



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

June 5, 2019

7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

The following members of staff were present:

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

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

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes, 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: Let us all rise for the pledge of allegiance. (Pledge recited)

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MAYOR MESSAM: Now, at this time, we will observe a moment of silence for condolences we are expressing in the community, and a couple of note. We've had a few City staff members who've lost their fathers, Greg Russ out of Utilities, Julie Richards, out of the City Manager's Office, and Don Thomas out of Information -- out of IT, Information Technologies Department. As well, we would like to extend our condolences to our peers and friends in Virginia Beach, as they continue to recover from the shootings that took place in their municipal facility. So, at this time, I'll ask the community to observe a moment of silence. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: We have a presentation and a few proclamations.

Presentation: Recognition of the Miramar Timberwolves (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And, up first, I would like to welcome the Miramar Timberwolves coach, Edgar and team forward to receive a recognition from the City of Miramar for your outstanding season. If you can join me on -- at the dais. As you can see, we have some very dynamic footballers standing in front of us, and you're being recognized for such an outstanding season they had in the City of Miramar. We know soccer can be very competitive in our City, and we want to recognize our U12 team members. And we had a what -- what was our record this year? 13 and 0, so let's give them a round of applause. That's no -- that's no easy feat, because if we had more undefeated teams, they would be up here, right? So there's only one. So we would like to congratulate our dynamic young members of the Timberwolves for doing such a great job this year, and I will be handing the certificates off to coach, and I think everyone has a certificate. And we just want to let you know that not only are we proud of you for your athleticism that is on the field, and I know that you're doing your best in the classroom -- who's happy that school is out? Well, all right. Well, congratulations again, and let's give them another round of applause. All right, if everyone is here, you can help me pass them out, coach. And the first member is Christopher Docteroff. Did I pronounce that right? Tobias M. Bluzmanis. Okay. He's not here? Okay. Tomas Verde. Rhett Peterson. Rylan Peterson. Nathaniel Mathai. Albert Garcia. Edwin E. Gonzalez. Brandon Crespo. Isiah Insignares. Vincenzo Nazarro. Ivan Jose Mosquera. And Adrian Dussan. Again, congratulations to everyone. We look forward to another undefeated season next year. Great job everybody.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, I'd like to call up our Parks Director, Ms. Liz Valera to the dais in recognition of Caribbean American Heritage Month, June 2019:

Whereas, our nation is linked to the Caribbean by our geography, as well as our shared past and common aspirations; and Whereas, during Caribbean American Heritage Month, we honor Americans long-shared history with our neighbors in the Caribbean celebrate Caribbean Americans who have enriched our nation and City; and, Whereas, this month we celebrate the triumph of Caribbean Americans, a diverse community that encompasses many nationalities and languages who have become leaders in every sector of American life, while maintaining the varied traditions of their countries of origin. I think Miramar fits that category. Whereas, Caribbean Americans embody the American spirit with their talents and hard work, contributing greatly to America's economy; and, Whereas, a significant portion of the Caribbean community are proud to call Miramar their home, thus, helping Miramar earn the distinction of being one of the most diverse cities in South Florida. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as Caribbean American Heritage Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: And, at this time, if you are of Caribbean heritage, would you please stand up. Everyone. Everyone -- everyone in the Commission Chambers, if you are of Caribbean heritage. So this proclamation is for you. At this time, I'd like to ask my colleagues from the Commission to join me upfront, in front of the dais, please, for our

next proclamation.

Proclamation: Former Prime Minister Edward Seaga Remembrance Day (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And I would like to call forward Mr. Andrew Seaga and family, and Ms. Wynter, representing the Consul General's office. Our next proclamation, a special proclamation in remembrance of the Most Honorable Edward Philip George Seaga, former prime minister of Jamaica. He served from the first of November 1980 through the tenth of February 1989. On this day, Wednesday, 5th June 2019:

Whereas, he was born in Boston, Massachusetts on 28th of May, 1930, to parents, Philip George Seaga and Erna; and, Whereas, he was a graduate of Wolmer's Boy's School in Kingston, Jamaica, and also furthered his education at Harvard University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences in 1952; and, Whereas, he was recognized as a giant of the political sphere on his entry into politics to present day, as he had contributed to drafting the foundational document that continues to guide the governance of Jamaica, the Constitution; and, Whereas, Edward Philip George Seaga was Jamaica's fifth prime minister and longest serving parliamentarian serving 43 years in the House of Representatives, and leader of the Jamaica Labour Party, a position he held for 30 years; and, Whereas, he was instrumental in the development of Jamaica's rich culture, heritage in the arts, crafts, musical entertainment, and folk culture; and, Whereas, admired for his expansive contributions and the passionate involvement in the nation's economic and financial development, including the building of social programs to help the underprivileged in the society; and, Whereas, upon his retirement, he continued to make immense contributions in the richness of brand Jamaica that is celebrated globally; and, Whereas, Edward Philip George Seaga is survived by his wife, Carla, children, Christopher, Anabella, Andrew and Gabrielle. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do, hereby, extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Nationalist of the Jamaican Diaspora.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we're so honored to have the family here present today to receive this proclamation. And, at this time, if you would like to share any words, you can do so at this time

MR. SEAGA: So I do want to say thank you very much for this honor. On behalf of my father and the family, and the people of Jamaica, this is a -- it's a great proclamation, and we do appreciate it and say thank you. You know, if my father were still alive, I know he'd be in awe at all the great things that are being done in his great City. And, so, thank you again.

MAYOR MESSAM: God bless you all. And, again, as a reminder, for anyone who would like to sign the condolences book, it is located outside in the lobby. It will be there for a short more minutes before the Consul General's office leave today, and feel free to sign

the condolences book. Thank you. Thank you so much. And the Consul General, Oliver Mair is actually on his way; he was held up at the airport and is in transit, so I just wanted to acknowledge his efforts to be here to join us this evening for this affair.

Proclamation: CPR and AED Awareness Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And our final proclamation, I'd like forward Lawrence Franchetti, owner of One Beat CPR, to receive the proclamation for CPR and AED Awareness Week, June 1st through the 7th. Good evening, sir. CPR and AED Awareness week, June 1st through the 7th, 2019:

Whereas, American Heart Association data shows more than 350,000 EMS assessed out of hospital cardiac arrests occur each year in the United States; and, Whereas, prompt delivery of CPR more than doubles the victim's chance of survival by helping to maintain vital blood flow to the heart and brain, increasing the amount of time in which an electric shock from a defibrillator may be effective; and, Whereas, an automated external defibrillator, which is also known as AED, even when used by a bystander is safe, easy to operate, and if used immediately after the onset of a sudden cardiac arrest is highly effective terminating ventricular fibrillation, so the heart can resume a normal, effective rhythm; and, Whereas, for every minute without bystander CPR, survival from a witness cardiac arrest decrease seven to ten percent. The interval between the 911 telephone call and the arrival of emergency medical services personnel is usually longer than five minutes. Therefore, a cardiac arrest victim's survival is likely to depend on a public trained and -- and the public trained in CPR and AED use, and access to these lifesaving devices; and, Whereas, the American Heart Association, and the American Red Cross, and the National Safety Council and One Beat CPR are preparing public awareness and training campaigns on CRP and AED use to be held during the first week of June. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do, hereby, proclaim the week of June 1st through the 7th, 2019, as CPR and AED Awareness Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: Let's give them a round of applause. And, at this time, we'll have a presentation for the City.

MR. FRANCHETTI: Thank you so much, Mayor, and thank you Commission Board. Really, importantly, thank you all for the citizens being here, and to all the first responders over there, the men and women who are responding to 911 calls when we call 911. Our goal from One Beat CPR and AED is to help enable citizen superheroes. And I'm speaking to, you know, the chiefs over there. And our average response time here in the Miramar is six and a half minutes after you call 911. The challenge is, with sudden cardiac arrest is that for every minute that goes by, less ten percent chance of living, so telemedicine, access to the knowledge of CPR, and access to AED is very vital in the chain of survival of sudden cardiac arrest. So, today, we're really grateful for being a part of the Broward County community. We've had a lot of success, and it's our goal to help

our citizens, so we're going to be donating two AEDs from our company organization to the County and the City of Miramar. But then also, we have a foundation through One Beat CPR, so we're going to match our own donation, and donate an additional two AEDs, so we'll have four AEDs being sent throughout the City Center here, hopefully never used, but if they are, we're going to save some lives if we can. So, thank you so much for the opportunity to be here today.

