated total annual value for that, approximately \$300,000.00 per year. So we have, you know, financial impacts, of course. There's a five-percent CPI price adjustment for the residential collection component. Since Waste Pro was awarded the contract in May of 2011, the actual CPI index is 20.5 percent. We agreed to a weight generation factor adjustment from 1.43 to 1.69 for residential disposal services. This is the average amount of trash and bulk each home produces. We track

them monthly and annually to calculate and verify the weight generation factor is an accurate number. Commercial and industrial rate increases will vary up to ten percent, depending on the level of service. Residents recycling processing; as many of you are aware, resident recycling processing is now a cost and no longer a revenue producer. And the total estimated impact for residential services is 489,000; however, this will not be passed on to our residents. I do need to take a opportunity just to make note, there was a slight, minor correction in the residential rate schedule from the April 17th agenda item. I just want to make sure you know that you have the new rate schedule in your packet. And on our next slide, you'll see where Miramar sits at the end of the rate schedule compared to the other municipalities in Broward County. And I will note that some of these cities, the services vary. Some have smaller trash carts, some only have quarterly bulk collection, some residents there, if they want to participate in hazardous waste collection events, they actually have to go to a neighboring city to deliver it. So I mean it's like Coconut Creek might have to go to Dania, Lighthouse Point; so just -- really, the Miramar residents are -- are getting a -- you know, a good bang for their buck, so to say. And so, you know, we would like to make a recommendation for renewed existing agreement for a second optional three-year renewal where the residents' rate will remain at \$18.75 since May 2011. The vendor is here and would like the opportunity to address the Commission; Mr. Rivera with Waste Pro.

MR. RIVERA: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and to all the wonderful staff here in Miramar tonight. My name is Ken Rivera with Waste Pro located at 17302 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines. Certainly, I want to thank you for allowing me to quickly address you, as you deliberate the great opportunity for continuing our partnership tonight. Waste Pro has had the unparalleled pleasure of serving the City of Miramar for the past eight years, and during this time, we've developed a great understanding of the City and its diverse needs. Our company logo, "Caring for our community" is not just a tailgate, but a culture of our company, of the men and women who proudly serve your community. Such -- as such, Waste Pro has demonstrated a history of community involvement, great corporate citizens throughout the years, such as Sherman Circle beautification, the Senior Nights of Honor, Miramar Park Christmas Tree Jubilee, National Night Out, the Haitian Candlelight Vigil, the Health Fair; that's just to name a few. In addition of being great community partners, Waste Pro has actively and voluntarily participated in opportunities for small business enterprises, including MBEs and WBEs throughout our service footprint in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties, with a combined spend of \$5 million a year with various vendors throughout our footprint, and approximately \$2 million a year locally here in Broward County. And, as such, we will continue to use resources available to us to assist and identify additional opportunities. Our industry is facing lots of unprecedented challenges currently, one of them being the processing and the handling of the recycling materials. But the most important challenge, and the one that continues to be the most challenging is labor. Recent reports state that there are 50,000 more CDL jobs than there are actual CDL drivers, and that gap continues to increase. Let's face it, Millennials and Generation Zs do not have solid waste and recycling collection as part of their career path on their list. Yet, it continues to be the

top and one of the most important services that all municipalities have currently. The six-day week schedule, and the physical nature of the collection continues to dilute that pool even further. Maintenance techs are just as scarce. You take a truck now that cost over \$400,000.00 to the same very dealership that you bought it from, and sometimes it takes a month, maybe two months to figure out just what's wrong with it. All these shortages have collection costs soaring between 30 to 100 percent throughout our local markets. And that is why about four years ago, Waste Pro realized it needed an outside-the-box approach to provide opportunities to those that otherwise would not have known it existed. First, we partner up with the Florida Department of Corrections, so that those nonviolent offenders who have completed their requirements have an avenue to come sit with us and seek opportunity with Waste Pro. We are partnered with the Broward Schools "My Next Move" for high school seniors, which, by the way, has provided us with some very wonderful prospects, you know, in the future. Waste Pro opened a state-of-the-art driver training school, which we call our Co-Heart Program, a program that allows for entry-level employees to join Waste Pro with a commitment that if they're willing to work hard, have a positive attitude, and a willingness to learn, they will be enrolled in our driver training school that, when completed, will be awarded their own CDL license. We recently rolled out our maintenance and tech training school, which is also vitally important, given how technically enhanced the vehicles are today. Lastly, I would like to leave you with one of our proudest achievements. In 2011, when we were awarded the City of Miramar, one of the most talked about points to us by prior administrators and prior elected bodies at that time was the ability for us to employ, as much as feasibly possible, local Miramar residents. We accepted that challenge. The City of Miramar solid waste and recycling contract generates approximately 30 positions; an incredible 53 percent of those positions are currently held by City of Miramar residents in a variety of positions of sales, technicians, industrial and commercial drivers, residential drivers, and even entry level positions of helpers. That's what partnership looks like. In closing, I hope that I was able to provide a clear illustration of why continuing our partnership with the City makes sense. Although we're not perfect all the time, we are great most of the time. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Good evening, sir.

MR. ISLA: Good evening, Mayor Messam.

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

MR. ISLA: Yes, Mayor Messam. My name is Luciano Isla, I'm an attorney at law with offices at 6625 Miami Lakes Drive E, Miami Lakes, Florida. With your permission, Mayor, I've asked the City Clerk to pass out to all of you a letter that I wrote on behalf of my clients, the Dade Waste Haulers Council, and Florida Waste Haulers & Recyclers Coalition. I appear before you today, so that you can put a face behind the name, and let you know that we are present and available to you as you require. The purpose of the letter, Mr. Mayor and Commissioners, is to request the opportunity to participate in a

free and open marketplace, as it pertains to the commercial and multifamily franchise in the City. As we've indicated, by allowing us to participate in the freedom of choice, we believe that the benefits to the City would be to allow open competition, freedom of choice in contracting, reduce services prices, and increase service levels, current fees for the City, continuing constant, with a potential for increased revenues to the City, eliminating the dependency of the City to one single hauler in the event of disasters. We look forward, Mr. Mayor and Commissioners, to participate in your solid waste delivery service. Allow us to work members of our local, small private haulers, in particular our residents of the City of Miramar, their CEOs of duly qualified, licensed private haulers, residents of the City of Miramar, yet they cannot provide their services to the residents of the municipality of the community that they live. By giving fair treatment to the business community, and the multifamily residents who support local business, pay taxes, and whose interest you represent as the elected Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Miramar, you will best serve, in our opinion, your commercial and multifamily community by allowing the free competition. Your current exclusive franchisee is certainly welcome to compete with all of our members, so rather than exclusively approving the commercial and multifamily portion of your agreement this evening, we ask that this matter be postponed until we've had a chance to meet with the City staff and your good elected officials and office. I thank you very much, Mr. Mayor and all the staff for all the courtesies extended. It's great to be back in the City of Miramar, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir. Are there any other members from the public who wish to comment on this item? Good evening, sir. Welcome.

MR. ABEL: Good evening, Mayor, Commissioners, my name is Roland Abel, 7606 Harbour Boulevard, Miramar. I'm here to say just a few words on behalf of this contract, in that I've had experience dealing with what I would call the front person for this business. And when you want to know the character of a business or a person is how they respond when they are having difficulty or under stress. And I'll tell you this story very quickly when I became very impressed with this organization. I have a dumpster on a property for which I have responsibility. About two years ago, we were having some difficulty with collections; they weren't being collected at the time at a timely manner. We spoke with Mr. Rivera, and we discovered that he was having some difficulty, because of change of staff, new drivers, and what have you. What impressed me most was the fact that he was able to explain exactly the difficulties that they were having, and he was able to say, "This is the problem. Give me a week. Give me two weeks, and this will be rectified." He lived up to his word. He was able to make right the situation as it was then. So impressed I was, that I actually sent a letter to his company commending him on the way he handled that particular situation. I think that when you're dealing with a company that has someone who can react correctly, politely, and when you have a situation that is unpleasant, that is the sort of situation an individual or company that I would like the City to be working with. So just to say I would heartily recommend that we continue this contract with this organization. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir.

MS. MARTIN: Good evening, Mayor, Commissioners.

MAYOR MESSAM: Happy birthday.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you. And everyone on the dais. I echo the sentiments of Mr. Abel, because I, too, have had occasions to deal with Mr. Rivera. And, just as Mr. Abel says, when you call him, he's always there for you, willing, and he never bat an eyelid. I, too, had to send a letter to his employers, telling him about, you know, his -- how would you put it, attending to complaints, etc. that has been given to him. And, being in Miramar Park, he's always very helpful. We have our signs out about picking up for bulk, and I ask his permission if we could use his company logo, which it says, "Keep Miramar Park Beautiful", and he was there for us. So -- and what impress me too, as Mr. Abel said, when he had difficulties, it's training. And he is willing to employ, you know, residents or so who may not be -- would not have been employed by others, but the training, etc., and employment of residents of Miramar. So I commend him, and I would heartily recommend him for the next three or four years.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any other members from the public who wish to comment on this item? Good evening, madam.

MS. ADAMS: Good evening. Alison Adams, 7211 Fairway Boulevard. In terms of Waste Pro, what can I say? Exemplary service. But, more importantly, I like the fact that if during hurricane season we don't have several contractors running to and fro in the City without accountability. I like the fact that the rates, like displayed by our Public Works staff is commendable and it's affordable for our residents. But, more importantly, is the professionalism when issues arise, whether it be missed collection or a business that did not necessarily have the right capacity for their -- for their facility. Those issues, when brought to their attention, are addressed. And I think, if it's not broken, don't try to fix it. It's a good company, the rates are reasonable, and I highly recommend them as a resident of Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MR. GOLTZ: Robert Goltz, CEO of the Miramar/Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber of Commerce, speaking on the business -- business portion for Waste Pro. They have been a great partner for this City. I'm a resident here and also with the Chamber of Commerce. We get phone calls every now and then, and it's not just -- and it's not just Ken that's great, the whole staff, especially senior staff, is great about making sure that we're being taken care of. When we ever -- I've gotten a complaint about something, they were quick to take care of that, and also during the emergencies season during hurricanes, they seem to always step up when we ask. That's all we have to do. I

would encourage that we accept the extension of their contract, again, on behalf of the Miramar/Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir. Good evening, madam.

