



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

April 15, 2020

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:02 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 Maxwell B. Chambers (Remoted)
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes (Remoted)
Commissioner Yvette Colbourne (Remoted)
Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis (Remoted)

The following members of staff were present:

City Manager Vernon Hargray
City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks (Remoted)
City Attorney Norman Powell (Remoted)
City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening everyone. Those who are viewing us on our cable channel, online or calling in virtually, the meeting of the Miramar City Commission is now called to order. Pursuant to Executive Order #20-69 issued by the office of Governor Ron DeSantis on March 20th, 2020, municipalities may conduct meetings of their governing boards without having a quorum of its members present physically or at any specific location, and utilizing communications media technology, such as telephonic or video conferencing, as provided by section 120.54 5(b) 2, Florida Statutes. The members of the City Commission appearing remotely for this meeting are Vice Mayor Chambers, Commissioners Barnes, Colbourne and Davis. An opportunity was given to the public to email the City Clerk 24 hours prior to the Commission meeting with any questions, comments or concerns on items we will hear on this evening's agenda. Any person may be heard by the City Commission through the chair, and upon registering pursuant to the published notice, for not more than three minutes on any proposition before the City Commission unless modified by the chair. This meeting is being streamed live -- excuse

me. This meeting is being streamed live at miramarfl/commissionmeeting, and televised on Comcast channel 78 for City of Miramar residents and subscribers. As of April 15th at 4:00 p.m., we have received 14 inquiries expressing interest in participating in the meeting. Since this is a virtual meeting, as authorized by the Governor of the State of Florida, members of the public wishing to address the Commission may do so. All comments submitted will be included as part of the record for this virtual meeting, and will be considered by the City Commission prior to any action taken. All interested parties are required to abide by all State, County, local emergency orders and are urged to remain at home and practice social distancing. Madam Clerk, at this time, may you please call the roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers. Vice Mayor Chambers.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne. Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Manager Hargray.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Norris-Weeks. City Attorney --

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Powell.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers, are you there?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I'm here, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Okay. Thank you.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, let us all rise for the pledge of allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, let us all observe a moment of silence for any condolences that we are experiencing in the community. In light of the current situation nationally and worldwide with COVID-19, the world, in fact, had experienced loss of life due to the coronavirus. As of today, the City of Miramar has 203 individuals that have tested positive for coronavirus. The City of Hollywood has 979; Fort Lauderdale 756, and Pompano Beach 233, and throughout Broward County, there are 3,223 individuals in Broward County that have been tested positive. So let's keep those individuals in our thoughts and prayers, and we'll pause for a moment of silence. Thank you.

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSIONS:

MAYOR MESSAM: We do have a few presentations, starting with proclamations that we would like to recognize.

A Proclamation: Arbor Day (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And the first proclamation is in recognition of Arbor Day:

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and, Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious top soil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce live-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and, Whereas, trees in our city beautiful, our community, increase property value, enhance the economic vitality of our business area, and soften the appearance of our structures and streets; and, Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and, Whereas, the City will continue its commitment to urban forestry through its update tree care ordinance, and annual Arbor Day observance; and, Whereas, the City encourages all residents to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of this and future generations. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do proclaim April 24th as National Arbor Day in the City of Miramar.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: And it is this time of year we are recognizing the -- a proclamation for the Hurricane Preparedness Week, which takes place May 3rd through the 9th, as we prepare for the month of June, which begins the hurricane season; and:

Whereas, Florida hurricane season officially begins June 1st and ends November 30th; and, Whereas, Florida has 1,197 statute miles of coastline, our area in particular, and areas of Florida, 100 of miles inland are vulnerable to the devastating effects of a hurricane or tropical storm; and, Whereas, both public and private entities should develop emergency response and recovery plans in accordance with local jurisdictions and local emergency management offices; and, Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service are designating the week of May 3rd through the 9th as Hurricane Preparedness Week in Florida and in the City of Miramar; and, Whereas, the Florida Division of the Emergency Management and the leaders of the City of Miramar strongly suggest that all residents and visitors to this area be made aware of the potential dangers of these storms; and, Whereas, the best defense is preparedness and public education about the danger of high winds, storm surge, flooding and tornadoes that may occur for hundreds of miles, in conjunction with hurricane or tropical storms. And, now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3rd through 9th, 2020, as Hurricane Preparedness Week.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation, National Community Development Week, April 13th through 17th, 2020, and:

Whereas, the week of April 13th through 17th, 2020, has been designated as National Community Development Week, in line with the National Community Development Association to celebrate Community Development Block Grant program, and the Home Investment Partnerships program; and, Whereas, the CDBG program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low and moderate income people; and, Whereas, the Home Investment Partnerships program provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, affordable housing opportunities for low income persons where, nationally, over one million units of affordable housing have been completely using HOME funds; and, Whereas, over the past five years, Miramar has received a total of \$3,813,179.00 in CDBG funds, and \$828,741.00 in HOME funds; and, Whereas, the following activities have been funded: residential rehabilitation, commercial rehabilitation, microenterprise, community outreach, parks improvement, and residential utility connections. Now, therefore, I, Wayne

Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of April 13th through 17th as National Community Development Week in support of these two support of these two valuable programs that have made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of our community.