MAYOR MESSAM: And thank you so much for your generosity, because it will -- it may save a life. Thank you so much. Before we go onto Consent Agenda, I would like to provide an opportunity for Commissioner Barnes to express some remarks regarding our for -- our former Prime Minister Seaga.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think it is most important that this be placed on our record, as someone who's known the former prime minister for as long as I've been in the business of broadcasting. And I'm of the opinion that he's been written into the annals of Jamaican history, not because of any political achievements, but because of the incredible public servant that he was. So much of Jamaican popular culture that now has the kind of prominence that it has is due and owes to Mr. Seaga. As far as -- back as the late 1950s, there's a classic Jamaican recording called "Oh Manny Oh". This wasn't executive produced by him, it was actually produced in a recording studio by him. When Jamaica's first international musical genre became known, he's the one that saw to it that Jamaica Ska was played at the World Fair -- the World's Fair in New York in 1963 or '64. I am convinced, as someone who has studied and written about the music for a number of decades, I'm convinced that Reggae music is what it is today in great part because of what he did, as I said, starting in the 1950s. So much of what we take for granted about the hotel and accommodation industry in Jamaica is because of Seaga's creation of an organization known as the Urban Development Corporation, and it is important to note that the -- the hotel and tourism sector is the top foreign exchange earner for the country. I had the pleasure of having a number of interactions with him over the years, and one that stood out for me is on one evening when we had an independence celebration in his constituency, west Kingston, where I grew up. We were having problems with the sound system. I'm saying this is a holiday. He shows up in the middle of the proceedings to inquire was the sound system fixed. There is a picture that made social media today with him dancing with this lady, she was like 90 something. But if you want to understand the significant role he played in Jamaican culture, as we speak, Tivoli Gardens is preparing to have a nine-night for him. It takes long to explain. Ask a Jamaican friend what a nine-night is. And if you understand the connection between the former prime minister and nine-nights, and what is happening in Tivoli Gardens in half an hour from now, you'll understand the measure of the man. It has been my privilege to have known him, if only on a professional level, and I take to heart his autograph that he wrote in a book for me when he was here a few years ago for his book launch. And just the response I've gotten on social media; apparently, he liked the work I do in broadcasting, that is. I -- I beg all of you to do some research on Edward Seaga and understand what he meant, not just to Jamaica, but to Jamaican culture and, as well, to the English-speaking Caribbean. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Barnes.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: We now move on to Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. Anyone wishing to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda should approach the podium at this time. And number two has been withdrawn out of the Consent Agenda. Good evening. How are you?

MS. SCIALABBA: Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26th Street. I was going to comment on number two, so I guess I'll go back to my seat. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there mem -- any items wishing to be pulled, or may I take a motion at this time.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Seven.

MAYOR MESSAM: Number seven; Commissioner Chambers, number seven. Are there any other items? If not, may I have a motion on the balance of the Consent Agenda, please.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: 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 Chambers, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, the Commission voted:

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

1. Minutes from the Commission Workshop Meeting of May 15, 2019.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R6948 approving the **reappointment** of Dahlia A. Walker-Huntington, Esq., Vincent T. Brown, Esq., and Michelle Austin Pamies, Esq., as Code Compliance **Special Magistrates** for a term of one year commencing July 3, 2019 through July 2, 2020. (Police Chief Dexter Williams)

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3. Temp. Reso. #R6955 authorizing acceptance of **grant funding** in the total amount of \$141,550.00 from the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc.; approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreement for acceptance of grant funding for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for the provision of **adult daycare services**. (Social Services Director Katrina Davenport)

Resolution No. 19-124

4. Temp. Reso. #R6959 accepting an **Absolute Bill of Sale, Easement**, and other documents from Miramar Hotels, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, for the **water system improvements** serving **Springhill Suites**; authorizing the release of Letter of Credit No. 7014370 in the amount of \$109,583.00, and accepting a One-Year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$22,666.00 from Miramar Hotels LLC. (Assistant City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)

Resolution No. 19-125

5. Temp. Reso. #R6960 accepting an **Absolute Bill of Sale** from EIP at Miramar II, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, and **Easements** from EIP at Miramar, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, ABC Liquors Inc., a Florida Corporation, and Target Corporation, a Minnesota Corporation, for the **water and sewer system improvements** serving **Pollo Tropical** and **ABC Liquor Store** in the **Super Target Shopping Center**; authorizing the release of Surety Bond No. 47SUR300079010001 in the amount of \$120,740.00, and accepting a One-Year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$24,148 from EIP at Miramar LLC. (Assistant City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)

Resolution No. 19-126

6. Temp. Reso. #R6958 accepting a grant from the 2018 **Urban Area Security Initiative (“UASI”) Program** in the amount of \$113,690.00; authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Miami, as “Sponsoring Agency”, and the City of Miramar, as a “Participating Agency”, along with any future amendments to same and other memorandums of agreement related to the 2018 UASI Grant program deemed appropriate. (Fire-Rescue Chief Robert Palmer)

Resolution No. 19-127

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number seven, please.

7. Temp. Reso. #R6963 approving the purchase of services for **refurbishment of existing Fire-Rescue Department Pumps, Unit Nos. 085 and 086** from REV RTC, Inc., d/b/a Hall-Mark RTC, in the amount of \$274,454.74, utilizing Orange County Contract No. Y13-1056. (Interim Public Works Director Anthony A. Collins, Fire-Rescue Chief Robert Palmer, and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item seven is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the purchase of services for refurbishment of existing Fire-Rescue Department Pumps, Unit Nos. 085 and 086 from REV RTC, Inc., d/b/a Hall-Mark RTC, in the amount of \$274,454.74, utilizing Orange County Contract No. Y13-1056, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Commissioner Chambers, do you desire a presentation, or you just have an inquiry?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Just explain to the resident and the listening audience as to exactly what this is, so without going into all the details.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. COLLINS: Good evening. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, Anthony Collins, Interim City Public Works Director. This item -- can we take a quick look at the slides, please. So, essentially, this item serves to address two issues that exist with two fire units. We were confronted with a situation where we could either purchase two units, or we could repair two units. Decision was taken based on availability of funds that it was more economical to pursue repairs of the two units.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I just want to show the level of confidence that our -- and -- and capabilities our staff have here when it comes to making certain decision. And I -- I put a lot of confidence in our workers, the people on the ground that doing the work, day in and day out. They -- when it comes to making certain decision, they are at the forefront, so I just want to highlight that and thank staff.

MR. COLLINS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I just -- Mr. City Manager, with the IT end of the system seem to not working properly today.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The mic.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: The mic.

MAYOR MESSAM: The mic?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It seems low.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank -- thank so much for the update information. May I have a motion on item number seven, please?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: 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 #R6963, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 19-128

End of Consent Agenda

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

MAYOR MESSAM: On to other business. Mr. Manager has a report.

City Manager Reports:

(a) City Attorney Contract Update

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Mayor, Commissioner, at this time, I would like to do a short presentation on a request that was made to procurement, and I respond.

MS. AYUM: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Alicia Ayum, Procurement Director. So I think we just handed out something that delivered to you guys, a copy of the RLOI for city attorney services. So I just did a brief presentation. So the -- just a quick background. At the workshop on May 15th, 2019, to discuss the City Attorney contract, the Commission requested a request for letters of interest (RLOI) for City Attorney services to be drafted for your review. A draft RLOI for city attorney services was prepared and reviewed by City staff. The RLOI was sent to the City Commission on May 23rd for review and/or comments. The final draft was delivered to you guys today.

So the scope of work has three main sections. The section one is the project scope, section two are the fees and costs, and section three are the qualification. The scope of work -- the project scope provides a full description of the services and duties to be -- to be -- required to be the attorney of record for the City. The second section goes over whatever the proposal provides for the structure of compensation and fees, and then the third section is the qualifications. It requires the proposer to describe areas of expertise, you know, the topics that were brought up at the workshop, and the years in business, and references. And we have a tentative schedule for the RLOI. If you guys have no further comments on what -- what's in front of you and what's been presented, we can advertise the RLOI tomorrow, June 6th, with proposals due on June 27th, which is three weeks. Proposals would be reviewed the week of July 1st, and then be ready for City Commission approval on July 10th. That's it.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Mayor and Commissioner, we looked at a lot of other RLOIs in here, made sure that we identified all of the activities and the services that will be required in this -- in this pursuit for the answer of the attorney. We also sent to you a -- through the Commission, through these attorneys, a request to provide us information as to any event that there's a transition, what be -- what would be the economic impact to the City as well. So the attorneys have received that, and we will be getting feedback as you go through making a decision as to when you want to pursue this decision. We know that this is relatively not a simple task here for staff, because we have so many activities going on, but in terms of the operation of this city, it's essential for us to make a decision, so that staff can pursue the vision of this city. Thank you. Excuse me. I have given you my final recommendation to you, and it will be up to you -- your decision as to what you want to do.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Manager. Are there any other comments from the -- regarding this item, Mr. Manager?