MS. MCLEAN: Hi. Good evening everyone, I'm Joan McLean, 3421 Garden Lane, Miramar, Florida 33023. And I just want to recognize their service, Waste Pro service. They've done an awesome job, and I -- about twice I have to call -- call them back, and they really come back and pick up my trash, so I want the City to -- to -- to give them the contract. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any other members from the public? Seeing none -- don't see any speakers.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes, you do.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Commissioner Barnes followed by Commissioner Colbourne. Now I see you.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I hate to say much of what I need to say, because it's going to be redundant, because it's been said by so many of the speakers from the public, but -- I think over and beyond service that this vendor has brought to our city, it is the fact that this vendor is willing to create initiatives that we've never seen in this city before. Mr. Rivera spoke about the training opportunities, the job opportunities, and so - - and I think where -- where this company's value lies is virtually every event in this city, virtually every public event you see their garbage containers. It is self-promotion, but they do this, sometimes, unasked. I -- I spoke with Mr. Rivera a couple of weeks ago, and what -- what impressed me, in addition to having this relationship with the City over the years, what really impressed me is that he had these programs that nobody asked for. And Waste Pro had created these programs and came and presented them to us as Commissioners. You really, really can't ask for more. And -- and I think the test was really sealed when we look at the work that they did post-Hurricane Irma. If you weren't in the street, if you weren't intimately involved with what was happening, you probably wouldn't understand the kind of work that -- that Waste Pro was doing. One of the things that impressed me -- the -- the whole matter of -- of the driver training program for -- for potential employees, the fact that Waste Pro has actually spoken with detention authorities, and looking to enhance the lives of people who have, in some cases, have served prison sentences. Bottom line for me, it is not broken, it does not need to be fixed.

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

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. I just want to comment for staff, question for staff. Actually, something you said in your presentation, but I did read a article earlier that said that fees were going up for residents. I know that's not the case, so if I could just say that one more time. There is a five-percent increase, but if you just explain that one more time.

MR. TRAPANI: Yes. So the fees are not going up for the residents.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: One more time.

MR. TRAPANI: The fees are not going up for the residents.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Thank you very much. That five percent for increase in residential service is something that the City is absorbing.

MR. TRAPANI: Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It's -- there will be no fee increase for the residents?

MR. TRAPANI: There will be no fee increase for the residents. The City is absorbing that cost.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much for saying that three or four times. I do --

MR. TRAPANI: The residents are not going to be paying more.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. I do have a comment as well for the vendor, if I can -- if I can have Mr. -- Mr. Kenny Rivera come up. And -- and you probably did that too fast, Mr. Russell, because I really want you to come up. No, please, if you -- yes, yes, please, please. We see Kenny all the time, that's why we affectionately call him Kenny. I felt uncomfortable saying Mr. Rivera. Everybody says Kenny. But we don't see your face all the time, Mr. Russell, so I did want to take this opportunity to say thank you to both of you. You have been great corporate citizens here in the City of Miramar, and particularly the beautification that you assisted with in Sherman Circle area. It just has transformed the area, so I really appreciate that. The cleanups, your partnership with the cleanups, it just -- it just goes so much in terms of transforming and maintaining the areas. So I just wanted to say thank you so very much. Great seeing you, Mr. Russell.

MR. RIVERA: And thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Kenneth, I just want to say if I didn't know any better, I think you also driving a truck picking up the trash, like a one-man show sometimes, but that's the relationship you have here in the City of Miramar, so it's a great relationship. And, you know, just like any other businesses or entity, at times we have hiccups, issue with resident, and they reach out to me, and I'll reach out to you, and I always get a great result, so -- for that, no one is perfect. All you have to do is take a look at me, I'm not perfect, so, Waste Pro is not perfect, but we work through it. And I want to thank you so much for your service, you and your staff, and the owners, and all the ones that -- especially the guys on the back of the truck running, trying to collect our trash. And apologize for some of my residents who might have put too much stuff out and exceed the limit, and they still get picked up, so for that, I'm grateful. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. I had spoken with, I guess it was Kenneth -- do you mind coming up. I have a question for you. As you know, the City does have a Youth Apprenticeship Program, which, you know, I was pleased to start here in the City. You mentioned about not really having folks to fill certain positions, such as those that have CDL license and so on. What I would like to propose is that you look into hiring some of our young people from the Apprenticeship Program. It is something that we take pride here in the City of Miramar. We have apprentices right now in the Waste Water Treatment Plant, in the Water Treatment Plant, as well as in our automotive repair. We'd like to expand it out to some of our contractors, major contractors, such as yourself. Young people, not everybody is going to college; they're looking for opportunities. They may not even realize that there's opportunities in garbage, and it's a large field. We are planning on having a job fair coming up in June; we'd like to see that you participate in that. I had a young man just recently -- not a student, but an older person, adult, that has his CDL license looking for work. So, whereas, you know, you may say that you can't fill these positions, but I -- I just want to make sure that we are advertising these positions in the City, and that you be willing to participate in the Youth Apprenticeship Program.

MR. RIVERA: Yes. Thank you for your comments, and they are very important comments. And I think one of the proud programs that we have is -- first of all, just so you -- we do participate in the yearly job fair every year, so we're always at the job fair. But, more importantly, I think because we've already established, not only our driver training school, that you come in through the entry-level position, but also our newly formed technical school, which helps with the maintenance and all that. So I believe that once that particular program is fully engaged, and fully in place, -- and, like I mentioned to you, we'll sit with your Human Resource Department to see how we can funnel some of the, you know, potential applicants that come into the Apprenticeship Program, so -- of the City. So we definitely have the infrastructure, I believe, internally to assist in that type of City program that will help us get potential employees, and that

bench strength that we're looking for, because it really is a struggle in our industry when it comes to hiring the right people to -- to this job.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Great. Thank you. Yes.

MR. RUSSELL: I would just like to add one thing. You know, I thought I was going to be a baseball player, and became a garbage man. And, really, we go around to high schools, and I spend a lot of my time talking -- I'd love the opportunity to address the youth, because I -- I think our industry really gets passed over by a lot of youth, but it's recession proof. And it's a great industry. It's provided a foundation for -- for me, my family, my life, that I'm so super thankful for. And I think it's sort of my duty, Kenny's duty, our -- our higher-level management staff to get out and address the youth, and tell our stories of -- success stories of how great this industry is. If we -- if we don't, we're not going to have people to pick up the garbage, you know. So it's very, very important to us to -- to really invest time and those types of activities, so thank you.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I appreciate that. And I'm sure Randy Cross -- I'm not sure if he's here. Perfect. We'll meet with you and keep you up to speed as far as what we have with our program, and looking forward to your participation in that.

MR. RIVERA: And one more comment. And in terms of wages, we are beyond the living wage, so that's not going to be an issue --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: That's a plus, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I won't belabor the issue, but I'd just like to thank Waste Pro for being, not only a service provider for the City of Miramar, but being a community partner, and you don't always get that in a vendor. The garbage business is not an easy business, and -- and -- and I think what was stated by some of our residents is that it's not about when things go well, but how a company performs when situations are not ideal is what's most important. Because many companies don't take the responsibility to owning up when things don't go right, much less try to correct it, and that's never been an issue in terms of -- in terms of your -- your company. So I would just like to encourage you to continue the good work, continue to be responsive to our very demanding residents, which they are. You don't put that garbage can exactly where they left it, not only do you hear from them, we hear from them, so -- but we know that our residents are very demanding, but just glad that you're a company that is responsive to that demand. So good speed and continue to do the work that you do for our community. On that note, may I have a motion.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R6940, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 19-115

PUBLIC HEARING

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number seven, please.

7. **SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1722 **amending the City Code** of Ordinances by amending Chapter 15, "Pensions," Article III "**Firefighters' Pension Plan and Trust Fund**," at Sections 15-79 "**Contributions**" and 15-93 "Chapter 175 Share Account," to allow for a **one-time allocation of some chapter 175 money** to offset the City's contribution to the Plan; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for Codification; providing for an effective date. *(Passed 1st Reading on 04/17/19) (Human Resources Director Randy Cross)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item seven is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending the City Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 15, "Pensions," Article III "Firefighters' Pension Plan and Trust Fund," at Sections 15-79 "Contributions" and 15-93 "Chapter 175 Share Account," to allow for a one-time allocation of some chapter 175 money to offset the City's contribution to the Plan; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for Codification; providing for an effective date.

MR. CROSS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, --

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. CROSS: -- Madam Vice Mayor, Members of the Commission, Randy Cross, Human Resources Director. There have been no changes since first reading.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. 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 from the dais on this item? May I have a motion, please.

COMMISSIONER 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: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve Orlando #O1722, the Commission voted:

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

Ordinance No. 19-16

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing.

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

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

8. Temp. Reso. #R6927 considering **Conditional Use Application No. 1804387** for a drive-thru restaurant, considering **Site Plan Application No. 1804384** and **Community Appearance Board Application No. 1804386**, for a 1,921 square foot **Taco Bell Restaurant**, located at the northeast corner of Miramar Parkway and Southwest 69 Avenue. *(Continued from the Meeting of 04/03/19) (Principal Planner Michael Alpert)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item eight is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, considering Conditional Use Application No. 1804387 for a drive-thru restaurant, considering Site Plan Application No. 1804384 and Community Appearance Board Application No. 1804386, for a 1,921 square foot Taco Bell Restaurant, located at the northeast corner of Miramar Parkway and Southwest 69 Avenue, providing conditions of approval, and providing for an effective date. Mayor, there are three applications here. You can hear them together; you will have to do separate votes on each, and then one vote on the resolution as a whole.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. SILVA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Eric Silva, Community & Economic Development. This item before you is for a conditional use application, a site plan application, and a Community Appearance Board application for a new Taco Bell restaurant. The property is located at the corner of Miramar Parkway and SW 69th, just a little bit east of the Florida Turnpike shown here in red. The land use designation is commercial, the zoning designation is business use, which is B2. The applicant is proposing a Taco Bell restaurant that's just under 2,000 square feet, and the parcel is a little less than half an acre. The use itself; a restaurant use is permitted. There's an extra application before you tonight called a conditional use application, and that is because of the drive thru request; that is a special requirement by our code, the drive thru. This site plan shows the circulation, so you can see that cars would enter off of 69th, and they would circle around to the window there shown as a red dot, and the restaurant is right at the front along Miramar Parkway. It has landscaping on both sides, and it's right upon the street to provide for better pedestrian activity. And this rendering here shows what it would look like from the corner. So if you were standing on the corner of 69th and Miramar Parkway, that's what you would see. And the recommendation is for approval with eight conditions: obtain all State and federal permits; they have to obtain tree removal permits, and provide mitigation; obtain a shared parking/shared access agreement; implement sustainable building practices; their sign is going to be permitted separately; maintain the landscape; any design changes or repainting will have to go -- come back to us for approval. And they've also agreed to add more monument signs to make sure that everybody has visibility for Taco Bell, as well as the -- as well as the other businesses in the shopping plaza. The applicant is here, but they're just here for questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there -- does the applicant wish to speak? Okay. Are there any questions for -- for staff or the applicant from the dais? 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. Commissioner Barnes, followed by Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Question for staff. What exactly exists on this particular spot as we speak?