A Proclamation: Autism Awareness Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation is in observance of Autism Awareness Month, April 15th, 2020:

Whereas, Autism Spectrum Disorder, (ASD) represents a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe, impacting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those touched by it; and, Whereas, autism affects people regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status or geography, and impacts families and communities; and, Whereas, more healthcare professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates across the country as high as one in 54 children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and, Whereas, while there is no cure for autism, it is well documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment, they lead significantly improved lives; and, Whereas, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety, and to support families resilience, as they manage the psychological and financial burden of autism that it can present; and, Whereas, the first National Autism Awareness Month was declared by Autism Society in April 1970 to provide an opportunity to educate our communities about autism, and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar seeks to show support and help spread awareness, and encourage further education on this disorder. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, do hereby proclaim April 2020 in the City of Miramar to be Autism Awareness Month.

A Proclamation: Safe Storage Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And our final proclamation is Lock It Up Safe Storage Month, May 2020:

Whereas, the Miramar Commission is firmly committed to reduction and prevention of gun violence in the City of Miramar and Broward County; and, Whereas, the League of Women Voters of Broward County has provided significant leadership in gun violence prevention through community education, and creation of their Lock It Up gun safety program; and, Whereas, 40,000 Americans are killed by guns each year, 100,000 more are shot and injured, and two thirds of all gun deaths are suicide; and, Whereas, suicide is a national epidemic, costing the lives of 6,000 veterans each year, and is leading cause of death for first responders; most

suicides are impulsive, and while 90 percent of survivors will not attempt suicide again, access to a gun triples the risk of death, and is the most lethal method of suicide; and, Whereas, 4.5 million children live in homes with unlocked guns, and three out of four know -- and three out of four know where the gun is located, and one in three admit to handling the gun without permission. In Florida, a child is shot every 17 hours on average, nearly 1,500 minors are killed by guns each year, and three million are directly exposed to gun violence, causing lasting trauma, PTSD, and decreased potential; and, Whereas, in Florida a gun is stolen every 26 minutes on average, fueling crime, responsible -- fueling crime. Responsible firearm storage at home and in vehicles would reduce gun theft and crime; and, Whereas, gun violence cost Floridians \$14 billion each year, and some which could be significantly reduced with -- with responsible firearm storage. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim May 2020 Lock It Up Safe Storage Month.

A Presentation: COVID-19 and Emergency Management Update (Fire Rescue Emergency Manager Romeo Lavarias)

MAYOR MESSAM: No, at this time, we will have a presentation by our Fire Rescue Emergency Manager Romeo Lavarias on COVID-19 emergency management update.

MR. LAVARIAS: -- Emergency Management Division, Fire Rescue Department, providing you an update on the COVID crisis, okay. As you can see from the -- that's the latest numbers that you are looking at right now, as determined by the Florida Department of Health, Broward County and other resources. As the Mayor had mentioned before, you see to the left where we stand as a city compared to other cities in Broward County, in terms of coronavirus cases. Next slide please. Is there a way to -- can you reduce the size -- it's hard to see -- IT? Okay. What you're looking -- IT, is there a way to reduce the size. Okay. Well, in any case, what you're looking at here -- the efforts that we made to -- for our staff. We're always looking into providing the latest updated information on PPEs. We're also looking into providing modified shifts for employees that -- that are either here at work or at home, and we've use innovative ways working with IT to include virtual meetings and video conferencing to maintain current operations. Next slide. Okay. As it stands right now, we are working towards -- I'm sorry -- can't see the slide that well. We are working with getting -- continuing to work with the State and the County to distribute supplies to ALFS. We get contacted by the County when the -- when the supplies are drop shipped to the County, and after being contacted, we picked up and immediately take the -- whatever supplies they have given to all the ALFs. We've also -- working on encouraging businesses and residents to sign up for the Alert Miramar alert notification service and, obviously, our website is consistently being updated. Next slide. Okay. Working with EBD, the -- the Economic & Business Development Department, they continue to reach out to the small businesses, and that staff receive online training on how they assist; completing online applications via computer-to-computer communication. Next slide. Okay. As you know -- as previously mentioned by Chief Palmer, the City still allows conducting per -- permits and inspections by our residents, by

either calling or emailing the departments listed there. Next slide. Okay. Water billing, the office, obviously, is temporarily closed, and that our online payments are processed with the convenience fees being waived. We've still -- the locations for drop off payments are listed there below. Next slide. As far as the community bus service, it's been reduced from 12 hours per day to six -- to six hours, and the hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., resuming again from 2:00 to 5:00. Riders are requested to have masks, but if they do not have any, the driver will provide them, and, as of Monday, April 13, bus routes went from four routes to two routes due to low ridership. Next slide. And that is our contact information that we'd like the public to know that if they text ALERT MIRAMAR, it'll take them to 888-777, or they can get updated information of COVID. That concludes our presentation. Are there any questions?