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. So I'll ask if everyone will press their buttons who would like to speak. I see Vice Mayor Davis is up, and if everyone else would just punch in when - - if you would like to speak. Vice Mayor Davis, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I do see one area that I believe we had discussed earlier that is not on here, which is that they must be licensed to practice law in the State of Florida, and must have at least ten years' experience practicing in the field of local government law. I see here we have five years, and I do believe we had expressed ten. So if you could correct that. In addition, I -- I have not seen a recommended timeframe. I have, you know, a few -- well, I have a suggestion. I -- I do recall you saying that you could send it out as early as tomorrow, which would be great. But then a turnaround table, I would think -- and this is my recommendation -- of two weeks, and, pursuant to that, that a review by this body in time for the Commission meeting on July 10th, which would give us around 20 days, once the requests have been

-- the letters have been submitted to review. So if we could look at that for some consideration. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank you, Vice Mayor. Are there any other comments or questions? Commissioner Barnes, followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just that I would like to have the time to take a really good look at this before I offer any comprehensive responses for comments or recommendations. But this should be responded to, maybe to the office of the City Manager before our next meeting. So that is my response at this time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. I'm okay supporting the Vice Mayor suggestion for two weeks, and come back for us to review before we -- is it the July 10th meeting? So I'm in agreeance. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you have any comments?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The proposal seems -- seems okay with me. There was a timetable that was placed on the screen. If you can just show that again. I'm not sure that the Vice Mayor noticed that. Thank you. I'm okay. I'm -- I'm okay with the timetable that was proposed by -- by Vice Mayor. I just wasn't sure whether or not she had -- she noticed that you had something there.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: No, I didn't notice it, but --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm -- I'm good.

MAYOR MESSAM: That concludes your remarks?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: That's it.

MAYOR MESSAM: I do have a couple of questions just for the -- for my own edification, as well as, perhaps, for the public that we have some inquiries as well. And some of these are just standard questions. As it relates to this final document, our draft of the request for letters of -- of interest, is -- is this the same version that was initially emailed to us?

MS. AYUM: On May 23rd, this is a revised edition of -- it was revised today.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So are there any changes from the first version to this version?

MS. AYUM: Yes. Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. What are the changes?

MS. AYUM: We -- at the direction of the City Manager, we made a few changes to, I guess, reduce some of the requirements of the RLOI, so we reduced some language in the fees, making it -- simplifying the language. We made a couple changes to the -- hold on -- to the section on qualifications, where we removed the language about the participation plan, because we felt like we could discuss that during negotiations with whomever was selected. And then made a -- a few minor edits. And -- yeah, pretty much that's it. There were just three or four areas where we kind of reduced it, so that it -- it would be, you know, more pleaseable to somebody that may have been a smaller firm, not to make it too complicated.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So who made the changes? Who made the recommendations for the changes?

MS. AYUM: The City Manager.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Mr. Manager, who made the changes? Who submitted changes through change requests?

MS. AYUM: I have spoken to yourself, I spoken to the Commissioners there, and we asked the Commission to give us response since the 23rd. So, at this point, I looked at other cities, and looked at what they were preparing, and decided that we needed to make this simple, and we needed to go ahead and bring it back to the Commission. And then if the Commission makes some decisions that they see anything -- because this is -- we're going to get response; we wanted to make sure that the scope was very clear here; and we did not want to make this more complicated than it needed to be. And I wanted to make sure that there was transparency, in terms of the Commission being able to make their decision no different than they're making decisions and selecting a city manager. And so having the City -- having the Procurement trying to give scores and valuations, that would not be appropriate in this situation here. I didn't feel so.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Thank you for -- for your -- for your response. Before I bring up -- before I bring up the screen, I would like to -- just to give at least -- I'd like to share with the public in terms of what I think our -- RFLOI or request for letter of interest should accomplish. I think that this letter of interest should accomplish the following things, for the benefit of each of us as elected officials, as well as our bosses, the public, the voters that elect us. I think the RLI should clearly identify the scope of legal services, and any special requirements. I think it should clearly and resolutely disclose the fees for the cost of services. For example: stated hourly rate, monthly retainage fee for the general city attorney services; and I also think that the fee cost should also propose -- should be proposed to also consider what the cost would be for outside counsel services that should be needed on a case-by-case basis. And, in addition, I think this RLI should provide some provision, which I expressed in terms of some of the concerns -- I did see that the initial draft did call for there to be an evaluation by staff, in terms of a selection criteria, which I

think I do agree that -- that -- that staff should not be the -- the -- I guess, do the initial evaluation of the firm, just to remove any bias, you know, from the -- the process. However, I do think that we should have an independent counsel or consultant that receive the responses to the RLI, so another jurist, Bar-licensed attorney, that can look at the technical responses, in terms of completeness and responsiveness for this RLI. So at least there is an objective, checking the box process, that once we receive it as the Commission, that it's a responsive proposal. Because there are a lot of services, scope of work, special requirements that we're looking for -- for a firm. I may have my view of what a city attorney should be, each respective elected official may have their view, but I don't have a Bar license and, to my knowledge, I don't think anyone else on the dais does as well. But, ultimately, we have to make a decision. But I think, just for the initial screening. So that is what I feel would be in the best interest of the Commission and, therefore, the public, in terms of ensuring that what we are agreeing to, in terms of the services that we are looking for would be -- would met. I do think -- I think, though, that in one of the language -- one of the paragraphs in here cites our City Code Section 2.332, which is actually for our magistrates. That probably should be stricken or taken out, which says that -- because our code actually says: per that section of our code; it's when our City Manager negotiates with the Special Magistrate, their fees, which is then approved by the Commission. I don't think that that is -- that's relevant or pertains to -- to the selection of the city attorney, because the City Manager isn't negotiating that fee. This is -- it's the -- the City Commission is determining.

MS. AYUM: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: I would, though, like to show what I thought -- I -- though -- and I'm hearing from the presentation an attempt to simplify the RLI, but I think, though, I would like to draw some contrast, in terms to the initial RLI, and what was being requested to the final copy that we have, because I -- I think I share a different opinion, in terms of it being complicated. So if we can pull up the screen that shows -- this is the Word document that was sent, and I basically merged the two documents to show the variance or the changes from the first document to the second document. So if you just -- I'll just tell you to click to the -- the page, if you look on the screen. Probably, it's not that legible, but if you go -- well, this first part talks about the -- the -- it's just the page, it's next page. This page talks about the section code I think should be taken out, because that -- that - the fee or their hourly rate will be negotiated by the Commission, so that does not pertain to this solicitation. That code section talks about our Special Magistrates. Next page. Okay. So section two, fees and cost, it's -- I'm not sure -- it's not legible from the -- the public, what's in red is what was taken out. And this paragraph in section two, simply -- and, for the record -- by the way, I -- I've spoken to no attorney. I haven't spoken to our current attorney, I haven't spoken to any prospective attorneys, these are just -- these are my inquiries, for the record. Section 2.1; the current final draft says: fees and costs. The initial or the first draft says: provide the structure of compensation and fees you will charge the City, as well as projected budget costs of the relationship with the City. Specifically, the firm shall identify the personnel and resources to be provided under a monthly retainer for general city attorney services. The firm shall also identify any services not included

within this monthly retainer amount in a proposed schedule of fees to be billed separately. For purposes of this solicitation, services not identified as being outside general city attorney services will be considered covered under the monthly retainer, subject to negotiation. I think this provision, at least for me, lets me know what I'm buying. Our city attorney provides general attorney's services for a monthly retainer. It's like a catchall. These are all the general services, and this is our rate for those services. And, by the way, for the services that are not included in this monthly retainer, here is the schedule of what the fees are. So I see that clearly. I think that's simple, I think it's clear. The final draft says: provide the structure of compensation and fees you would charge the City. The firm shall identify -- first of all, there's two "thes", so you have to edit the second "the" out. The firm shall identify the personnel and resources to be provided. If you send this out to the public, if there are ten firms that would reply to this RLI, I guarantee you you or we will receive ten different fee structures, ten different formats, it will be literally impossible for us to compare apples to apples. It should be simple. An hourly rate, and a monthly retainer, and for anything that falls outside, it should be a schedule of what those fees are. I don't know how we will be able to -- I don't know how I will be able to understand what the costs are. Some firms may be thorough, and it will be noted. Another firm may be vague, because they haven't been provided the instructions. So I think this further complicates the situation. So my next question, who made the request to change this specific language?

MS. AYUM: City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I did. And, again, I gave Commission two weeks to give me a response.