MR. SILVA: Currently, it's just a parking lot.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Parking lot for what business?

MR. SILVA: Anybody could park there, really. Anybody for the shopping plaza could park there now. It's just a gravel parking lot.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. Okay. Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. I have a few question. I'm not sure what's going to happen at this site traffic wise. Numerous accident there sometime, and we are here to approve a conditional use for this particular site, yet most of my small business out there have been having challenge, have been harassed. Is -- is this applicant going to contribute something for the business adjacent next to it that we are trying to improve, that the City is spending money to improve?

MR. SILVA: By contribution, you mean?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: To the business right -- going to be behind it when this one is erected.

MR. SILVA: They've offered to improve signage, so right now the shopping plaza in the back has limited signage. There's one sign in the middle of the plaza, it's a very old sign, a monument-type sign, and there are -- probably not all the businesses are listed on that sign. So one of the conditions we added was to have additional monument signage. So you could have, for example, a monument sign on the west side of the shopping plaza and on the east side of the shopping plaza to make sure everybody gets a -- a chance for more visibility.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yeah. That's not good enough for me. I mean we spending over \$500,000.00 out there. I'm going to request that we table this item and bring it back, so we can have some more clarity as to -- this is a -- this is a business

shame as to what they're going to contribute to -- more improve historic east Miramar, and the other businesses there. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Can you show the slide with -- with the drive thru, so I can go through that slowly, see how that -- that actually is going to work?

MR. SILVA: No, that's it. That's it.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: That's it. So, can you explain that again?

MR. SILVA: So all the traffic will enter off of 69th where that first red dot is on the left-hand side.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Where that -- that red arrow?

MR. SILVA: Yeah, the first red arrow there.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Where that arrow is, is that the same entrance for the shopping center?

MR. SILVA: No.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: In the back of it?

MR. SILVA: No, the shopping center in the back has an entrance a little bit further north.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. And then it goes around. And then there's another exist there?

MR. SILVA: Right.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You can go either exit?

MR. SILVA: There's only one exit. You have to exit on the right.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You have to exit that way. So you have to go around and then exit that way?

MR. SILVA: Right.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. This is -- this is one -- is this a variance or -- or conditional use or -- what is it that we have to approve that pertains to this?

MR. SILVA: There's a regular site plan application. They're not requesting any variances. There's a Community Appearance Board application. The part that's different is the conditional use request.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The conditional use request.

MR. SILVA: Right.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Can you explain that?

MR. SILVA: In the B2 zoning category, restaurants are allowed by right, so he could, basically, build a -- a regular restaurant, a sit-down restaurant, by right, and we'd just review the site plan to make sure it complied with the code. But when you request a drive thru use in Miramar -- and it's not unusual for other cities to have this requirement too for drive thrus, mainly because of the circulation. So the drive thru has to ask for a special application called a conditional use to verify that -- there are several things you verify, but one of the main things is the stacking of the cars. It could be the impacts of the circulation to the neighborhood if it's in a residential. It could be -- you know, also, you look at hours of operation; look at that also. There's a list of about eight or nine things we have to look at.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. For the City Manager or for yourself, I know there's talks about redeveloping the east side and doing different things on the east side, and particularly in this area. Does this -- does this restaurant fit into -- to the current plans or to the future plans for that area? Mr. City Manager?

MR. SILVA: Drive thru uses?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm sorry?

MR. SILVA: Drive thru uses? You're talking about that specific use for a drive thru. When -- when planners -- when planners, in general, when they're looking at redevelopment, drive thrus are considered something that you should take a closer look at, because whenever you're doing a redevelopment project, you want to make sure there's good pedestrian activity, and the way this business connects to other businesses; that's important. Okay. So, in this case, what we tried to do, working with the applicant, was to move the building closer to the street to make sure that it had a good connection to like sidewalks and transit, and things like that. Now it -- as far as traffic, any time you have a drive thru, you should -- could get, you know, a little more traffic than a regular restaurant, because you've got sit-down customers, and you've got drive-thru customers. So when you're thinking about redevelopment, it's a use that we say is generally okay. It kind of -- it could help revitalize the area and attract other uses, because this use -- this area has not had many new redevelopments in a long time. Now the main plaza was built in the '60s, some of the businesses came in the '70s, so it's been a while, except the gas station across the street. That's a little bit newer. But

this is really the first interest that's come through for this type use, a restaurant use, so it could help a little bit, but from a planning perspective, it's not what you -- you envision sometimes in the future. So we see it as something that could help a bit.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yeah. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, followed by Commissioner Barnes, Vice Mayor Davis.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Silva, one of the problem I'm having right there is the distant from the main roadway to where this restaurant is going to be. It's not a very lenient distant, it's a very short distant, and to have the cars coming in, the cars flowing off Miramar Parkway, making a right or making a left, it's going to create congestion. And then it's -- if you could put back the graphic. Is it exiting east into the parking lot adjacent to it? Correct.

MR. SILVA: Correct. You exit back into the parking lot, correct.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: How is that going to flow with the existing parking lot, in terms of someone driving out and not paying attention to other patron in the parking lot from other businesses? Is there a transition portion going to be there to make sure it's safely transition into the parking lot?

MR. SILVA: Yeah. It should be safe transition, and the applicant has also agreed to have what they call a cross access agreement, so all the property owners would agree that the cars could access in certain places; it's like part of the requirements.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Do we have that layout as to how it would transition into the parking lot?

MR. SILVA: We do, but it's not on this slide. It's in the actual site plan packet though.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: A lot of question. I got a call this week as to a crosswalk just east of -- right adjacent from Publix, from one plaza to the other. And a resident was complaining about safety. That crosswalk was not erected at the traffic signal, it's way down right across from Publix. What are we going to do to address that? When people walking across the street, it's a -- it's quite busy, and there's no traffic signal to assist these residents. Is there anything we can do or change to move the crosswalk, or have something to slow the driver's down or something? Or maybe have a walking light, you know, to stop for people to cross?

MS. VEMPALA: Good evening, Bissy Vempala, City engineer. Recently, we just completed the Historic Downtown Revitalization Project, which is from 69th Way to 68th Avenue. All the crosswalk was -- has been completed and corrected. Right now, everything is working. You have the push button to -- for pedestrian to cross that -- at

the intersection at 69th Way or at 68th Avenue. However, there is another crosswalk that we recently installed, like a midblock crossing with the flashing beacons, so there's a button there as well, so pedestrians could cross there safely. So there are three crosswalks in this area from 68th to 69th.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: But why am I getting calls for safety? People crossing there with children. Should we have something direct them to both light to cross or --

MS. VEMPALA: Yes. Two traffic lights at -- one 69th and 68th, and also there's a midblock crossing that we recently installed. All of them should -- all three should be okay, safe.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I got to take a look, because they're complaining about the midway crossing.

MS. VEMPALA: Yes. That is recent. That's the new construction that we just completed.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Both Eric and Ms. Vempala, would you make a comparison, if you can, with this site, this proposed construction with the one that exists at Miramar Boulevard and Hiatus regarding Wendy's? Same kind of stacking, same driving around. Is this not a similar arrangement, or they don't know what I'm talking about.

MS. VEMPALA: I know what you're talking about, but I don't remember --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Oh, there's -- there's a Wendy's --

MS. VEMPALA: -- I don't remember it being east or --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: -- at the -- not the Park, in the Boulevard and -- and Hiatus.

MS. VEMPALA: Yeah. But I --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Is it a similar arrangement for the drive thru?

MS. VEMPALA: I don't remember.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I'm looking at the graphic, and it reminds me so much of that.

MS. VEMPALA: Could be, but I don't remember --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: So if that works, why wouldn't this work? Is my question. We're doing our homework. No, but my -- it's just -- I -- I wanted to point out the -- the reservations that have been expressed, they would apply to that situation as well, is the point I'm trying to make. In fact, there were a number of challenges at that site, and they had to create these cones that would separate those who just entering the -- the drive thru, so that you had to make a full circle before you were able to join that -- that -- that drive thru line.

MS. VEMPALA: We have a traffic engineering consultant available here right now, so maybe he could explain the whole circulation of this project, so it could be made clear.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Well, you're not able to answer it. I'm -- I'm submitting that it is very similar, so if that had challenges that were met and dealt with, I'm convinced that this can be done as well.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. Could I take another look at the -- the rendering of the -- the building, the décor of the building, the outside of the building. Please, right. I missed that. And -- and this is pretty much the new look? We've moved away from the Mediterranean style, I'm seeing here. And how does this compare to the other buildings in the area? Like, for example, you know, across the street, behind it, is this going to be the new standard?