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, are there any questions from the Commission for staff regarding the report?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Mayor, in terms of building, for resident --

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

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. In terms of building with the resident and businesses that need to apply for permits, how are we arranging that?

MR. LAVARIAS: I'm sorry. Vice Mayor, I'm sorry, can you please repeat that question?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: No. I receive a number of calls of -- of folks need to apply for -- either complete or apply for the building permits. How are we handling that?

MR. LAVARIAS: Yes. Yeah, the -- the Building Department should be able to answer that question for you, sir. Building Department?

MR. SILVA: This is Eric Silva. I can answer the question.

MAYOR MESSAM: Just make sure that your line is not muted.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I'm not muted.

MAYOR MESSAM: For -- for staff.

MR. SILVA: It's Eric Silva. Is it okay to answer the question now, Mr. Mayor?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I've received a number of calls for folks that already have permits that was already in the pipeline, folks that have their building, whether it's roof or whatever permits they need to complete it or apply for. I'm just asking how -- are we assisting those resident to make sure they got through their permit process.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, we can -- we can't hear Director Silva, but just in short --

MR. SILVA: Can you hear me now, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we can hear you now. Go ahead, Mr. Silva.

MR. SILVA: Okay. I'm also in my office, so I can walk down if you need me to. Mr. Vice Mayor.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yes, sir.

MR. SILVA: The building permits, residential, we have a lot of permits for residential available on the internet that they can submit such things as windows and doors, shutters, water heaters, AC. Those are four, and they can go to the internet and submit those. If they have an application that's already in process, if they previously submitted hard copy files, the easiest thing to do is probably to make an appointment with the permit clerks to resubmit any corrections. It's kind of difficult to switch midstream from hard copy to digital.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Okay. All right, well my staff will continue to forward those names to you and those phone numbers, so you can reach back out to those residents to assist them.

MR. SILVA: Okay.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Also for those who are listening or watching online, our building department has an online portal where if you have made application for building permit, you can track the process of the plan review, and you can view the comments from the computer, as well as you can call in inspections and -- and see the results of those as well through the City's website. You can go to miramarfl.gov, go under departments -- under Community Development, and for the Building Department and click the button there for updates. So thanks so much, Vice Mayor. Are there any remaining questions from the Commission for staff?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah. Yeah, I'd like to be recognized.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, Commiss -- Commissioner Davis, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. I want to ask about the call center that we have, the 954-602-HELP. Are they trained to answer, or do they just refer folks to the COVID questions?

MR. VIRGIN: Commissioners, this is Roy Virgin, Utilities Director.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Hi, Roy.

MR. VIRGIN: The 602-HELP hotline, we are not entirely trained on all the COVID-19 questions, so we do defer those questions that are pertinent back to the rescue or emergency section particularly. But we are -- we take most of our calls that -- that come in.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. I just have a statement. I'd just like to thank the Manager for really moving swiftly on an earlier discussion I had last week, where we now require facial coverings for all patrons and employees of essential businesses. I'd also like to recognize our attorneys for really moving quickly on that as well, and getting the information from other cities that -- that they gathered in order to turn this emergency order around so quickly. And I think by doing so, we've seen other cities and in the -- and the County follow our lead, so I'd like to thank the Manager and the attorneys on that one. I'd also like to thank Shaun Gayle and the marketing team for their efforts in getting the word out to the public. I mean I had a resident tell me: Boy, you know, the amount of information we get, it seems like overkill, but they really appreciate it, and so I want to thank you for the work that you're doing, and of recent discussions that we had regarding SNAP, the SNAP food program, so that many of our residents can figure out and know how to apply for the food stamps, which is -- which is now known as SNAP. That went out, I believe, today, and so this information, you keep it coming; it is really proving to be helpful to our residents and businesses alike. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Davis. Are there any other comments from Commission regarding the report or the presentation. Hearing none, just one quick recommendation for the Manager and City staff regarding the 602-HELP. When you call 602-HELP, there's a very detailed and informative COVID-19 greeting. The greeting is made in three languages: in English, en Espanol, and Creole. And someone calling has to listen to all three translations; it's about four minutes by the time you are prompted for an option; I called yesterday. So the recommendation I would make is that there be just a brief greeting, and ask the caller if they wish to -- to get COVID-19 -- to hear a message about COVID-19 or updates that they can then make a selection, because they've opted to get that information. Some folks are just calling, whether about their permit, or maybe a water utility bill, or just any business function, so that it can be more efficient. So that would be the recommendation, just to -- just to troubleshoot through -- not necessarily troubleshoot, but just assess what we're having, so -- so our residents and our businesses can quickly get to the information that they need. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Moving on to Consent Agenda --

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.)