MAYOR MESSAM: This is the first I'm seeing this version.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: No, no, you got a response before that, and nobody gave my staff a response, so I had to find myself talking with every Commissioner that I could talk with, and try to facilitate what we're talking about now. I tried to get us here where we're at, so now you have an opportunity to respond to what I put in there, and tell me what you want.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Because, otherwise, I didn't have it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So -- so this was a recommendation. So -- so I'm saying that this does not -- this confuses -- this will confuse attorney firms or law firms responding, because they will -- because it -- because it's vague. It's 2.1. I would say that we put back the original version. It does not put anyone at any disadvantage. It doesn't matter the size of the firm, whether they're small, medium or large. It provides clarity, it provides clear instructions on what -- today is the first time I've seen this, because this is when we first got this today, at 11:00, when it was emailed, that I --

MS. AYUM: I sent it out on the 23rd to everybody.

MAYOR MESSAM: This version, I see on the --

MS. AYUM: No, the one you're looking at now, today at 11:00. Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Exactly.

MS. AYUM: Yeah.

MAYOR MESSAM: It was sent today with this change. Okay. So that's why I'm responding the way that I'm responding.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Mayor. And I am very pleased to get the response, because now we can move forward, because if the City Manager with this operation, and this critical decision that has to be made. Mayor, sometimes you have to set up a forum to get people to respond, so that we can move forward. At this point now, it makes it very difficult from the City Manager's Office to go forward with many projects in there that are very critical to the City. So if this is the forum that -- that I had to use, then this is the forum that is being used, so that I can get your feedback, so we can move forward.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So I --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mayor, may I?

MAYOR MESSAM: I would say that we -- we put that back, so that the firms -- so that we are not debating. I'm trying to say a further debate to say that: okay, well this firm is saying they're charging \$200.00 an hour; this firm is saying \$170.00 an hour, but they didn't include a schedule. The other firm included the schedule. So how are we going to know what are costs are going to be? That's a real issue. So I think we need to provide as clear as possible the instructions on what we are being charged, so that we know what the costs are. If we are building a project, if it's a hard bid, they are putting in their bid bond, they're building the project for \$5.6 million, and unless it's a change authorized by us, that's what it is. We can't have a blank checkbook that's out there, or we can't have confusion in the evaluation process. So I would say that we provide 2.1 back to its original form, because it's provides clarity for us, so we know what we are being charged for regular services, and we at least have a schedule of fees for services that would fall outside of our normal legal services that we use.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Do you have any other comments on --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. On -- on section three. Section three speaks to the qualifications of management and personnel consultant qualifications. This is in the response. The law firms are to submit information, as it pertains to their firm, and how

they will execute the work. And it says on here that -- that when they submit -- that, for example, on number four, a list and explanation of ethics and other complaints filed against the law firm. If the law firms submit their responses to the City, and it just comes straight to us to look at and to evaluate, right, what is the mechanism that we're going to use to even know if there's been an ethics complaint? Who is going to contact the Florida Bar to see if, in the past ten years, if there's been an ethics complaint? So, in other words, who is vetting what is being sent to us? That is why I'm recommending that it would be in our best interest to have an -- an -- an unconflicted third party attorney that will serve as a consultant, who can look at the technical responses, in terms of what is being respond -- what is being submitted to us that, one, it checks out, it's true, all right. I think on here, there was something that asked for the references, in that -- who's checking references? So am I supposed to call their clients and ask for them? Who's doing the background check? So I understand we don't want staff to do that, but I really think that we should have someone vet this, vet the responses, vet the references. If someone says they were the city attorneys for (unintelligible 54:14) City, and they didn't, we won't know. The other issue in this same section, we took out -- and I know at least I've said this from the dais, that I wanted to see the inclusion of smaller minority businesses to be considered as a part of this RLI. And paragraph three was stricken out in its entirety. The City is requesting that proposers include smaller, local business participation, including the response the following information: describe in detail the strategy the proposer will use to utilize local and small businesses. List each proposed CBE firms, small business enterprise or local business, the projected dollar amount or percentage of the contract award of each local or small business firm. Regardless of it -- it will work out to be, we have not -- we took it out. So now firms will respond without any consideration -- you know, any consideration for the use of small businesses. Is -- are we saying now that that's not something that we're -- we're -- we're looking to have included? Even if a small business or a minority business submits as a prime, that doesn't mean that they can't use other minority and small business law firms as outside counsel, or to provide supplemental legal services under this contract. But that was taken out. I didn't know that was being taken out, so that caught me off guard. Maybe that was a request by somebody.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: That wasn't requested by nobody but me in here.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: What I was trying to do is I was trying to move too quickly here on this one here, and that we thought that we could do it in our negotiations. I'm -- I'm not going to take anything away with the staff, because staff did call me before it went out, --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: -- and suggested that, and I said, "Well, we can do it in negotiation, couldn't we." All right. We know that it's important.

MAYOR MESSAM: But I think though that -- I think firms should know going in this is our expectation. And if it's not in there, then they won't plan for it. They won't plan for it. So I think that should be put back in, in terms of the expectation of the utilization of small counsel and minority counsel on their teams. Number four, method of award. It says: the responses that com -- is -- well, what was stricken was: upon review of the proposals, firm will be evaluated. And I understand that was probably connected with the staff, evaluating it, and it was changed to the responses that comply the criteria shall be submitted. So if the responses that comply with the criteria shall be submitted, who does the complying if staff isn't? How will I know that the responses I receive complies with this RLI? Someone has to review it. Someone has to -- and -- and that's why I'm recommending an independent, third party that's not submitting for this, and that's not affiliated with any respondents. And I think I'm almost to the last -- and number five. Provide a proposed price proposal, as described in section two that was taken out, and that's under the list. Like, for example, the letter of interest format. So these are the instructions that the respondents will -- this is how they will reformat their response. They'll put in a transmittal letter that'll summarize the firm, capabilities, the scope of work that they'll be providing, they'll be showing how they demonstrate experience that complies with the scope of work, number three, qualifications of the individual company, experience. This will indicate like the -- the company's that or the cities that they -- they've managed. And number four, references. That's what I mentioned earlier, references; who's checking these references. But we totally removed out the proposed price proposal. Because, in this process, I would like to know whoever we're hiring, I want to be able to have confidence that, 1), the firm can do the job; 2) I know how much they're going to cost us. I know how much we're paying right now, and I don't expect to pay more. So for me to be able to understand that, I need to know -- I need to have a price proposal. I need to know the monthly retainage, I need to know the hourly rate for the general services, I need to have a schedule of fees for when it falls outside. That's the responsible thing to do. It doesn't disadvantage anyone. And I think that it puts us in the best position, so that when now we have to do the hard work of evaluating the firms that will respond, we will be, as the Commission, in the best position to be able to determine and decide on who will represent the City, in terms of being the -- our -- our city -- our city attorney. So I take them one by one, on the fees and the cost, I think we put back the original 2.1 paragraph.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I have some overall comments, if you're -- if you're done with yours.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. Yes, Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: And followed by Commissioner Chambers, Winston Barnes, and Vice Mayor -- Vice Mayor Davis.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Thank you. First of all, I do -- I appreciate the comments, I appreciate the fact that you had had time to go through it to this detail, even though you just received it at 11:00.

MAYOR MESSAM: At 11:00; I just received it at 11:00. I've been all afternoon looking at it.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I -- I certainly appreciate that. I -- I assume you didn't have enough time after that to present your changes to the Manager, because I thought we were presenting whatever issues we have with this to the Manager, so we wouldn't have this lengthy rewriting of document right here, but I do appreciate hearing your comments. I -- I think the language that's in what's recommended is adequate. This is time sensitive. This is a letter of interest. It's not an RFP. I'm looking forward to -- to this going forward, moving this forward, and -- and getting back responses, so that I can see who is interested, and we can make a decision here on the dais. I am not interested in delaying this. The Manager has stated, and I think we are all aware that this is something that we need to move quickly on. I am not interested in changing this document. I am interested in approving it, so that we can get responses back. And whatever issues we have -- I don't think that we can assume with the certainty that you have, that you have stated that all these things will happen. So I'm interested in getting the responses, and in being able to -- to make a decision as to our attorney as soon as possible, so that we can move on to the City business.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. I remember when I asked for courtesy continuation of this item, my intent was not to drag it out and have it get bog down and messy. Now I'm kind of having requests, but we are here. As Mr. Mayor stated that you're not an attorney, so that would only make sense that the attorneys, whoever going to respond to this item would respond, and we'll sort it out then. I did have a lengthy meeting with the City Manager yesterday, and we went over quite a few things, and this was one of the items that we went over and discussed the urgency as to how much things does he have on his plate and staff, and what we need to get done, and it's a very, very narrow window. This should have been done already, so we can move forward. I hate to be, at this point, not settle this issue, and I'm just disappointed right now. But what I will do is make a motion, so we can move forward with this City Manager recommendation, --

MAYOR MESSAM: We have two others --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- so --

MAYOR MESSAM: You have -- you have two colleagues that want to make a comment,
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COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So I'm going to put my motion on the floor --

MAYOR MESSAM: -- Commissioner, before you make that motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- to move the item forward. And that's where I'm at right now, at this point. Because, if not, we need to cancel the whole thing, or we need to select an attorney tonight. Don't we have a template from the previous attorney -- what was the -- the -- the template that we had before? I mean we've been using attorney for years. Don't we have a template even with the current attorney that we have? Do we have something on record?