MR. SILVA: The shopping center behind this has two -- well, on the east side, the way the roof is finished, the parapet goes up, and it has something similar to what you see towards the back of this building. And then in the middle of the shopping plaza, it has a barrel tile roof right now, and then at the end, the project that's going to be under construction soon is going to have something that is basically similar to what you see on the back side of this building, where it's an extended parapet that goes up, and it has -- the heights vary. So at some point, it's about 24 feet, then it varies down to 20, sort of creates some articulation and some variety in the building. So that will be on both ends of the building, then the middle will be the barrel tile roof. So the Community Appearance Board felt as though this would fit in with the plaza in the back.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. And then just the concern with the -- I have similar concerns with the drive thru, and -- I know we're supposed to be having, City Manager, some kind of visioning on what we'd like to see for the downtown area, the historic neighborhood. And I'm not sure if we need to see that before we, you know, okay a drive thru, because I'm not sure if that's part of the whole feel of that historic neighborhood, if that would be a safe way. Taco Bell, I have no problem with. The drive thru is my concern right there. So, Mr. City Manager, I know you've been kind of quiet. If you don't mind saying something about the vision for that area, would a drive thru

impede -- are we trying to make it more pedestrian friendly, is that the idea for that area, or is the drive thru in the middle of a pedestrian-friendly area, the vision.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: The vision is much bigger than that. The vision also does cover the other end. In sitting down with staff in here, we looked at this particular project is -- actually, it's developing a base, but when you look at the overall picture, you can just visualize that we can add on going all the way down, as well as across the street in here, and make that whole thing continuous. Our plans in here is to try to talk with the Publix in here and the whole area to change the whole composition in here. Once you change the composition, you could -- you can enhance what you have here, and we have some examples -- and staff has some examples they talked about. So --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So in your --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: We can --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: In your view, this --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: We can work with it.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: -- drive thru would be something that would be consistent with the overall plans and goals of that area, just kind of?

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Correct. We can work with that.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I -- keep the rendering up, keep the rendering up. I -- actually, after reviewing this application, and I -- I commend staff and the developer for creating what I think will be a catalyst for downtown Historic Miramar. I particularly appreciate the unique architectural elements that modernizes where we can envision downtown Miramar going. I think it would motivate Publix, even the shopping center to the north behind it to -- to come up with similar façades to complement that. I think whatever the master plan would be for future development on this corridor that this design concept can serve as a guide. I don't think anything representing or coming close to -- to the elements that's presented in this rendering would be a negative impact to the community. I think, in terms of the drive thru, how it's -- the concept and how it's designed, the -- the flow of traffic is away from Miramar Parkway. There's a -- I don't know what the future plans are for the immediate parking across from the part of that parking plaza from B&M going east, but currently, right now, there's a hard barrier with about a six to seven-inch sidewalk or -- or -- I'm not sure what that structure is -- it's called, but there's a -- there's a -- a divide between that parking space. And I would imagine that we would have adequate landscaping buffers on the parameter of this subject site. Well, I think that because of the design -- it's a very clean design. It really -- it really, I think, opens up the imagination of what downtown Miramar

can look like, and what it can be. And I think, as a Commission, you know -- because the site is so small. There are so many limited options that can go on that site, all right. You know, you don't think of Taco Bell, per say -- and nothing against Taco Bell. I haven't had Taco Bell since college, but -- but -- but you don't think of Taco Bell being a catalyst, as a -- as for redevelopment. But I think if you just remove the logo, just put that building there, all right, if you just remove the logo and look at the building, I think it just speaks to the potential of what that corridor can look like, and what it can be. I think the -- not having such a strong Mediterranean feel, I think the -- I just like this modern look that it presents. And -- and my only question was I -- I think, initially, that there were some challenges with Broward County, in terms of some approvals, because of the -- the frontage was right up very close to the sidewalk, so I presume those issues have been worked out?

MR. SILVA: Correct.

MAYOR MESSAM: Or resolved? Or that's a part of the conditions?

MR. SILVA: No, they've been worked out.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. Okay. So those -- those are my thoughts. Obviously, I think just -- it's a very limited site, it's a very small site. I don't think this site is even, what, a third of an acre, if that. So the options there -- I prefer to have that there, oppose to -- I'm not saying that we would approve another gas station there. I just think that that this speaks to the potential of what can happen. And when you think about the overall -- if that entire corridor from 69th to 68th is redeveloped, and the plaza behind it is -- is modernized or modified to resemble something like this, that -- that this building will actually be such a very small component of that entire corridor, because it's -- so it's not a very large building. These -- these -- these Taco Bells aren't very large, so I think -- I mean -- I think it's a very clean -- clean designed building. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: There you go.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I think I missed something. I travel Hiatus and Miramar Boulevard every day. I walk there to the gym. I've never seen a Taco Bell there -- not Taco Bell, Wendy's. Never seen a Wendy's there. If somebody has seen one there, let me know. So I think maybe Commissioner Barnes misspoke. There's a Wendy's in -- along -- just east of Hiatus and Pembroke Road in the Publix plaza, and it's in the northwestern corner, sits back from the roadway. There's a gas station that's on the corner of Hiatus Road and Pembroke Road, and it's a nice layout there. So there's no comparison with this location. This -- this Wendy's location to where the Taco Bell is supposed to go. With that said, the -- I don't have a problem with the look; it's clean, it's nice. It's welcoming. But the problem that I have is we've been proposing investing

money in Historic Miramar, especially right there with B&M City fund, which I don't have a problem doing. But this is an opportunity for us to recoup some of that money, if not all or more to invest back into those other small businesses out there who are struggling. I have one business that been there for 15 years, and code went out and told them they got to take their sign down. Now I'm driving out there at night trying to find this restaurant, so I can get some food to eat; there's no sign. Okay. And that's just one. There's other businesses there. What are we going to do? We're -- we are trying to -- are we favoring more larger business and not practicing what we're trying to say here, that we're going to support small business? So I'm not trying to stop this. I'm trying to get money for my small businesses out there, bottom line, trying to get them assistance, so I really want to table this, so we can go back and negotiate, so we can have -- recoup some funds to invest back into that area to support our small businesses that need assistance. That's what I'm saying. So, tonight, we table it, we bring it back, staff go back and negotiate, we get some money, support our smaller business out there that need help, that's all I'm saying, bottom line.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Mic.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. This is a beautiful building, and I -- I am a bit concerned, as far as the amount of traffic with the drive thru. But what I really -- what I really am concerned about is the vision for the City, and I know we have a visioning coming up and a retreat, and I'm looking forward to seeing exactly what that plan is. We have been pushing for redevelopment on the east side, and I think every day we get closer and closer, but I would like to know that the City has a plan, as to what the area is going to look like. If we have other -- other -- whether it's restaurants or other businesses that are coming up, and is this going to be the look for the City? Is this our introduction to this is what the City is going to look like now? Is this how staff is introducing it to the Commission versus what it was before? Is this the only building that will look like that? I want to know the vision, I want to know the plan. And since we do have a visioning session coming up, would it be possible -- well, I'm recommending that we continue it until after the vision -- vision session, so that we can talk a little bit more about the vision, and what else is upcoming in the area before -- before we approve this.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Is that a motion?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes. Mayor -- well, at the appropriate time, I would like to make a motion to continue.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. We have another speaker, Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I -- I apologize to staff, because I have this confused too, when I said it was Miramar Boulevard; it is Pembroke. But, again, I bring to you another Wendy's example. Pines Boulevard and University Drive. If you think about the architecture there, similar to this in overall appearance, and what that is saying to me is that we're going to delay, put off, table, continue this item, maybe Pembroke Pines -- Pines could get this, and we lose out on it. That is my concern as we speak. That particular building -- yes, another Wendy's is at the corner of -- that -- that is a lot that has sat there for quite a while undeveloped. All of a sudden came this different architecture, smack on one of the busiest thoroughfares in the entire South Florida, definitely in Broward County, University Drive and, from all appearances, doing well. I would really, really hate that we put this off and have this developer go someplace else. The stacking, the drive thru that works at that -- I'm carrying a brief of Wendy's, no, I'm not. Wendy's -- that works at that Wendy's at Pembroke and Hiatus. I'm looking at a situation that I know. I'm looking at the representations that staff has given us of this proposal from Taco Bell. Please -- please don't let us lose this opportunity, I beg, please.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: There's no comparison with this location with Pines and University. Pines and University is all commercial area. This location is where a lot of resident live, you have a lot of foot traffic, so the coalition is there is not -- it's -- it's -- this is a total -- total different location. People in this area, they walk, they take the bus, okay. You go to Pines and University, and all four corner have -- it's all commercial, totally. This is a community here in Miramar where people are at a disadvantage, and they have to take the bus, they have to walk to the grocery store, they have to carry the stuff, they have to push a cart, you know. I'm concerned with my resident, a child getting hit. There's two schools right there on -- on both side, you know, so we have to be mindful of that. And if -- if I'm not going to be here to advocate for the other businesses there -- I don't care if this applicant go somewhere else. We ain't building no more land in Miramar. We can't make anymore. We don't have enough, so there's other opportunity, so I'm not worried about that. And for what I'm asking for, very minute. I don't think it's too much to ask, you know. And we know we can get it, okay. There was people here who did not vote to support the other business there to improve the look, handicap ramp, and so forth, so I'm -- I'm willing to -- I'm ready for this fight. I have to get something to invest -- just imagine we get back some money to invest into other businesses out there, to invest in our children. Okay. It's going to go a long way. Let me not say any more.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks, Commissioner Chambers. I just have a question. Did -- did we -- did staff -- did we speak to -- to the owners to the north, the property owner to the north, B&M? Was there any -- did we -- did he provide any input on this development?

MR. SILVA: No, he didn't contact us about it, no.

MAYOR MESSAM: Do we know if the businesses are aware?

MR. SILVA: They all got mailed notice; everybody gets a notice in the mail.