MAYOR MESSAM: Actually, before Consent agenda, it is now 7:30, and it's time for public

comment at 7:30, the second meeting. I know we have callers online or folks watching on -- on the cable channel or through the website, maybe viewing us for the first time. On the second meeting of the month at 7:30, we have public comments for residents to be able to comment on any topic that's not on the agenda for -- for tonight's agenda, and you have three minutes. We are also -- since we're having virtual meetings, individuals are able to email as well. We currently have 14 individuals that have reached out to the City. According to the notice, to participate in public participation, some folks are on the line, and some folks have requested for their statement to be read into the record. The order in which I will go about recognizing those individuals, I will state your name, if you -- I think we have queued everyone who has called in and established contact with you, so I will say your name and give you an opportunity to come online, and if you can just state your name and your address for the record, and then you will have three minutes to speak. And I welcome and -- and -- and thank everyone how has taken the time to participate. Our first public participant is Vanessa Rivera. Ms. Rivera, you're recognized. Ms. Rivera, are you there? Okay. I'm not sure if there's technical difficulties, but I'll come back. Our next public -- okay. I've been notified that Ms. Rivera is not on the line. Our next public participant, Mr. Eric Young, you're recognized.

MR. YOUNG: Good evening, Mayor and committee, all of the Commission. My name is Eric Young. I'm -- my address 3594 SW 69th Avenue in Miramar, Florida 33023. The purpose of my comments tonight -- I received a letter on the -- in the mail on -- it's dated March 3rd, it talks about a notice of Future Land Use Map and Comprehensive Plan amendment for short MITAC, I believe. I want to know several things. The first thing I want to know is how come such short notice was given to the residents of Miramar, and in admitting that a public meeting of this magnitude of the kind of project that is being proposed by the City of 942 dwelling units, and increasing the commercial office space from a quarter million to over a million square feet. I want to know why was such short notice was given to the residents. And exactly on March 9th, prior to the actual meeting, the Governor declared a national emergency, and, yet, from what I was told by Mr. Silva, that the Commission approved this plan with very little residents' involvement. I've been living over here in Miramar for -- since 1998, and I bought this home on the purpose of it being a very low-key community, down the street from parks. And now I'm being told that the City wants to, basically, build on our parks that are right down the street that is regularly used by the neighbor -- and the residents. I -- I -- I just don't understand -- on the back of the notice, it has redlined the -- the affected area of the amount of acreage that will be affected, from the Turnpike to 67th Avenue, and I'm being informed -- because I've asked plenty of my neighbors have they received this notice. And I showed them the notice, and they didn't get a copy of the notice. And I'm trying to figure out whether or not the City only sent it to the individuals that was actually in that red line, and not those that are actually in the zip code who this significant development would actually affect. And I -- I -- I want to know -- I asked Mr. Silva in a subsequent email several questions. He sent me a slideshow to, basically, demonstrate what the City is actually doing, but the slideshow really is colloquial to me, and no one could literally explain to me what they're actually trying to do in my neighborhood. This is my -- my nest egg. I worked in law enforcement for over 25 years, I've retired -- I retired this past month, and I want to know

what they're trying to do in my neighborhood.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank -- thank you -- thank you, Mr. Young. We value -- we value your -- your -- your comments and -- and coming on to voice your concern. The City Manager has noted that there is in development a presentation for the neighborhood to explain exactly what some of the zoning entitlements that are being proposed for the specific area, so that residents like yourself can get information. We have all of your contact information. I just spoke -- just chatted with the Manager to ensure that -- to get a status of where that is. It's -- it's under development, and it will be getting out to the community. In addition, the City of Miramar follows all of the appropriate notices and protocols in regards to communicating entitlement zoning or variance requests that may come about throughout the year to ensure that the public has an opportunity to participate. So, obviously, that process sent communication to your home, you read it, and you responded accordingly, so our commitment is to ensure that we get you additional information, as well as to your neighbors, so that you all can provide the appropriate input as well. So thank you so much for calling in. We have all of your contact information, and staff will be following up, so thank you so much, Mr. Young. Our next public participant is Mr. Chris Koval.

MR. KOVAL: Good evening, Mayor and Commissioners. Chris Koval, 19120 SW 29th Court in Miramar. Just wanted to -- this shouldn't take me long. At the last Commission meeting a few weeks ago, Commissioner Alexandra Davis brought up her concerns in reference to the billboard location, the new billboard location at Dykes Road and Miramar Parkway. She asked if there was a way it could be relocated. City Manager Hargray also voiced his concerns, and mentioned he would try to get some information back to everyone in a few weeks, which happens to be now, tonight. Obviously, with the coronavirus and other priorities at this time and not being insensitive to that, was anyone able to get any update on the billboard and if moving it is, in fact, an option? Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks -- thanks so much, Mr. Koval. There are -- there are a number of residents that are going to speak on the same topic, so what I'm going to do is allow everyone to voice their comments regarding the topic, and then afterwards I'll have the - the City Manager or his designee to respond specifically regarding the -- the inquiry. Our next public participant is Eddie Gorfinkel.