MS. AYUM: What template are you talking about?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Whatever hiring practice that went in place, whatever their guideline was.

MS. AYUM: Well, remember --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I've never got a bill from the current attorney. I've never seen one, so there got to be some structure in place previously for the last 20 years or however many years it is. And even with the previous attorney before this firm.

MS. AYUM: Yes. There is a current structure, because this attorney has been with us for a long time, so it's already -- you know, they have their way of how they bill, and how we pay, and how, you know, matters are handled. We already have that in place.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So can I have copies of the original set up that we have in place, and all the changes that went on over the years leading up to where we're at now with the current firm, or maybe go back through a previous firm? Is it possible to have that request sent to me?

MS. AYUM: A set up like a contract or something?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: You contract and changes that went on over the years. I'm pretty sure there was a -- some amendment that went into place.

MS. AYUM: I can request it.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: There's not -- excuse me, excuse me. There is no amendments to that. Once that contract was signed in 1997, that stayed in place always, so there's no amendments.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Manager. I yield the floor. I'll make a motion at the appropriate time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Again, I -- I have to pose the question. Why is there this apparent mad rush to change our attorneys? Has there been a major, for example, scandal in the law firm? Has this law firm been publicly embarrassed or scandalized? Has the current law firm scandalized or caused great embarrassment to the City? Why are we -- how can we, in the same breath talk about getting this process as best as it can be crafted, and yet be in a hurry? I defer to -- to a number of comments made by -- by -- by the Mayor. And I think no -- no disrespect whatsoever to staff, but I'm convinced that confirmation that this document was prepared in a hurry, in a rush. Section 2, fees and cost, 2.1 the firm. It means somehow or other this was not vetted for even typographical mistakes. There is a rush and a hurry, not because I think so, but that these documents manifest that rush and hurry. I also want to agree with the suggestion made by the Mayor that we seek out an independent consultant. Where are these checks and balances going to be made? Is it going to be made by the City Manager's Office? Is it going -- are they going to be made by the Commission as a whole? Is it going -- are they going to be made by the Commissioners solo? I -- I'm having serious, serious problems with -- with the rush and the hurry that is evident, that is obvious going forward. If we want to end up with legal representation that is the best possible under the circumstances -- for example, why -- why were these clauses removed? I -- I'm seeing this document for the first time now. Obviously, a lot of work was done by the Mayor to -- to -- to -- to be able to compare the two documents. The question has to be asked, why were these details removed from the original proposal? I'm absolutely uncomfortable with the apparent rush to -- to -- to -- to bring in new representation. What is the real reason behind the apparent and obvious rush? That is what unsettles me. Why have we removed sections of the proposal that would clarify certain demands that we have as a city, and yet create more uncertainty, if you would? Again, I'm suggesting very strongly, that we look at employing, at whatever cost, an independent consultant to look at these documents, look at the proposals. You know, when -- when -- when -- as -- as has been asked, when you inquire about a law firm's being brought up for whatever kind of disciplinary reasons, who is going to look at this documentation? Who is going to request it when the information comes back was a particular person has been censured? Is not only that I don't think anyone employed in the City can do it, but I don't think they should be asked to do it if we want this to be a thorough and fair assessment.

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

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. Okay. So the original document that was sent to us by the City Manager gave us more than enough time to review with any changes, and it's come back with changes. What perplexes me is that it appears to me as though the original document was designed by the Mayor. I don't understand how --

MAYOR MESSAM: That's incorrect. And the Manager can tell you that.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I said it appears to me.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well your appearance is wrong.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So what I'm -- what I'm -- what I'm not understanding is that everything on the original document suited you fine, yet most things on the original document seemed just suited you fine, and there was no remarks given to the Manager ahead of time about an independent person reviewing -- we had more than enough time to make these recommendations to the Manager. Now recommendations have been made, the Manager has done his due -- you know, research, and done what he's done. He's very capable, I'm sure, and here we are today going over a document now to put it back to where it was suitable to maybe a particular person on this Commission. So that's what bothers me. I looked at some things that were glaring to me, and I proposed changes. And everybody else had that opportunity to do so. Coming here now and, you know, recommending all these different things that you really should have talked to the Manager about is -- is just prolonging the issue. I think that if we got the proposals, and there are questions why each of these -- us, as a commission, with regards to any matter that's brought before us by the proposals, that we then can seek responsive -- if we want to check their credentials. There are ways and means to do without added expense, as was done when we sought the original city manager several years back. There was an expense to us, which ended up -- to me, it was just fruitless to even go through that process. And just recently we didn't do that at all. It was simply -- I wasn't here, but a city manager was simply appointed and decided without going through any kind of independent person, and much the same, this particular position reports to this Commission, and it doesn't have to be treated any differently. We get the information, we make our decision and go forward. That's -- that's my two cents.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here's my clarification. For the record, I had nothing to do with the inception, the adoption, the creation or the authoring of the original draft of this document. And the final product did not reflect my initial responses. When I saw the first draft, I informed the Manager that I could understand the wariness of having staff evaluate the respondents, so I did not take exception to that. And I further went on to state that I think an independent person should be able to vet the qualifications and submit it from a responsiveness and a completeness standpoint, because the evaluation would take place by the Commission. That's what I told the Manager, and I'm sure he will vet -- he will verify what I just stated. So you stand corrected on that point. Second, those were the items I submitted. So I'm not trying to prolong this. In fact, I think two weeks is too short, but I'm okay with that. I think the Manager can find someone to, when it comes back to

us, to be able to review it and meet our timetable. I have not once said we should delay this. I have not once said that we should throw this out. Not one word came out of my mouth about delaying what I think is an improbable timeline, which I have not yet to even object to. So you stand corrected again on that point. I got this document, basically, at noon today. And saw that the fee structure was removed. So it's quite natural for me to ask the question -- the public should know how much they're paying. And for any elected official to just accept the proposal without knowing at least what we are going to be paying initially -- we should want to know that. See the first blush first. We have to negotiate -- I don't want to go to the negotiating table without no clue. This RLI doesn't even let us know in their response what percentage of their work is going to be retained or done by outside counsel, and what those rates are going to be. So we're going to select a firm and then find out what their percentage is going to be, and then find out how much they're going to charge us? Again, these are just questions to clarify not delay the process, but when it comes back to us that I know, the public knows what we're paying. So don't try to make me the bad person. I'm not delaying this. I just want to make sure we hire a darn good attorney and we know what we're paying. My question is -- I guess what everybody else is wondering why others don't. I'm not trying to delay this. I stand on my record. It's in the public's best interest to know what the proposals for the fee will be. It's in the public's best interest to know the capabilities of the firm, what will be done in house, what won't be done in house, what will be general attorney services, what won't be, and what will be the cost for each within the timeframe of whatever you all want. I give you the timeframe. Why don't you want to know what we'll be paying? Why don't you want to vet if there's an ethics complaint? Are you all going to call the Bar? Are you all going to call every city that they put down as a reference? Haven't heard a response to that. I just hear accusations on me for asking very transparent questions. So you can make me the bad guy. I will be the bad guy for the best interest of this City. I will be the bad guy for my bosses, the voters who will want me to know and ask the questions, how much our fees are going to be. Whether you rehire the current firm or not, whoever sits to our left, I can tell you right now what we're paying. We're paying about -- I know we're paying less than \$200.00 an hour. And I know if we have to go to trial, what our rate is going to be.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor, call the question.

MAYOR MESSAM: I have the floor. I have the floor.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Call the question.

MAYOR MESSAM: No, no. I am going to speak my mind, because the things is is that -
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COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You have done so. You have done so.

MAYOR MESSAM: No, I'm going to speak -- I'm going to speak -- I'm going to speak my mind, because if the accusations --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You have given --

MAYOR MESSAM: Accusations were --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You have given --

MAYOR MESSAM: Accusations were made on my about trying to delay this process, and I'm not trying to delay this process. In fact I'm proceeding --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: We're discussing -- we're discussing --

MAYOR MESSAM: I have -- I have the floor now.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well, I'd like to -- I'd like for us to vote.

MAYOR MESSAM: You had your time to talk. You had your time or to call it.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You need to follow the procedures.

MAYOR MESSAM: I am the chair.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I would like to make a motion.

MAYOR MESSAM: I am the chair.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well, then follow the procedures.

MAYOR MESSAM: I am responding, so that the public will know that I am not trying to delay the process --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You have said that.

MAYOR MESSAM: That I am --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You have said that several times.

MAYOR MESSAM: I want -- the public should know what we are paying in our fees.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You have said that. We are not approving a payment today.