MAYOR MESSAM: At the end of the day, the -- the -- the will of the Commission is going to move forward on this -- on this item. I think when you think about the depressed state of the area, with no active interest of development in that site, it -- I would just point to the fact that -- because of the size of the site, it's very small. The only -- or the very few business options that will fit on that small site will be, perhaps, some form of a fast food establishment. Staff is -- is -- City Management was asked, based on the upcoming presentation of concepts for the area, does this development negatively impact the prospects of the realization of the vision of what is to be proposed. Not a development that is hand, bird in hand in development that's coming, but a concept of a vision that is coming, or conceived to come, and to be, that they feel this project or this development would be compatible. So even after seeing the visioning, if we know that the site is limited to a few commercial options, and we have a developer that, before the vision is even realized, willing to invest in the area, which has not had any interest in decades, I think that we miss out on an opportunity. That's just my position in terms of the -- the through process. What I would say though is that this business enterprise is investing in a property that they are acquiring to develop. They are being charged the appropriate impact fees, as any property owner that will be purchasing a property. I think it's unreasonable to hold the developer to pay into other private entities for their enrichment. It's incumbent on us, as a city, to come up with economic development incentives and resources to invest in businesses that need assistance, which we have begun that process, in terms of coming up and establishing the Miramar Economic Development Fund. I support the fact and the -- and the concerns to help small businesses and smaller property owners, to help them improve their properties, and I think there's a way to do that. I do not think that an approval for the development of this project should be held -- I guess that's too strong; I won't say that word. But I don't think that the burden of the City Commission's duty to find resources to help our small businesses should not -- that burden should not fall upon this applicant for this particular item that's before us today. I do agree with us and have supported us to support small businesses, but we find other ways to do that. I don't think burden is right or fair to put on this single applicant for this -- for this -- for this project. And I would definitely support efforts to -- in which we are supporting the business behind which has been granted funding to help improve their -- his property to the -- to the north of this proposed site. So that's just my position, for the record. I think this project, based on City staff's recommendation, based on the City Manager's comments tonight that this project is compatible with the -- with the -- the visioning proposal that will come before us. So I support -- I support this item. Commissioner Colbourne, followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. The visioning session is next week, on May 9th. I am not opposed to this project. I think it's a beautiful building. I just would like to see it presented, along with the other ideas that the City will be presenting during our visioning session. And if we can -- if we can move this to a -- to our next meeting, I know this is something that's been worked on for some time, and I don't believe that it will be jeopardizing, you know, our -- this business from moving to that location to another, just moving it to one meeting. Do you -- can you tell me if -- if that's putting the entire project at risk, because we're -- we're moving it to -- moving it up one meeting.

MR. SILVA: That's a question for the applicant. I'm not sure.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MR. DEVRIES: Good evening. I'm Ben Devries, 161 Oakwood Lane, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, I thank you for the opportunity to be here. We're very excited about this project. This project has taken quite some time. We were here starting over a year ago. We've spent a lot of time, and your staff has done a tremendous job. We worked with staff all over the State, and they've been very demanding in this respect. Where we have been is -- we -- we were hoping to have this on the agenda in February, and then in March, and now we're in April, and now we're in May, and these delays, every delay -- we have hurricane season coming. We want to be open by September. We want to be open by September, and that means jobs. We have 30 jobs. We want -- we want to hire people. I know your priorities are your community. We generally hire local. We get a lot of people, first chance they're getting employment, and we'd like to put those people to work, so they have a check for Christmas.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MR. DEVRIES: So that's our goal.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir. Any additional questions, Commissioner Colbourne. I'm going to say you're next, Commissioner Chambers, but I just want to make sure Commissioner Colbourne was finished.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: One other comment. When it comes to the crosswalk, the MPO is looking for a project in the City of Miramar for an area that it's -- you know, we can create more walkability, and we can make it safer, just to highlight the safety and so forth. And I think in this area, whether it's directly at that intersection, or one of the other crosswalks in that area. But I think this is a perfect place for it, and if we can consider that, that would be my suggestion, in terms of -- of that project that they're looking for.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Tonight we heard from Waste Pro investing back into this community. Everybody applaud Waste Pro, okay. I did, so does my colleague, and some resident, okay. We have resident here in Miramar go out and rent a space, trying to start a business, think that they going to open up in two, three, four months, and a year and four months later they still haven't open. When they do open up, they go out of business, because what? They don't have the sustainability to pay all those months in rent and to survive, because we stifle them. From opening up their business quick -- yes, I said that. And this business, say, what, maybe three, four months, they could wait. They could wait. The Mayor saying they're going to invest in our community, they're going to extract. Who you think going to eat those Taco Bells? Where those people going to come from? You know, where they going to make their money back? From our resident, right here in Miramar. So what's wrong with reinvestment? You know, what's wrong with taking a pot of money that is invested, move it over here, empower some more people, create opportunity and keep moving it along? Tell me, please, what's wrong with that? It's a free enterprise. You know, this is not a -- a communist city, we do what we want, so all I'm saying is we need to take a look at how we can improve the other businesses that have been there for years. We just have a gentleman lost his business after 20 years, which was wrongly dealt with in a -- in a -- in a wrong way, so I'm willing to come back and support this item after staff sit down and work something out to where we can have a reasonable agreement with the applicant. And, as you can see, he don't even live here. Nothing wrong with that. You don't have to live here, but I care about my people that I represent, all of my people, okay. So that's where I'm at. I'm going to make a motion to table this item for our next meeting.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to table this item..

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, before we call the -- to continue or are you tabling? That's two different things.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: If you want it to go to the next meeting, you would -- continue would be the accurate word.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to continue to our next meeting.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No..

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: No.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to continue Resolution #R6927, the Commission voted:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

Commissioner Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: On to other business. I guess we'll start with you, Vice Mayor, you have any reports?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Can we start at the other end this time, if you don't mind, because I have to gather my thoughts.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Yes, yes, yes. Okay. Just a few things. Last week I traveled to Atlanta to participate in a Step It UP! Action Institute to increase

walkability training with other MPO colleagues. The purpose of the Walkability Action Institute is to prepare interdisciplinary teams from MPO regions to pursue policies, systems, and environmental support for walking and walkability in their respective cities. This program is headed by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors with a goal to promote physical activity, and reduce chronic disease, such as obesity. Ten regional teams across the United States attended the training. This is what I was referring to in terms of the project; as part of this training, the MPO would like to -- to do a project in our city. As you would see on where they have the designs and the highlighting, different designs they have in different areas. In that middle slide, you see those -- I want to say those were like large flower -- flowerpots that they're placed in there to slow down traffic in that area as well. But there are different things that we talked about, and they would like to do a project. And I think that area of Miramar Parkway and 69th is probably a great -- a great place, so I -- I will be submitting that as an area for the project. Last Friday I also hosted a focus group in collaboration with Dr. Nasar Ahmed from FIU; approximately 20 participants to discuss the cause of cervical cancer, and highlight the rate of mortality among Caribbean and African American descent, and how it can prevent -- it was a great -- great, informative, and a lot of great information was received for a study that's being done on that. This Monday, Broward School celebrated El Dia De Los Ninos, El Dia De Los Libros, The Day of Children and The Day of Books. This is an annual celebration, which emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural background. I had the opportunity to read the book "A Cat & A Dog" to over 50 elementary students at Sea Castle Elementary in both English and Spanish. It was -- it was a great event, and it was really amazing to have the student understood -- students from different background understood both languages. That's it for me. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Today we celebrate National School Principal Day, so I want to applaud all those principal out there who had make a great effort to invest in our children. So for those of you who knows a principal, please give them a shout out to applaud them for all they do all year long to educate our children. I have conclude my college workshop, and I'm looking forward to everyone to calling who needs to -- we have, I believe, \$2.9 billion that goes back every year unclaimed for college, so we want to encourage all these tenth grade, 11th grade, and 12th grader to please call my office and sign up to partake in the next workshop. My number is 954-602-3154. Last Thursday, we host our seniors from Parkway Baptist Church at our garden, and they really, really had a great time. They normally have their Thursday prayer meeting at their church, and they decide to come over and take a look and enjoy our garden. So I want to give a big thanks to Elsie Rose, who make it possible, and all the volunteer, Mr. Abel, Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Simmonds, Mrs. Lewis, and another Mr. Simmonds, Errol Simmonds, and Lee Carlo (sp), and Jarat (sp). They did a fantastic job accommodating our -- our visitors, and they were really, really enjoy -- they had really enjoyed their visit. It was very phenomenal. I would like to suggest that

our resident visit the garden. I have another request, Mr. City Manager. I know we having some issue at Monarch Lake, where -- when I went there for the ribbon cutting, there was a poorly, poorly designed drainage that was placed right in the front of the park; useless, and having trouble. So I'm going to suggest that we dump it up and create a garden there, and might look also to do a garden at Glade Middle. We have a - own a piece of property there, and another one to the right between the middle school and the high school. We could create another garden there also. I recently attend -- last Friday investiture ceremony for our judge, Jackie Powell, and it was a real honor to be there to watch one of our fellow Jamaican -- as a job, got her robe in -- she really represent the diaspora well, so we have -- say we're very proud of her, Jackie Powell and her family, her husband and her children. I want to give a real special thank you to our very own Susan Gooding. She host three series of workshop -- as you know, April was Financial Literacy Month, and folks that came out, they were really appreciative of the information that they got. And they're -- I have no doubt that they are make -- make good improvement in their life for them and their family. So, Susan, thank you so much once again for providing that -- those vital information. Also, we hosted Easter Service here at the Cultural Center, and along with COOL Church, and Vice Mayor Davis and myself. It was a great number of visitors and children here. I gave out 700 snow cones, and -- right. I was there running my machine, and everyone was just really -- had a fantastic time. I tell you, our Town Center here, the plaza is beautiful. Everyone was elated to be here, and enjoy the bounce house, the hot dog, the burger, and snow cone -- not only that, we provide also free water. So, Vice Mayor Davis, thank you for the partnership, and it was wonderful, and looking forward to the next one. I do have some upcoming events. This coming -- next Saturday, May 11th, you know, it's my second Pre-Mother's Day Celebration. There's a few changes, beyond my control, where the play did -- did not quite work out, so I do have a replacement, and I'm proud to have AJ Brown; he's the lead singer for Third World band, and he will be performing for us. And we also have Ms. Hewitt (sp) from Jamaica visiting us as a special guest. She's a fantastic, fantastic artist, great singer, very diverse. You do not want to miss her. She going to really give you a great show. So it's only \$20.00, the tickets, and \$25.00. So for those of you looking to take someone out, please, there's a lot of people in our community, foster parents, parents that are doing a good job caring for their children and others. Purchase a ticket and give them a treat. And we going to have about ten mothers that will receive award at this ceremony. We will have a reception for, maybe, food for maybe 200 people or so, but I know not everyone going to come at the same time, so -- and then we go right into our award, and then the entertainment. Also, this coming Saturday, you have PFA, Professional Firefighters of South Florida, will be hosting another luncheon in the banquet hall. Please support that event. And, at night, we'll have the Geared up For Fire, Ms. Trina (sp), her fire thing -- support that also. Homeowners, people that looking to purchase a home and get information to purchasing a home, that will be held on June 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Miramar Cultural Arts Center. As usual, you can always call my office. And looking forward to the Caribbean-American Heritage celebration, June 8 at Shirley Branca, and that start at 6:00 p.m. Also, Majah Hype, for those of you who want to come out and laugh and have a good time, will be here this month, the 25th in the Miramar theater. So, once