MR. GORFINKEL: Good evening Mayor and Commissioners. Again, my name is Eddie Gorfinkel. I live at 16415 SW 30th Street. I'll make it really quick. Basically, my family and I have lived out here since '97; we moved out west in 2003, love the expansion out west and the openness of the landscape. Needless to say, as you -- as the previous caller said, the issue with my bill -- the billboard, you know, kind of snuck upon me, in that I was driving home one day and, bam, there's this billboard being constructed. I was surprised to learn that, you know, back in -- about a year ago, the ban on billboards was eliminated after existing for so many years. And what disappointed me the most was that when this was done, and the -- the decision to put these billboards up was made, there was -- I received zero communications from -- from anybody, whether it be by mail, a

digital sign on the street, postings. I mean I go to my homeowners meetings; nothing was mentioned there. You know -- just to -- like some sort of like a town hall to see -- I mean this is a major thing in my opinion, not just, you know, making a minor little, you know, change. And it was very disappointing to see where -- especially this particular billboard was placed. I know that -- you know, I get notifications from nextdoor app and I see tons residents voicing their displeasure with the same thing. It -- it -- I mean it's a -- it's an eyesore. It -- it's -- it's -- it's -- just it worries me that, you know -- you know, that Miramar has always been about beauty and progress, and here we're putting billboards all over the place, and this one in particular just looks so out of place. I -- again, and I know that, you know, the previous caller mentioned about, you know, moving it, and I hope something is being done about that. My -- the only questions I really have are kind of more like: one, why was the ban removed after so many years; what effort, if any, was made to communicate to residents, especially those living close to where these were going to be put up to discuss the -- this; and, lastly, being at the place where it is, right off Miramar, right on Miramar, what are they -- who are they targeting with that? Because I know the ones usually on the highway, you're trying to get people to north/south, and that kind of thing. It -- it just seems so weird when all the other ones are -- are, you know, placed differently. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Mr. Gorfinkel. Our next public participant is David Triebwasser, and pardon me if I am mispronouncing your name; David Triebwasser.

MR. TRIEBWASSER: Thank you, Mayor Messam. No, you didn't mispronounce it. My name is David Triebwasser; address is 16733 SW 36th Street in Miramar. And I'd like to address a few issues I'm concerned with. I've been a -- a recent resident of Miramar; my family and I bought a home here around two years ago, and over those two years, I've become increasingly concerned with the decisions and actions that you and the Commission members have taken, and how they're impacting the quality of lives of residents in west Miramar in particular. Had I known some of these issues existed I -- might have given me pause to purchase my home here, and I'm concerned with how these decisions are affecting our property values in the future. Some of those issues that I'm addressing would be: obviously, the billboard that everyone is speaking of, and how it really does not belong in a residential community; the potential extension of Miramar Parkway to 27, and how that's going to be impacting traffic patterns and inconveniencing residents here; the existence of the amphitheater in the park, and the noise that it generates, and the disturbances to the neighborhoods, surrounding neighborhoods; the noise levels often seem excessive. So I'd like to know if there's any actions -- I know you had mentioned on the nextdoor app, that you were trying to take some actions to mitigate the sound of the noise. It often seems like the noise levels exceed reasonable levels, and the party goes on well into the evening beyond what seems acceptable, past 11:00 p.m., which I don't believe is allowed. The building of the Lennar residency. It just seems increasingly concerning that some of the decisions and actions that *(audio went out 41:47 to 41:56)* --

MAYOR MESSAM: Are you there, Mr. Triebwasser? I think we lost Mr. Triebwasser, but we did jot down -- and I'll respond to a couple afterwards, but in regards to your questions regarding the -- we'll have a -- a comprehensive response on the billboard, and I've noted your inquiry regarding the -- the Miramar Parkway and -- and the amphitheater. Our next public participant is Derrick Charleston. Mr. Charleston.

MR. CHARLESTON: Yes, Mayor, good afternoon, --

MAYOR MESSAM: Good afternoon.