MAYOR MESSAM: And I want to know specifically, because I know --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You are deceiving the public. This is not an RFP. This is a letter of interest.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we could ask --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You are being deceitful. You are throwing stuff in the game that does not belong at this stage, does not have to be at this stage.

MAYOR MESSAM: We can ask.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I have asked -- I have --

MAYOR MESSAM: There is one stage. There is one stage.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I have rightfully asked to call the vote. I've made a motion to approve this document. And I ask that you, as chair, take the right position and follow the process.

MAYOR MESSAM: There has not been -- there has not been a question called.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I have called the question.

MAYOR MESSAM: What is the question? Okay. So -- and I'm talking --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I would like for us to vote on this.

MAYOR MESSAM: I have the floor. When I'm done with the floor, you can call your question. I allowed you to speak, I allowed everyone to speak.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: At this point, you should --

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- stop your comments.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam director --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: First, procedure is a concern procedurally.

MAYOR MESSAM: You're out of order, ma'am. Madam director --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I am not out of order, you --

MAYOR MESSAM: Director of Purchasing, please come to the --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You are out of order.

MAYOR MESSAM: I have the floor. I have a question. Madam Director, please come to the podium. Is there anything that precludes a letter of interest for a governmental entity to illustrate their fee structure? It's not negotiating, but illustrating what their fee structure would be on the based on the -- on the services that was being provided based on the original draft? Is there anything that precludes --

MS. AYUM: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- in an RLI?

MS. AYUM: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: So for the public's edification, what was stated was the RLI was not allowed in this procurement type --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: That was not stated, and you are not being truthful, and I will not have this. I did not state that.

MAYOR MESSAM: The RLI process does allow the City to ask in the initial submission -
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COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It does not require it.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- the cost for --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It does not require it.

MAYOR MESSAM: It does not prohibit it.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It does not require it.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Call the question, please.

MAYOR MESSAM: So --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It does not require it.

MAYOR MESSAM: So you're stating for the record that it does not?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Call the question. It does not require it. You have two members that have asked to call the question.

MAYOR MESSAM: There is no question. What motion was made?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The motion is to approve the document.

MAYOR MESSAM: No one has made that motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve the City Manager recommendation.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And I have one thing to add, because, as I mentioned, it says must have five years, I believe we had said ten. Mr. Manager, did you change that or --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I didn't change anything.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: He didn't change it.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Sorry.

MS. AYUM: We didn't change it.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: But we had said ten originally, ten years of municipal experience.

MS. AYUM: I made a note that you wanted me to change it back to ten.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So you changed it to five?

MS. AYUM: It may have been in the original RFP when we were reviewing the scope, and it may have come in as five, but I will make the change to ten, as you requested.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: If that's okay with -- as far as you made the motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I'm okay with that; consent.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Make a motion.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I'd like the motion to be made to include ten years of municipal experience. The Manager's request to be taken at face value here. The motion is to approve this document to go out, including the ten years.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Before this vote is taken, is it my understanding, or I have gotten this all wrong --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: There is voting on the floor.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: There is voting going on.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motions are taken when debates have come to an end or not.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: So am I allowed to respond to a number of things that have been said in the last couple of minutes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: We have made the motion and got a second.

MAYOR MESSAM: You may respond, Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: We've already had discussion.

MAYOR MESSAM: If you choose to respond, you may respond.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: First of all, let me say absolutely clearly how absolutely unfair it has been of staff to have not asked me to sit down and have some kind of a discussion about this document.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Lord, don't let me go out (unintelligible 1:23:12).

COMMISSIONER BARNES: And has been happening over the last few meetings, from the very stirrings of this mood to change our attorneys, some people have been included in discussions, some people have not been included in some decision -- discussions. That is clear and obvious, if it never was obvious over the last couple of meetings, it is obvious now. My positions have always been very clear, transparent, and obvious. It is absolutely for us to have gotten to this place where the Office of the City Manager at no time whatsoever requested a meeting with me or his representative to discuss this document. And that is a fact which can be changed by anybody sitting on this dais. The Office of the City Manager did not ask to have a meeting with me to discuss this document.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: What is real fact that you never -- me and you have been having a conflict from day one, 16 years. All right. You indicated to me that you didn't have time to talk with me. You didn't need to meet with me. No matter how much I was trying to -- to reach out to you.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: And you have a number --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Not 16 years, me and you --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: That is not even true. That is not true at all. You know I have a number of reservations about the way you were brought in as city manager, and I

think everybody in this room knows that. The reality is that you have a number of assistants. If you don't want to meet with me, you can have someone, your representative meet with me, so that is of no consequence whatsoever. There are a number of people who work along with you that are your designees, that are your representatives, if -- if you ask for a meeting in this particular instance and I refused, simple, you ask someone else to meet with me, so that is of no consequence or relevance in this situation. The fact is - - is not whether I was asked to meet and refused to meet, which you are suggesting or implying. I was never asked to meet about this document. And, again, I am saying it is absolutely unfair. And I'm repeating what I said before. There obviously is a decision, whether articulated or otherwise, that there is no need to meet with certain people when certain decisions are to be made. I'm not res -- I'm -- I'm not creating anything, I'm responding to the reality of what has transpired over the last many weeks. I'm not creating any reality. I'm dealing with the facts as they stand.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: You created a reality when you called me a racist. All right.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Oooh, that's where we went. Anyways, we're talking about this document. So maybe I'm not the person who don't want to meet then.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Just a minute. Madam Procurement, a question. When does the first document went out?

MS. AYUM: On May 23rd.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: May 23rd, okay. Now we're in June. Now the City Manager work for the Commission, right, from -- from what I understand the way things work here. And when the City Manager send a document to the Commission, we supposed to respond, and if we want a meeting with the City Manager, we can call his office at any time, we can have our assistant reach out to the City Manager staff. So to my Commission -- Commissioner Barnes, it's unfair to said the City Manager do not want to meet with me, because it's incumbent on us to reach out to his office if there is -- if we having an issue with a document that he's -- a memo that he send to us. So, in my -- in defense of the City Manager, I think it's our responsibility, and that's why I took the time out yesterday to meet with him -- I should say, met with him, and went over a few things and expressed a few things in this document, that you guys were able to change and so forth, in addition to whoever else had met with the City Manager. So, with that said, I think we need to move forward, the question is on the floor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes, please.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: 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 Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to accept the revised RLOI with the recommended change of requiring 10 years' experience practicing in the field of local government law, the Commission voted:

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

Approved

MAYOR MESSAM: Five-minute recess.

Recess/Reconvene

Commissioner Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: The meeting is called back to -- to order. Commission reports, starting down with Commissioner Barnes, working our way back to the left. Commissioner Barnes, you have a report?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No. But I have some observations I need to make. The English language is tough. It's been claimed that it is the most difficult language to learn. And sometimes simple statements need to be clarified as we go along. Let it be remembered that at no time whatsoever did I call anyone sitting on this dais a racist. Never did, never planned to, there's no need to. I said, if I remember correctly, I paraphrase myself, a very virulent strain of reverse racism had broken out in the City, that was my statement. In addition, reference was made about seeking meetings with staff. Any meeting I would have had with the City Manager or his representative would have been had before this document was produced 11:00 this morning. Simple. It doesn't get any simpler than that. So whether I have a problem meeting with the City Manager or not, again is absolutely irrelevant. The fact of the matter is that we continue to appear to be in a rush. So whether I had a meeting last week, yesterday, last night, this was published at 11:00 this morning.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized. You have a report, sir?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Next slide, please. Just want to remind all my resident of the upcoming hurricane season, to start to prepare early and put things in place, make sure we don't get caught off guard, so just a friendly reminder to all the resident to take the extra precaution. I just want to say thanks to Vice Mayor Davis and the Consul General office and our staff here at the City of Miramar for hosting the Reggae Girl. It was a great experience for the City of Miramar and our resident, and the surrounding community. People came from near and far, and it was very well attended and very supported, so just want to thank Vice Mayor Davis, Consul General office, and especially the Miramar -- our staff here, City of Miramar for being so accommodating, and work long hours and have time to get things done.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We have a wonderful show here, Majah Hype. I must say every seat was sold in our theater. It was a wonderful experience to see all the seats sold out. It was the debut of Maxeen, and I think the crowd had a good time. Maxeen, M-A-X-E-E-N. Just want to thank Pastor David Range and Miramar United Methodist Church, the men's group. For every year, we host our annual picnic, and special, special thanks to the women of this church. They always support us, the men, and just thank them so much for helping, and thanks to everyone that came out to have a wonderful time. We had over, maybe, five, 600 people. Mr. Abel and his team did a fantastic job harvesting coconut. Myself, I know we had enough, everyone had two, three, and four coconut. Also thank you to Mr. Pedlar, who's in charge of the men's group. They just did an awesome job. And looking forward to next year event. And for those of you who missed it this year, you do not want to miss it next year, because it was so many food, so much fun, and thanks to Mr. Taylor who provide the music. It was just a wonderful experience. I just want to say one of our very own employees here, Ms. Tennille Decoste, was appointed to the Human Rights Board of Broward County, and was given a proclamation by Vice Mayor Dale Holness. As you know, this is a very important board