again, thank you, and enjoy a fantastic week. Thanks to all the Miramar employees, fire, PD, G.A.M.E., everyone that support this wonderful City of Miramar, and all the resident; have a blessed night.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Couple of notices. Tomorrow morning, I have the pleasure of holding the National Prayer Breakfast, along with former Commissioner Darline Riggs right here in the banquet hall at our Cultural Arts Center. Special thanks to the Public Works Department; made a request of them yesterday, and it was fulfilled inside of the hour. There -- there is a responsibility one has when they live in a particular neighborhood, they're convinced that you should be approached, and stuff gets fixed like right away. And the sign had been down for a while, and my neighbors were very kind to me. But once I spoke directly with Public Works, the sign was up inside of an hour. I mean I told them I didn't want a new sign, straighten the old one, put it back, and it was done. I -- I just continue to be impressed by staff and what they do; not the really big things but small things that matter to our residents. And I think that -- that just spells the kind of -- not only hard work, but the integrity of the workers at this here place. Another issue that I've had to deal with in the last week or so is the matter of rust stains on homes. I'm requesting that staff prepare something of an information sheet for our residents, especially in the historic area of the City, who see the stain, have no idea what causes it. In fact, I've been explaining to people the difference with people who are not on a well versus people who are -- who get their -- their water from a well. And I'm suggesting, I'm recommending that we create something of an information data, maybe accompanying our water bills that explains to people what causes this rust, and how it can be mitigated. I'm prepared to talk with staff as to how we get this one. But I think -- a lot of people, you -- you buy -- I mean, I'm speaking specifically of a number of residents. You purchase a home, you know your lawn gets watered, but that stain appears. You're not aware that your water is coming from a well. So I want us -- I want us to be able to explain to the list to -- to our residents, this is where the water comes from, and these are the different things that you can do to mitigate it. That's it. Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Vice Mayor. You have your thoughts?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes. I'm quite ready. A couple of presentations. Do we have the video? (Video shown) That particular event, we've got an overwhelming show of support and, in fact, we've opened it up to our theater. And so, what you'll find is that the reception will be from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the banquet hall, and we'll move over to the theater for the actual program, and so we are certainly inviting everyone, whether you're of Haitian descent or not, to learn about the Haitian culture right here in the City of Miramar this Thursday. You have the other one? (Video shown) Yes, indeed, the Reggae Girls, those of you that did not know, we had a Reggae Girls -- they're our champion soccer team out of Jamaica, who are being the first Caribbean nation to make it to the World Cup in France, which will be June of this year. And we're happy to be able to host them here in the City of Miramar. There's a series of events that are going

to be taking place. You'll know more about them as we get closer. But the dates range from May 21st through the 23rd, with a culminating game with the Reggae Girls before they make it over to France. They will be playing at our Ansin Sports Complex along with -- it'll be a double header. We will also have Jamaican entertainers versus Haitian entertainer as well. And so there's a lot of good things coming up in our City, and we're so proud to be able to host them here in Miramar. We have a Multicultural Sports Summit as well that will be here in our banquet hall. It will be a luncheon event, and we'll also have members from the Reggae Girls in attendance as well. So I hope folks can make it out to these series of events that's taking place in the month of May. And, as we go forward, on more of a serious note -- in fact, this issue has been raised before by myself. We can take down the -- yes. This issue has been raised by myself some time back, and it's really time to address the issue again here tonight. For me, I do believe that there is a time and a season for everything under the sun. That's biblical, and it's true today. So much so, that I do believe that our current contract with our attorney, Weiss Serota, who have served us in the City for over 20 years, it's -- it's time for that contract to end. I have met with the partners from Austin Pamies Norris Weeks & Powell, PLLC, and feel quite comfortable that they will take us in a positive, legal direction. And so, at this time, I would like to move to appoint the law firm of Austin Pamies Norris Weeks & Powell, PLLC to be the City's new attorneys. With that motion, I'd like to see if I could get a second, and -- and move forward.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'll second.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. The motion has been moved and seconded. I think -- what I would raise is, I think, in terms of an important decision as city attorney, that the Commission, itself, have a discussion on this. I -- I think in term of -- especially this decision, that collective Commission has an opportunity to talk about our current legal standing, as well as any options moving forward. I -- I know the law firm, and the principals of the law firm -- have a high regard for the firm, and I -- I don't doubt or question their ability to provide services for the City. But, in terms of a decision for the city attorney, that the courtesy of the Commission to discuss the current standing of the City, what concerns there might be and, at the very least, be able to communicate to the public a process in which we would deal with this -- this scenario. I would agree that a 20-year relationship with any vendor deserves inspection, deserves an opportunity to be -- for the City to -- to, I guess, test the market, so to speak, in -- in all -- in all candor. And I've been on record in saying that before. But I think, in terms of the -- the motion that was made, the way it was made, and without the courtesy of the Commission to discuss one of our very important roles as the City Commission, in terms of hiring the city manager and the city attorney, I think we owe the public that opportunity. Yes, it is legal for a motion to be made, and a vote to be taken, and action to be rendered. But I think, in terms of the process, I think in -- in terms of the Commission, that we have that opportunity to have that discussion. So I would -- I would ask the Commission that -- let's discuss our legal representation, let's discuss what the concerns are, let's discuss if the Commission decides to go in a different direction, define for the public and ourselves what that process looks like. I think decorum is very important when we do

things, so that we -- so that we all have the -- the -- the public trust, and the public support on the decisions that we make. And to -- I just think that -- and, again, nothing against, you know, the -- the -- the capable firm that has been presented by Vice Mayor Davis. But I think that I -- I know at least I want to have that discussion. I don't know if I'm the only one that feels that way, but to -- just to have a motion to just to change the attorneys without the courtesy for me, as a member of this Commission to have that discussion, I think that's the least that we could afford each other in very important decisions of this Commission. That's what I would afford to members of this Commission, and then we can have that discussion, we can have that debate, then the will of the Commission can move forward. I think that's the professional thing to do, and I think that's what our residents would want us to do. So that's -- that's my response to - to -- to -- to the motion that's on the floor right now. Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: If I may, in legal terminology, the motion that we have is called arbitrary, and there's another word that goes with it that slips me, but to say the very least, it is disrespectful of the process. Yes, there are provisions in our Charter that allow us to do this. But there's also a concept known as courtesy. There's a concept known as professional courtesy. I'm respectfully requesting that on an issue this important that, at the very least, we have a workshop to examine it at the Commission level. We have done these arbitrary and capricious decisions in the past, and I'm submitting that we are going to continue to pay dearly for those decisions. I urge this Commission to do the respectful thing, and bring this issue to a workshop, and not arbitrarily and capriciously spring this on this meeting. There is a reality known as courtesy, and it has value among human beings and among professionals. If we are going to acknowledge that this law firm has served us for 20 years, common courtesy says, "Hey, let's sit down and talk." You don't just dismiss this relationship arbitrarily. I urge this Commission to think.

MAYOR MESSAM: Does that complete your comments, Commissioner Barnes?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yup.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item -- on this motion?

MR. ABEL: Roland Abel. Just -- I know nothing of the details, only that I would like to stress the whole business of courtesy and respect. We've had a law firm -- like I said, I don't know details, but the business of being courteous, being objective is something that we should never overlook. We can't just, on impulse, whatever the impulse may be, decide to take decisions on something as important as this. So I'm going to ask us to -- as we recommended, that this should be discussed within the Commission behind doors, and then come up with something that is respectful, and that's something that the community will appreciate and respect.

MS. MARTIN: Norma Martin, 7200 Grandview Boulevard. I'm in agreement also. Does that mean you have somebody and you don't want them, and you just say, "Okay. That's it." I think it's something that should be discussed amongst everyone, the Commissioners, etc., behind closed doors. So are we going to be sitting here and hearing, "We don't want this person anymore." And he's -- he or she may be is gone. Courtesy. Remember the little things that our parents taught us when we were young: Please, may I; thank you; you know, those are courtesy. Discuss it among yourselves. Don't let us feel that we -- we voted everybody in, you know, and we expect them to think -- you know, in a courteous way, and do things courteously, and we would appreciate it. Thanks.

MS. MCNEIL: Ina McNeil, 7141 Biltmore Boulevard. I'm really shocked to hear what decision you have made. I'm putting myself in the place of those attorneys. We're thinking about hiring -- firing what we have and hiring someone else without our partners knowing. As a resident of Miramar, I think it is about time that we -- we be treated a little bit better, because had I been in the place of any of those attorneys, I don't know how -- what I would do at this time. So I feel that Commissioners, all of you, you all need to have your meeting, an indoor meeting, discuss it thoroughly, and before you make such a decision. Bring it to the attention of the attorneys, why you're going to -- I have to use the word fire, because this is just what it is. You're firing them on the spot and bringing in somebody that we don't know. So I think you really need to get yourselves together, talk about it, have a great meeting, and come with the right decision. Thank you.

MR. HOLSENDOLPH: Good evening, Darryl Holsendolph, Miramar resident and business owner. Surprise by the motion, but I think it's long overdue. You're talking two decades of the same firm, and I have sat in front of them. But change is due, the process, I don't know, but if it's a route that's legal, I say go for it. Two decades they're -- that firm that was mentioned is well -- as the Mayor said, it's qualified. So, again, shock, but I -- I do think it's time for change. Two decades, it's time for change. There are other qualified firms. Process, but I think change is due for the City. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. My only hope moving forward that we can apply this courtesy equally across the board. I think there was quite a number of time that was not extended to me. In particular, on certain items that I requested meeting and workshops and was cancelled and never happened. But another instance where I wasn't given any courtesy after serving just two years here on the dais, but thanks to a lot of my resident, some of how spoke tonight, they're extending courtesy to me by supporting me, and voting me back into office. Hasn't been for them, I would have never have any courtesy. Do we have a workshop? Maybe. Do we vote tonight and set a time that we terminate the contract? I'm not sure what we have, a contract or what is in place. So I'm going to reach out to my colleague and see if we can, under courtesy have a workshop, and I don't think it's going to change much. I see my

colleague want to move in a different direction with a new attorney. I'm not opposing to that. And this is just a courtesy for how long, a week, two weeks, Vice Mayor, I would support your item, but residents are asking for some time and some courtesy. I think that's something I can support.