MR. CHARLESTON: -- Mayor and the fellow Commissioners. My issue with the -- My name is Derrick Charleston. I've been a resident of Miramar for over 23 years. My address is 15281 SW 47 Street here in Miramar, Florida. And my issues with the billboard, and Commissioner Davis brought this issue up. I think that the billboard needs to be removed, because it poses a major hazard to the driving public between where it's placed. And it presents a major safety issue to distracting drivers, and add blind spots to -- toward the motorists that are driving in the afternoon facing the afternoon sun in their eyes. I think that placing a billboard with the -- not in 50 feet from a major intersection presents a major hazard, with the stop and go traffic at one of our major intersections in the City, and also one of the busiest intersections, I would say, within Broward County. Also being less than 150 feet from an off ramp being I-75, and if I'm on the downslope of a hill, presents more hazards to the driving and motoring public. I think we should visit this issue and make it -- remove that billboard, because it presents major hazards, and - - and at the worst place, it causes a distraction. And we got to understand what billboards are meant to do. They're meant to attract your attention, and -- and move the attention from what you're doing to look at the actual billboard. I ask that this billboard be removed in the name of because of a hazard and public safety. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Charleston. Our next public participant is Silvia and Jorge Solis.

MR. SOLIS: Thank you, Mayor, and good afternoon Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners and City officials. My name is Jorge Solis, 4957 SW 166 Avenue, Miramar, Florida 33027. And this is just a follow up to my February 19 request, right. Where I -- I ask you and the City officials to provide us with a explanation and an alternate the -- the billboard, this famous billboard. And, unfortunately, in these two months, nothing has happened. I feel totally -- totally un -- unrespectful. There was no answer, no nothing to me, even when there was a commitment, particularly from your side, to host a town hall to give us an explanation of what happened. I'm stating to my three points in that session: safety, right. it's a very busy intersection, and we just need to avoid any future accidents due to the distraction of the billboard; property value, it's clear to all of us. And, at that point you challenged me about the beauty and progress that we were -- that our city is about. Well, now I think that's back up by hundreds, if not thousands of postings on social media about people not agreeing with beauty of a billboard in our city, particularly in that intersection on -- on Miramar and Dykes. So I would like to respectfully ask you with a specific day,

time and place to host a town hall to review this item, so then we can evaluate alternatives to relocate that billboard. I mean that is a specific thing that a lot of residents are asking, we need to relocate that billboard, so, please, tell us when, how and who will be responsible for providing us with an answer, and the alternate fact to relocate that billboard in our city. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Solis. We will have a -- a response from City administration regarding the billboard topic. But before I go to my next speaker, as I mentioned in a prior Commission meeting, when the initial concerns were -- were brought forward during the initial construction of the -- the billboard, I was working with City administration to prepare a presentation for a town hall to discuss the -- the timeline of the planning, notices for the -- for the billboard, but then we were succumbed by the COVID-19 emergency orders that prohibited us from having a -- a physical town hall. So we are still planning on presenting -- and this Commission, also, from the last meeting has inquired as well, in terms of presenting information to the public regarding the billboards. So your request for a town hall was not ignored, it's -- it's just that we cannot congregate in a meeting place. All City facilities are closed to public meetings, so we were not able to have the -- the town hall. So I did want to at least respond to that, and then there'll be a comprehensive response regarding the billboard in general. But thank you so much, Mr. Solis, for your participation. Our next public participant is Carey Johnson, Carey Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mayor and Commission. My name is Carey Johnson. My address is 4933 SW 168th Avenue here in Miramar. I just wanted to reiterate a lot of what's been said already regarding the billboard, and make it official for the record my displeasure, not only with the erection of the billboard, the location of it, at the corner of Miramar Parkway and -- and Dykes Avenue. To me, it boggles my mind as to why anybody would think that that was a good idea, to place that monstrosity there in that particular location, not to mention who thought it was a good idea to begin with, but there it is. I'd like to add my voice to the others that have asked for it to be removed or there to be some discussion, at the very least, about it being removed. Further to that, I'd also like to say that I as well found it interesting how there was very little notice given about the proposed erection of that billboard to the residents. We are the taxpayers here, and I think we should have been given better notification than what we were told after the fact was notification that was sent -- supposedly sent out that I never saw, that I never received, and I never heard about. But, oddly enough, it quickly happened that the billboard was erected, and everybody that I know of, and a lot of the nextdoor app users have also expressed displeasure in the fact that it was -- was put up, and -- an -- and unbeknownst to most of us. Furthermore, I don't -- I also don't understand why it wasn't addressed on the nextdoor app. I've seen the Mayor make plenty of comments on the nextdoor app and -- and -- and state things about our city on the app, and I think that could have been a place where you could have opened the door and let people know. The way it was done seems a bit shady, if you'll pardon the expression, but in my mind that how it has come across. So I would like to add my voice to those that have already said that I think there should be some discussion about removing it and putting it

somewhere else if it has to be up at all. I've given up on the blasting situation, because clearly that's never going to change, but I don't see how these continued moves to deteriorate the quality of life here in Miramar is making anything better for our -- for the residents. As a resident for almost 20 years now, I got to tell you I'm very disappointed. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for your comments, Mr. Johnson. Our next public participant is Florian Langenmayr. Florian --