that look out for the -- and serve people who disadvantaged, and making sure our rights are upheld and in place. Ms. Tennille, thank you so much, and looking forward to you serving on this board, and we appreciate you, and it's a very important position, so thank you for stepping up and serving on that board. As we know, June is Caribbean American Heritage Month, and this by no accident, this is something that was initiated back in 1999 by the -- excuse me -- that this was something that was presenting to then President Bill Clinton back in 1999, and was enacted in 2005 by then President Bush, and was issue a proclamation and Congress voted on this. So declare June National Caribbean American Heritage Month. So it's fitting for us here to celebrate that Caribbean American Heritage in Miramar that this coming Saturday, June 8 will be our annual celebration at Shirley Branca Park, 6900 Miramar Parkway. Looking forward to seeing everyone come on out, and this is a family event, so please bring your children, so we can enjoy Caribbean American Heritage Month. Caribbean community been contributing to this country from way back in time. I believe the first person was from -- secretary was from Nevis, so we go way back. And, once again, my annual citizen workshop will be coming up on June 22nd, and this is will be held at the Youth Enrichment Center, 7000 Miramar Parkway. We want to help everyone to apply for the citizenship. If you're qualified and you have your Green Card for more than five years, or if you're in a marriage relationship for more than three years, you are eligible to apply for citizenship. I'm pleased to say that I'm partner with the Jamaican-American Bar Association, and Florida Immigration Coalition out of Miami, so for those of you who are home, if you're not working, if you're low income, you might qualify for a fee waiver from the federal government; that's \$750.00 that you pay to the federal government. Please, come on down, we're going to help you. We're going to have attorney that get out -- gets out their bed on a Saturday morning -- Saturday morning and volunteer their time for free. You do not want to miss this. I must say this coming Sunday, I will be hosting a symposium here on mental -- mental health, and this is something that kind of taboo in our community. A lot of us going through difficulty, some of us have pull through it, some don't make it, but what I'm looking for anyone who have experience in mental health and want to share and have a discussion. You're welcome to reach out to my office, so that we can set you up for Sunday. We're going to have lunch at 1:00, and then we'll be having a life discussion free from 3:00 to 5:00. I'm looking for someone who already can speak about what they have gone through, and what they needed the most when they were going through mental health. How can their -- their family help, how can your friends help, and how can anyone who, as a family member or friend, can assist when someone is going through difficulties. So that's the discussion we want to have. It's a small group, focus group, so we want to have result. So if someone interested, please reach out to my office. And looking forward to attending the Jamaican American -- Jamaican conference, Diaspora Conference in Jamaica from June 16 to the 20th. And most of my colleague here on the dais will be going to Jamaica, so this should be a wonderful experience, and we can learn things, and bring back to our community. I know we're going to have a lot of discussion on 2030, and it's going to be a great experience. This is my first time attending the Diaspora Conference, so I'm really looking forward to it. I must say this is my pride and joy. My daughter Mia Chambers. She graduated today from Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School, the graduation held at FIU south campus. Mia graduate with a 5.0 GPA. She is number four in her school -- in

her school graduation class, so very proud of her, and I see her with her mom, her brother, and they goes -- she and her friends, best friend and her brother. And proud to say that Mia, instead of going off to her academic school, she chose to go to the Navy, so my daughter will be serving in the Military, and that's her decision, that's what she want to do, so I have to go along with that, so I thankful for that, and she'll be fine. She work hard, she volunteer, so I'm very proud of her. And her brother is two years into his veterinarian program at Miami-Dade, so they're doing well. And, finally, we have a number of graduations throughout the City of Miramar. One last night without exception always, Miramar High School. Great group of graduates. They -- exceptional children, the teachers, they work so hard, and they're -- they make it. So we want to congratulate Miramar High School, the principal and the faculty and staff for the hard work that they put into their student. Most of all, the parents. The parents don't give up, they push their children. They drop them off at school, they provide food, and a lot of these children that go to Miramar, they have a lot of rough times, if you hear their story. You would never believe that right here in America kids have a difficult time in school, and with a lot of difficult stuff, but they -- they -- they pull through and they made it. And another school Miramar -- Everglade High School also, I was in attendance, along with Commissioner Colbourne Saturday, and also proud to have Silver Shores Elementary, fifth grade graduation here right here in the Miramar theater. We thank them so much, the children and the family were happy just to have a venue here. The family was not restricted to come, so, once again, thanks to the staff at the theater that provided just the service for us. And I believe that's it. Thank you everyone. Hope everyone have a wonderful weekend and be safe

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank --

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. On May 28th, I hosted a third, annual Ramadan Iftar dinner, along with the Muslim community of South Florida, where they broke fast and had a great meal, over 200 people attended. The program had a good a blend of Muslim culture and practices, as well as brief exhortations from Father Andrew, and Rabbi Gold. The sponsors were recognized, and certificates and proclamations was read in the presence of the Muslim community. I hosted last Friday a hurricane preparedness event with seniors over in Heron Point. We had the pleasure of Romeo Lavarias from Emergency Management, who explained procedures, where to go during the hurricane, and some precautions that need to be taken. We also had a couple of individuals: Amanda -- including Amanda Murphy from Social Services. We had individuals from PACE here in Miramar, also gave some advice to -- to those residents, and -- and the pleasure of issuing a bag with goodies that was provided -- some of the items from the City, and some of them from our sponsors. We prepared a go bag. Go bag is just a bag that -- that has some essential items for -- for -- for you when you're ready to go, when you have to leave in a hurry, things that you will need if you have to

evacuate. Thinks you would need after -- after a hurricane, or -- or during a hurricane. And they had some of those items, and we encouraged the residents to add other items that they feel are essential, things that they need immediately, such as their medication, and so forth. We do encourage residents to be prepared during hurricane season; we never know when something -- when one is going to sneak up on us. So I do have one - one request, Mr. Manager. Last hurricane a couple years ago, Heron Point is located over in Sherman Circle area. And that particular community, there was a group of buildings that were without light for a number of days. I would like to -- if you can check with FP&L to ensure that they are on a priority grid. I don't know, they may be on it, that may not have been the issue, but I would like to make sure that those seniors -- because it is a -- it is a senior community, that if they do lose -- lose electricity, that they will get their electricity back as soon as possible on a priority basis. If you can check that for me. Next Thursday, June 13, I'm hosting the Annual HOA Roundtable, meeting and inviting property managers and homeowners' association board members to come on out and participate. For more information, please call my office, 954-602-3143. Congratulations to all of the graduates; congratulations, Commissioner Chambers on your daughter's graduation and her choice to join the Navy. That's it for me, thank you.

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

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I would just like to thank staff who worked diligently to bring about the Reggae Girls here in the City of Miramar. In fact, we've been history -- they made history, of course, being the first Caribbean nation to qualify for the Women's World Cup in France. Their first game being in June 9th, but we made history in the City of Miramar with this event filling up the seats of the Ansin Sports Complex, like we've never seen. In fact, the Miami Herald reported about 5,000 patrons who came to support the girls, and how came into the City of Miramar to see how wonderful facilities, and I think we should be very grateful and proud of that, that we could host that Reggae Girls team here in the City of Miramar. It gets such an overwhelming response to them being here. It was a fundraising event for them, so people paid to come into the facility, so that the girls could have the resources they need to compete on the world stage. We had a good four days of celebrations with a sports summit, VIP reception, and culminated with the games. And you should be very proud of yourselves, those that -- who participated from the Parks Department, those from the Marketing Department, my staff, and the City -- the Vice Mayor's Office, you all did a fantastic job with the high demands that it called for. The City Manager, thank you for your support, the assistant City managers, thank you for your support, and thank you for your vision, because, as the Bible says, without vision, the people perish. We want to make sure we have open minds, and are able to accept challenges as they come across to us and, you know, do what we do very well. So thank you there. We do have, again, as Commissioner Chambers mentioned, it is Caribbean American Heritage Month. There are a lot of activities. In fact, I should have a little video that we can just show. It will just outline all of the activities, and I won't have to say much more. (Video shown) Thank you. So all of the festivities and fun that's going to be happening in June, we hope to see you at some of these events. Moving quite along, I do have another item that I'd like for this Commission to review, and