MAYOR MESSAM: The reason why we need a workshop is, first, to understand what are the issues. So if there are issues, we know how to address them. Second, there are many issues in terms of the current legal status of the City, our pending cases, the process, if the City is moving in a different direction, or if the will of the Commission is to move in -- in -- in a different direction; what does that transfer look like? I mean we just spent an hour and a half talking about a Taco Bell, and the reason why we need to continue it until our next meeting. But we're going to go on a flim and change our attorneys just on a motion? Our residents see this. Whether we decide to keep our current attorneys or go with a different attorney, I want whoever is legally representing us to be well respected, because they've been vetted, they've gone through the process. And that there is public scrutiny to be able to say that this firm is capable of representing us, because they know they've gone through a process. And this is coming from a person that has a lot of respect for the firm that has been nominated or presented to us.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, not going to go for the ranting --

MAYOR MESSAM: I'll allow everyone to speak.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I'm telling you right now --

MAYOR MESSAM: No, Commissioner, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- I'm not going to tolerate the rant tonight.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: The resident spoke.

MAYOR MESSAM: I have the floor. I have the floor. I'm the chair of the meeting. I have the floor. I allowed you to speak without interruption. I don't speak on your permission, all right.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Call the question.

MAYOR MESSAM: So these are questions that I have to have answered, I think the public should have answered. In all candor, as Commissioners, we all should know what this process should look like. It's the right thing to do. And if this Commission is going to make arbitrary decision without vetting, public input -- we should be able to make every decision in the Sunshine, and that's all I'm calling for. So that whoever is

representing our city is respected when they come in, so they can do the work of the public. And for the members of the public that spoke to the mic today, there are no close-door meetings with the Commission, except for executive sessions, which are with our attorneys for pending cases. So all workshops are done in the public, and should be in the public. But I know if motions come to this dais, as long as I'm the Mayor of this City, that are arbitrarily making big moves without the courtesy of this Commission having a workshop, I'm going to object to it, period. And, yes, I'm only one vote, but I'm going to speak my mind, and I'm going to speak truth to power. I don't think we change our attorneys off a motion. There's a process, I think, a respectable process that we can go through to either keep our current attorneys or transition to new legal representation. That's the least we can do as elected officials, on behalf of the nearly 150,000 residents of our community. Commissioner Chambers, then Vice Mayor Davis.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We have a right to make a motion on certain agenda item, and move it forward. I'm not going to be bullied into certain things. There's a motion on the floor, there's a second. I made a statement, and our resident has spoke, and I was willing to extend courtesy, and then I have to be scold. Why do I have to be scold all the time, you know. Obviously, we have the vote, we have the support, and I'm extending courtesy, and you want to talk about a hour on another item, come on.

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

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. As I recall -- and I'm glad you mentioned that this is very much a legal move, this was a move that put Weiss Serota in this position back in 1999. It is not unusual. The transfer was done, and they worked it out. Clearly, if it has been done before, and it surely has been done with this firm, it can be done tonight. All the legalities will be worked out among firms. They are professional, and there will be a proper transfer. But to make it seem that this has never been done, when it was done 20 years ago, and it continues to be done around the country, and that it can't be done here if you have the will of the Commission, which it takes three votes, then you're not being truthful. Okay. So that's my -- my point here. We've had 20 years of the same firm, the way they got into the City in the first place was exactly this way. They didn't make any objections then. And so, at this point, we've tried other ways. This is not my first time I've brought this up. I've brought this up before. It's not -- it shouldn't be any -- anybody's surprise. And this is the way I choose to bring it up at this time.

MAYOR MESSAM: For the record, I never said this was never done before. I said that the Commission, making a decision of this magnitude, should be extended the courtesy of having at least a workshop to discuss the issue. Those were my statements. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. I think Weiss Serota has served us well. First of all, I do want to say that. And I do thank them for their service. I do think, after 20 years, it gives us an opportunity to give another firm the opportunity of serving the

City of Miramar. I met with Burnadette Norris and her team, and I'm comfortable that they will do a good job with our City. They have -- they have assured me that they've reached out as well to the members of this Commission. I -- again, I feel they will -- they will be able to do a good job. I second Vice Mayor Davis' motion, and at this point, I'd just like to call the question.

MAYOR MESSAM: Before the question is called, for the record, I received a call today - - now I'm putting the pieces together, but I had not had a conversation with the firm. So, for the record. So, it was stated that you understood that elected officials were communicated to. I did not know this was coming forward tonight. I received a call but was not able to have a conversation regarding the item, so I just want the record to reflect that I was -- I was, in no way, aware of this item coming before us tonight, or that there was an issue by this Commission. Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: For the record as well, this is my first hearing of this proposal. I was spoken to by no one representing any law firm seeking to represent the City of Miramar. This is my first hearing of it. I've spoken to no one, no one's called me, no one sent me any correspondence. This is the first I'm hearing about this.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Mayor, if I may say something. It's been a pleasure working with you for the last 20 years. We've done so many great things here, and it's shocking what's happened today. We didn't know anything about this at all. Your -- your legal services are very complicated. We are handling so many lawsuits, and so many other very important issues for the City, to just switch overnight is really not a very smart move. You know, if you want -- if any of you have ever had any issues with us, I would expect you would come and talk to us. None of you have. Vice Mayor Davis, if you have any issues -- we met today, and you didn't mention this. If you have issues with us, I'd like to know what they are. Commissioner Colbourne, you know, we've worked together for years, and if you have issues with me, I'd like to know what they are. And, you know, Alison has been working with us, and we have a whole team of lawyers. This is a major, major change. We would ask for at least the courtesy for the two weeks. We can talk to you over the two weeks. Obviously, if a majority of the Commission wants to change, we will do everything we can to facilitate that, and we'll help you do that. Twenty years ago, this not what happened. Twenty years ago, your attorneys, after the election, resigned, and we were appointed interim. There was then a request for proposals issued, and other people did make proposals. We were chosen through a process. It was not just some attorneys coming to individual members of the Commission and trying to ask you to represent them without any process. To go through that is, you know, really unfair to many other firms. So I would ask for the courtesy after 20 years of service for the City, to at least have two weeks, you know, until the next meeting. We can have a workshop before the meeting and discuss it at that point, and I would like to, you know, have the opportunity to meet with you individually, and talk to you about the situation.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: You don't -- okay. All right. I see your -- everybody's raised their -- Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Vice Mayor Davis, this is your motion. Do you want to proceed with the motion, or do you want to give a courtesy, as requested, for a couple weeks?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: The -- the -- the other route that was taken, I guess I misspoke the route that was taken 20 years ago, when the -- the attorneys that were currently working for the City left, and there was an interim, that option, possibly could work. And, as an interim, they would work with the outgoing firm. I'm not sure if that -- that would have been a compromise here.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Sorry. Say that again?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Appointing an interim.

MAYOR MESSAM: But what I specifically requested is for us to have a workshop to discuss these issues. It makes no sense to have an interim. If you're going to have a new attorney, you might as well just have a new attorney. My request was for a workshop to extend the courtesy of this Commission to talk about a very important decision that we have to make as a Commission, to determine legal representation for the City of Miramar. That was not a demand, that was not scolding anyone, I'm speaking on behalf of all of us, whether it's hiring of the city manager, hiring of the city attorney, those are our two hires that we do, because those two positions work directly for the City Commission. And I think that the entire Commission should have a voice, in terms of what that process should look like, in terms of the hiring of the two positions that we hire. And that's the professional courtesy request that has been made.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Do I have the floor, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: I -- Commissioner Colbourne didn't clear out, so Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We had a number of issue here with city managers, and we defer on certain aspect of the hiring and firing of city manager, and it worked out, so tonight, I think Mr. Cole asked for two weeks. I could grant two weeks if Vice Mayor willing to withdraw her motion and I could work with that, as a courtesy.

MAYOR MESSAM: Two weeks to do what? I'm not understanding.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: The attorney, Mr. Jaime Cole, ask for two weeks, that's what he ask for.

MAYOR MESSAM: I'm trying to understand, two weeks to do what? What's Mr. Attorney --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: I said to have two weeks, have a workshop in two weeks, and we can discuss it at the workshop. That would give us an opportunity to discuss this with each -- each of you. I mean, normally, before you fire someone, you meet with them, and then tell them what the issues are. So before you fire me and fire Alison Smith, and fire all the other attorneys that are working for you, we would like to at least talk to you one-on-one, and, you know, have a workshop, let the public be heard as well. And you can also discuss if you're going to replace us, the proper process is to select new attorneys, and the manner in which we would work with the new attorneys to take over your -- your -- all the legal work -- there are so many things going on. We have the historic perspective, we know what's been happening at the City, we know what's going on now. You can't just -- it's not that easy to just, one day, just switch attorneys. There's a lot more to this.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Cole, what I'm willing to do is to extend the two weeks, but it will be a phasing out period, working with the new firm coming in, not a workshop to stop the process or to put another process in place. I'm willing to work within the two weeks frame to do the transition.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Commissioner Chambers, I would like to sit down with you and talk to you about this. You know, we've worked together pretty well all these years. Just doing something like this with no notice at all is really not fair. I would ask you to let's just -- to have a workshop in two weeks, so you can discuss it at the workshop, and at that meeting, if you -- three of you want us to leave, you do not have to terminate us, we will resign, if three of you do not want us to continue representing the City. But we would ask you for that respect after 20 years, that you would at least give us the two weeks, and we'll talk to you, and then at that meeting, you can decide what you'd like to do.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can we set the workshop for next week, this coming week?

MAYOR MESSAM: What was that, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can we set the workshop for this coming week?

MAYOR MESSAM: For next week?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Next week.