MR. LANGENMAYR: Good evening, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. LANGENMAYR: Yes. Good evening to you Mr. Mayor, to Vice Mayor, to you Commissioners. My name is Florian Langenmayr. I'm a resident at 3261 SW 189th Avenue in Miramar. First of all, I'd like to say thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to talk here today, and I really greatly appreciate all your hard work that you are doing. Normally, I'm not getting involved in public events and things like this, but also here the subject of the billboard is -- yeah, it was really -- yeah, it doesn't make me that happy in that regard. Because I have to say when the billboard was taken up or was built, I was quite shocked to see it where it's currently placed. One -- one point was that I just don't understand to have such a billboard in a residential area, and especially now if I'm driving home, then probably the first what I will see is a picture from, perhaps, a sleazy lawyer or a -- a -- a strip club, which has been greeting me when I'm driving to my house, which I think it's not just -- you know, shouldn't be in a residential area at one point. Also, which was a little bit disappointing, was how it has been communicate, because I haven't seen much communication in this regard, and I have to say -- I just have to -- yeah, to say the same thing what previous speaker before me was mentioning, that there was not much notice given to the residents. And if there are any kind of publications or if there is a concert or things like an opening of a dog park, there is a lot of communication going on, and everybody is bragging about it. But in such a thing which is affecting such a lot of people, not much communication was given, and also the -- from my understanding that the communication was just before Christmas, a few days before -- which was not many people were paying attention to those notices. And there was a really small sign at that place which mentioned that there should be a billboard, but nobody was reading it. It was more looking like a commercial for, you know, that someone wants to sell their house or something like this. So I think it was just not good communicated, and I'm just a little bit disappointed, you know, how residents -- yeah, get handled in this way. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Langenmayr, for your participation. Our next public speaker is Mauricio Gomez. Mr. Gomez.

MR. GOMEZ: Hello.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. GOMEZ: Hi, Mr. Mayor. Good evening, Mr. Mayor and Commissioners. Thank you for -- for the time. I live by 19516 SW 49 Court, Miramar, Florida 33029, which is Sunset Lakes. Before I said anything about the -- about the billboard, I want to say also something good. The response that you have had with the coronavirus has been good. I know that first hand. My wife is a nurse at Miramar Regional and we know what you have done, so that I can also say good things, you know. So it's not about only complaining. The response has been good. You guys have -- we -- we -- we know that the -- the amount of people -- I know, because I've heard. I know that the amount of people is not going to be as in many other cities, so -- so the response of the City has been good. What you made -- the -- the -- the businesses to get the -- get the -- to -- to -- to have the face masks was a great idea for customers, so I applaud you for that, you know. I -- I -- I think it's good. But now I go to the part that I'm calling, it's about the billboard. It's -- it was just -- it's just horrible, man. It's just terrible. The place of that billboard is -- is -- is -- is -- is -- I mean it's not -- it's not the place, you know. We live in a suburban area, which that kind of billboard should not be there. I live here since 2002. I love the City. Everybody that comes and visit me loves Miramar. But now that thing looks like I come -- I'm coming back from -- I'm going to get into -- into the Palmetto. You know, I drive to the Palmetto every day, and -- and -- and when I come home, the last thing I want to see is that type of billboard, you know. It's just horrible. It's not -- it was not a good idea. So it's -- it -- it should be okay for the Commissioners and you to accept that that was a bad idea. As -- as residents, we don't like it, we hate it. It will be there -- if you guys don't remove it and relocate or do something with it, it's going to be there for many years, and we're always going to remember this that it was done, and -- and -- and you guys didn't -- didn't hear us. I understand the -- the -- the part about making money and bringing revenue to the City, which is good, you know. If that -- if that's what you guys need to do, but the placement of that thing is horrendous, it's horrible. So please, I beg you, to put your -- you know, to say to us, you know, at the end of this call that you understand that it was a bad idea, that you guys are going to do something to remedy is, and have it in a good -- in a -- a different place or just remove it at all, that's up to the people that you guys did the contract. And say: Look, we got a -- you know, we did something that was wrong. So -- so that's -- that's it. It's the billboard. I hope that you guys do something with it, and -- and remove it, and -- and -- you know. So we don't want to see this when -- when we come home, okay. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Mr. Gomez. There are one, two, three residents that have sent in emails. Before I read those emails, I just want to check in with IT and the Clerk, was there another -- a 14th person that wanted to speak? Okay. All right. So the -- the last three public participants requested to have their emails read into the record. And the first is Mr. John Wall, resides 4318 SW 183rd Avenue, requested to have his email read to the record: I am sending this email to voice my disapproval of the Commission allowing billboards to be installed throughout the City. These devices are an eyesore and negatively affect our property values and attractiveness of our community. In particular, the billboard being erected on Miramar Parkway is completely out of place, as it is directed