the Clerk has something she's going to pass out. You passed it out already; perfect. I need to get one. Did you send -- give me one? You can keep that one. All right. She has one. All right. So what I wanted to bring to the attention of the Commission -- two types of proclamations, and I'm really pleased to see that we now have the requester's name on our proclamations. Previously, when I was a commissioner, that was not there. I had requested it. I wasn't able to get that done, but I see, in my absence, it's there, the requester's name is on the proclamation. What I would like to see, however, is that, similar to the way the Broward County Commission has it displayed right there where it's visible and can be clearly seen as to who's requesting the proclamation. This is important, because a lot of the times people reach out to the Commission, and they have to prepare the document, and it is then given to the Mayor for signature. I'd like to see that it is prominently placed on the proclamation, so folks can see, as it is done here, and also in the language where it says: Now, therefore, I, Wayne M. Messam, the Mayor and on behalf of the Commission; I'd like it to state there the requester's name, so it would read: Now, therefore, I, Wayne W -- I, Wayne M. Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar and on behalf of -- if it's Commissioner Chambers requesting it, and on behalf of Commissioner Chambers, and the City Commission, wish to show -- whatever it is. I would like to see that in the body of the proclamation. That way, I think it's fair and equitable to those who are preparing a proclamation, those who -- who have requested that a commissioner bring it forward, and that it's just given to the Mayor for signature, which is of course his duty. If I could get a consensus, and just changing it up, so that it reflects a more fair and accurate presentation of the proclamation. I'd appreciate that, and maybe the attorneys can let me know how to do that. Is it by changing of the resolution, is it something that we can just do. The attorneys --

MAYOR MESSAM: Who makes -- who makes the proclamations in the City?

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Okay. So in the Commission procedures, it outlines how proclamations, presentations, that sort of thing would be done. So if that needs to be changed, it has to be changed by resolution.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. So if I could get consensus to -- it's minor changes, it's a matter of the requester is already there. to ensure that the requester is located more prominently on the proclamation, and that in the body where it says: on behalf of the Commission, it hasn't changed; it still say on behalf of the Commission, but whoever is requesting it, they are mentioned there also. Can I get consensus for that?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I think that's a fair assessment. So I can consent to this.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So if we could have that changed --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I don't know why -- I didn't come up with this suggestion before, but it's here; I think we should go with that. Make sense.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: All right. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: I have the requesters on the -- on the proclamation, and the proclamation states who the requester is, and, therefore, on -- as the Mayor, I am the one who's making the proclamation. I am identifying who is requesting -- who requested the proclamation.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I think we have consensus --

MAYOR MESSAM: So --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: -- to procedurally change it.

MAYOR MESSAM: I guess this is a -- you got procedures, but I want to hear what the procedures say, and how to do it.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yeah. I've looked at the procedures.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: So under the Commission procedures, on page six, number four, proclamations, the Mayor and any Commissioner may request that the Mayor issue a proclamation. All request for proclamations shall be made to the Mayor one week in advance, if possible. If the Mayor chooses not to issue a proclamation, the requesting Commissioner may bring that proclamation to the Commission for consideration. All proclamations shall be issued by the Mayor's Office. Every proclamation shall include the name of the Commission member requesting the proclamation. That's the totality of the -- the Commission procedures.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And so we're looking to update the procedures. They've been updated before. We have consensus to change it, so that it reflects what it says here, in terms of, yes, requested by, where it's placed, how it looks, and in the body to have the requester in there. That's all we're doing. Are we -- have that, Madam Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: So you have consensus --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes, you heard the consensus.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Okay.

- City Commission consensus to revise the Miramar City Commission Meeting Procedures: Preparation of Agenda Items, "Proclamations".

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. Moving along, there's one other item that I would like to address, and I know I brought it up, and I'd like to get some response from our attorneys regarding the request to the Division of Elections with regards to the -- at what timeframe, or did you have any feedback for the timeframe when if you run for office, and the office

of the president is the one in particular here -- I know I ran for County, and at some point, I had to resign to run. Did you get any information on that?

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: We have not gotten a response back yet, but we will follow up with them.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: In the meantime, is there something that this Commission can do. I -- I -- I know a lot of times we are more strict and more stringent than the State regulations rule, so I'd like to know if you would look into what our recourse is.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Yes, we can look into that.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So you'll look into it and have it for the next meeting?

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. I'm done.

MAYOR MESSAM: My reports. In terms of -- I'd like to have our -- for the Manager to have our Chief to assess the safety of City Hall in terms of point of entry to the City Hall, the Commission Chambers, as well as just daily operations, to see if our current configuration or what is a -- what is a, I guess, a threat assessment, in terms of -- in light -- in light of all the issues that have gone on across the country. Not necessarily to point out Virginia Beach, but there's obviously -- we can't have 100 percent, you know, security in any facility, but I think we -- I think we should, perhaps, assess in terms of the safety of these Commission Chambers. For example, right now, someone walks in here to do harm, what are our vulnerabilities. So I would like to have that submitted to my office as soon as possible.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, does that include the parking garage also?

MAYOR MESSAM: What's that?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Does that include the parking garage where we park, the elected official, or --

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, my request is for City Hall, but it could be an assessment on all facilities in the City, but in terms of where our practical vulnerabilities are. So my request is in terms of our -- of our facilities. I'm not sure what parking lots, parking garages, obviously present some vulnerabilities as well. So any recommendations that -- that police -- I guess could look citywide, in terms of where -- where there may be vulnerabilities, not just the Commission, but just in general for public servants in the City.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Is that facilities or people?

MAYOR MESSAM: My request is for the facilities, the facilities. For example, if you go to City Hall in Hollywood, they have a security checkpoint. You go to the County, there's a security checkpoint. I just want to get a vulnerability and a security assessment of our facility, so at least we can say: here are the threats, and what are our options. There's no direction or expenditures being made in terms of just evaluating where we are as City Hall, in terms of our vulnerabilities. That is my request. Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: I just wanted to mention something. You can actually conduct a security executive session. We haven't done one before, but it's probably a good idea when you do the assessment, to have it in an executive session, for obvious reasons. You don't want that assessment to necessarily brought to the public, because then they'll know what's vulnerable, what areas are vulnerable. So that might be a good idea to do that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Madam Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: You're welcome.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. First announcement, City of -- Circle of Fathers event that will be taking place in partnership with the City of Miramar. This event will take place on August the 3rd at 10:00 a.m. right here at City Hall. To register for the event, it's www.circleoffathers.org; it's hosted by Tracy Martin, the father of our dear -- actually -- actually, he played for Miramar Wolverines; Trayvon played at our Forzano Park with the Miramar Wolverines, whose life was taken some years ago. But his father and his mother has taken his legacy to advocate for fatherhood, as well as for gun safety. And last year's event was great, and this year's Redefining Father Conference will take place right here at Miramar City Hall. Topics will include social status of black men and boys, effects of an absent father, five goals of fatherhood. You can register at circleoffathers.org. So we'll see you on August -- August the 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Our summer technology boot camp that will take place on June 17th to June 28th. Currently, right now, we are taking names for a waiting list. The class is actually full. We are looking at options to include a second session, so if you were not successful in getting in on the first set of kids for this boot camp, we ask you to submit your names for the waiting list, and if we're able to add a second session, you will be contacted. And that takes place June 17th through June 28th, and you can call 954-602-3198 for more information. And today, we had the Google workshop, in collaboration with Broward County Latin Chamber. At this event, there were dozens of business owners that came to find out resources, and get information regarding the -- the utilization of the internet, Google tools, to modernize their businesses, to market their business through Google, to look at the other assets and resources that will bring your business to the gig economy. So as technology advances, your business should also advance in regards to reaching this broad marketplace, and the event was well attended, and we're happy to support our small businesses here in the City of Miramar, providing them dynamic resources to ensure that they are successful. Are there any reports from the Attorney? Yes.

City Attorney Reports:

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Yes, I have two executive sessions to announce. Pursuant to Florida Statute section 286.0118A, governing public meetings, I, as the attorney for the City of Miramar, wish to advise the City during this public meeting that I desire advice concerning two litigation matters. One is O'Brien Alliance vs. City of Miramar, Florida, et al, in the United States District Courts, Southern District of Florida, Case No. 18-62023-CIV-Altman/Hunt. I ask that we hold an executive session prior to one of the next upcoming Commission meetings at 6:30 p.m. Attending this session will be the Mayor and Commissioners, City Manager, myself, Jaime Cole and Matthew H. Mandel. The second is Lourdes Pierre and Michel Jean Gillis Pierre vs. City of Miramar, Florida, et al in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida, Case No. CACE13-02760614. I ask that we hold an executive session on June 12th, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. Attending this session will be the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, myself, Jaime Cole, Daniel L. Abbott and Matthew T. Ramenda. That's it.

MAYOR MESSAM: That's it?

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank you.

FUTURE WORKSHOP

Date	Time	Subject	Location
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
07/12/19	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: Meeting's adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, CMC
City Clerk
DG/cp