I think -- I think the two weeks let them -- because if you're going to be -- if there's going to be a change, at least give them the courtesy to -- to -- to be able to be in a position, so they can facilitate what would need to be facilitated. I don't think that's an unreasonable request, two weeks.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We're trying to set a workshop. That's what was asked. Are you saying you're not going to set the workshop? Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: Excuse me?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Are you saying don't set the workshop?

MAYOR MESSAM: No, what I'm saying is that the request was for two weeks to facilitate the workshop.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: So what I would request, Madam Vice Mayor, something that you can accept?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: What I would go for is, for the next meeting, we would have the workshop, which would have to be next week, because the following week is the meeting. If we're going to go that route. We'd have the workshop and make a decision before the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: That's what I'm saying.

MAYOR MESSAM: The next meeting is on the 15th.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I'm available on the Tuesday or the Wednesday of next week. If -- if that's the will of the Commission, which it seems like we're going towards the workshop, which is just, basically, outlining the transition.

MAYOR MESSAM: My request remains. I think they get two weeks on the workshop for us to discuss the path moving forward. I'm not requesting a workshop for transition. I'm discussing a workshop in terms of discussing the process in which we handle this. So that's -- that's my position. And you all decide on what position you all want to take. I just think that it matters to our community on how we conduct business, and I think that was a reasonable request, and that's my position.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Vice Mayor, when are you available?

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Not to be redundant, but I would really request of this Commission that we, not only think of the courtesies that the situation, in my opinion, demands, but that, as people who have been invested with a certain level of responsibility, we look not only at our immediate requests and demands and desires, but take the time to look at the reputation of this city that we are creating. I'm just -- this, for me, in the 15 years that I've sat on this Commission, this is one of the most disappointing experiences I have had. And nobody here has to agree with me. I speak with 15 years of experience sitting in this seat. I am submitting that this request is malicious, it is discourteous, in the simplest of commercial enterprises, you are getting rid of an employee. The courtesy is you sit down with them and tell them, you got to go, if nothing else. You spring it in a regular Commission meeting, there are intimations that all of us who are contacted by this law firm that hopes to succeed the current one. Never happened in my situation. What kind of reputation are we creating for the City of Miramar going forward? A law firm which represents a municipality makes a good buck. Do we not create a situation here and now, by seeking to force this into happening, do we not create a negative reputation for the City of Miramar? If the real desire is to change the law firm that represents us, why does it have to be done in such a crude fashion, is the question? Courtesies will cost us nothing. To extend courtesies will cost us nothing. If the desire is not to be punitive, why can't we extend the courtesy, is all I'm asking. If our intentions are not malicious, if they're not punitive, why can't we extend the courtesy of two weeks, of at least hearing from the law firm, whether or not in a workshop, or whether individual meetings or not. What prevents us from doing that? Do we want to create this reputation of Miramar as being guided by a bunch of mean-spirited people, who make these arbitrary and capricious decisions? I submit we do not want that reputation.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Do I have the floor, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, you do, Commissioner Chambers. You are recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I think mean spirit was born and raised here, ever since I got here. I don't know who grew them, but they've been here. But, anyway, I'm going to make a motion to extend courtesy, and to have a workshop next Wednesday. I'm making a motion for my courtesy to be extended to next Wednesday for --

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, there's a motion already on the floor.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So should we vote on the motion that's already on the floor?

MAYOR MESSAM: We're having discussion before the -- the question. You can ask Vice Mayor if she wants to withdraw her motion, so you can make yours.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Vice Mayor. Are you saying you're available next Wednesday?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I'm available next Wednesday, but --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can we set the workshop for next Wednesday?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: It depends on what the workshop is about. I think that's the issue. Did we clarify what the workshop is about?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Cole wants to have a workshop, and I'm saying we could have a workshop next Wednesday.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Just recognize Ms. Colbourne first before I continue to do what I'm doing.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you are recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. I -- I cannot take the position that -- that's -- that a couple of you have taken in terms of -- of Vice Mayor Davis bringing up this issue. You know, we -- we -- we have to discuss things on the dais, and -- and she has -- she has brought it -- she has brought her concerns and her desires to us. And this is the format where -- where we discuss it. Whenever possible, and my colleagues ask me to defer something, so that they can have an opportunity for -- to -- to -- to get more information on it, or to do something, I've never had a problem with it, or to workshop an item. And in this case, who has served us well, he's asking for -- for a couple weeks as well. I don't -- I don't have a problem that -- I don't have a problem with that. I -- I think we -- I think we should. I think we have started a discussion. I think the workshop can -- can address all of the issues. I don't -- I don't know that we have put such boundaries on workshops -- on workshops that we can only address what -- what -- what half of the Commission wants to know. So -- I -- and I -- I can see Vice Mayor Davis has -- she's looking for a date for the workshop, so she's already conceded to doing a workshop, and I don't see why we couldn't discuss everything that needs to be discussed. That's what -- that's what the workshop would be for, in my opinion. And I -- I think, at this point, the only -- what's left to be resolved is -- is are you withdrawing the motion so that we can move forward with the -- with the workshop.

MAYOR MESSAM: Let's define workshop, because I heard workshop meaning transition, and the request is workshop to discussing the process and questions and issues. Those are two different things. So I want to make sure we're voting on what do we mean by workshop.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well.

MAYOR MESSAM: Based on the request that was -- well -- well at least from my -- my request.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I believe Mr. Cole ask for a workshop. We're giving a workshop. We got a motion on the floor. Lest we proceed with the motion, it's going to pass, so I don't want to stay here all night discussing a workshop, and what it look like. We can figure out what it look like in a workshop. I would like to go home. So, please, let's end this with the workshop. Or else we vote on the motion that's on the floor.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: All right. At this point, it seems we need a workshop. Some folks want a workshop. I think delaying it for two weeks, what day, because, first of all, two weeks from today is another Commission meeting.

MAYOR MESSAM: You've got the 13th and the 14th of that week, which is Monday and Tuesday.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So the date that I'm available is the 14th. So I would withdraw my motion if we have the workshop on the 14th.

MAYOR MESSAM: I'm available on the 14th.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. I can be available on the 14th.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Mayor, can I suggest, if you're going to have the workshop, you can do it on the 15th right before the Commission meeting. I mean if we do it on the 14th, if we decided that we weren't going to be here on the 15th, we can't just have attorneys on the 15th without having looked at the agenda and worked on the item. I mean this -- we've been doing this for 20 years, I don't know if a week or two is going to make one bit of difference, so I was suggesting just having the workshop on the 15th right before the Commission meeting, and you can discuss it then. And then at the Commission meeting, you can take whatever action you would like to take. We also -- our firm is actually sponsoring an event for the new president of Florida Memorial University on the 14th. I had sent you all invitations about that.

MAYOR MESSAM: I'm okay with the 15th.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I'm okay with the 15th.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm okay with the 15th. 15th is fine.

- Commission consensus to schedule a Commission workshop on May 15, 2019, to discuss the City Attorney contract.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. I think we were on reports. Let me just quickly -- at least get the ones -- do the ones that are date certain. I would like to announce, in regards to

the Wyland National Mayors Water Conservation Challenge that the City participated on during the month of April for Water Conservation Month, the City of Miramar, we actually finished -- in all of the entire country in our size category, we finished 13, a very respectable and strong showing. So kudos and great work by our residents that all participated in the conservation of water in our city. On Sunday, May 5th, join the Haitian community, as we are celebrating Haitian Heritage Month on Sunday, May 5th for a celebration with Joel and Mushy from Zèklè, featuring guest star Beatrice Kebrau will be taking place right here at the Miramar Cultural Center. Ticket information is available at miramarculturalcenter.org, or you can call 954-602-4500. I will have Conversations with Mayor Messam coming up on Wednesday, May 15th -- boy, that's going to be a busy day, at Cool Runnings Café. This is my annual series during the summer to meet with residents to talk about issues going on in the community, as we prepare for the upcoming budget season, to ensure that -- that these issues are presented as options for the budget. And it will take place May 15th 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Cool Runnings Café located at 9977 Miramar Parkway, Publix shopping center. And calling all high school sophomores and seniors for this year's summer Technology Boot Camp taking place June 17th through June 28th. It is the Tech Launch at Florida Vocational Institute. The deadline to register is May 24th. You can register at fvi.edu/summerbootcamp. Get information, and technical introduction to cyber security, as well as virtualization and other information technology skills that can benefit you and prepare you for the gig economy. For our business community, particularly our small businesses, I'll be hosting a Google event taking place at the Miramar Cultural Center on the topic of digital marketing. An introduction on how you can position your company, digitally, from a marketing perspective. And this is brought to you by the Broward County Latin Entrepreneurs and the City of Miramar, taking place Wednesday, June 5th, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Learn directly from certified Google digital coach, Vincente Pimienta. He will be providing the tools for you to grow and thrive your business online. And this is a partnership with Broward County Latin Entrepreneurs. It's a free event, and it will take place right here at the Miramar Cultural Center, Wednesday, June 5th, 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more information, you can call 954-602-3198. And, finally, another public announcement to let the best and brightest of our Miramar students to apply for the Youth Advisory Council. Applications are being accepted right now. We are looking for high school students from Miramar High School, Everglades High School, and Somerset Academy high school. For more information, please dial 954-602-4403 or 954-602-3198. Be a part of the nationally acclaimed Youth Advisory Council, and we look forward to getting great applications, because we already know we have wonderful and terrific high performing students here in the City of Miramar. Thank you so much.

City Manager Reports:

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

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: No reports.

City Attorney Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Attorney, your report? Okay.

FUTURE WORKSHOP

Date	Time	Subject	Location
05/09/19	6:00 p.m.	Annual Visioning Session	Multi-Service Complex
07/02/19	5:00 p.m.	Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary Budget	Commission Chambers
07/10/19	5:00 p.m.	Body Worn Cameras for Police Officers	Commission Chambers
07/10/19	6:00 p.m.	Community Development Corporation (CDC)	Commission Chambers
07/12/19	10:00 a.m.	Commission Retreat	Venue TBD
09/04/19	5:00 p.m.	Senior Advisory Board and Budget Review Board	Commission Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR MESSAM: This meeting's adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, CMC
City Clerk
DG/cp