to commuters traversing the City in an overwhelmingly residential community -- neighborhood. It is also placed facing traffic in both directions as they approach the busiest intersection west of I-75. This creates a distraction that takes drivers' eyes off the road as they approach and enter an intersection operated by a traffic signal. The fact that it changes information every few seconds adds to the length of time drivers will have their eyes off the road. We can -- we can then add an additional hazard that westbound traffic has a short field of view as across -- as they cross the overpass and have both a signal at the southbound I-75 exit and Dykes Road to comply with. Afternoon traffic backs up at -- up to the sig -- exit signal and beyond sometimes. State law forbids drivers to look at their cell phones, yet a giant electronic screen is safe? With 20 years of public safety service (ten of those specifically traffic), this is a substandard location that will most likely increase traffic crashes. I urge you to reconsider the -- and find a resolution to remove this billboard. Your attention and consideration to this matter is greatly appreciated. Our next resident, the first initial S. Jeune is the last name, and there's no address. Yes, I would like to participate in streaming live with the City of Miramar. I need to know the final decision on the billboard. I do not approve of this and would like to know the final decision. And our final public participant is Alanna Mersinger; address 2263 SW 182 Way. As a resident of western Miramar, I am respectfully requesting that the billboard on Dykes and Miramar Parkway be relocated to a more appropriate location, as its placement does not in any way fit into the community. Okay. So that concludes all of the public participation. For those who've been to Commission meetings in the past, and for those who are joining us for the first time, I always highly encourage the participation of our community during our public participation, so that the Commission can be made aware of issues of concern in the community. At this time, I'll turn it over to our City Manager to respond regarding the more popular topic in regards to the billboard. Mr. Vernon Hargray.

MR. HARGRAY: Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, this issue with the billboards -- I'm not going to go through the process, because we can provide that information to everyone about the process. What I have done is asked staff to take a look at the billboards and look at any alternatives that's feasible, and they have been given that assignment. We have a 20-year contract that is binding for us in here, but we -- I've asked the staff to talk with the -- the -- the owner of the billboard company to talk about what kind of alternatives, and what kind of approach can we make. This is not something that can be done overnight in here. There are some things that we're putting in place in here, but we are looking at this here, and seeking for a -- a -- a -- a alternative or a resolution to this issue. We cannot have no gathering in here, but at this time here I can tell you that we are looking for a -- a alternative or solution to this issue. I would have the Assistant City Manager Kelvin Baker speak about the sequence and more in detail. Kelvin Baker?

MAYOR MESSAM: Assistant City Manager Baker, you're recognized.

MR. BAKER: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commission. Are you -- are you able to hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we do. We hear you loud and clear, sir.

MR. BAKER: Great. Thank you. Thank you all for very much. Again, I want to speak to the -- the issue at hand. I have taken very -- very copious notes of all of the concerns that were raised, and we certainly -- our hearts go out to the our concerned residents. It's always a good thing when we hear -- hear of their -- of their concerns. I -- I -- I do want to tell you, unfortunately, the -- you know, the process did not work, but we have public hearings, and we have planning and zoning processes. And this particular project has been going on for over -- over a year with notifications and -- and things of that nature. And while I can go down and give you a chronological list of all of the public hearings things that we have -- we've gone through, I don't think that is going to address the concerns that were brought up this evening. I do want the community to know that the -- the -- the Manager and I are -- are working to come up with a -- a mitigation strategy to wholly resolve the concerns that were raised. But as he -- as he made known, this was - you know, this was not something that was pulled together overnight. And, unfortunately, it's not something that we can dismantle overnight, but we are giving you our word we're doing everything that we can. I -- I do want to say that -- and just -- and in attempting to answer some of the -- some of the concerns that -- that this particular billboard is coupled with four other locations throughout the City. It was brought in as a - a package -- a package deal, as a \$35 million revenue enhancement to our -- to our organization. But -- but needless to say, we are pursuing a mitigation strategy to see how we can better mitigate this situation, and make the residents in the west side our city happy. We're just asking and pleading if you'd just give us some time to work through these delicate issues, and we'll be pleased to report back, hopefully, a favorable finding at the end. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Baker. So we would just ask if the community would just allow our administration to come back to the City Commission and the community in regards to the options to address the community concern. And I would like to thank everyone who participated in the public participation process, so that we can work together as a community.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: Moving on to the 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. The Clerk received no requests to speak on the Consent Agenda. At this time, if there are any items that are pulled, we will pull those items and address them individually, and call the roll to record the votes in numerical order. At this time, are there any items from the Consent Agenda that wish to be pulled? If not, I'll entertain a motion for the passing of the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Agenda item number six, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Commissioner Barnes wishes to pull item number six. Are there any additional items from the Consent Agenda that wish to be pulled? If not, I'll entertain a motion for the balance of the Consent Agenda. May I have a motion, please?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approval.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, please record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mr. Mayor, Commissioner Barnes moved the item, and Commissioner Davis second the item.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: I'll record that motion.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Vice Mayor Chambers	Yes
Commissioner Colbourne	Yes

Commissioner Davis
Mayor Messam

Yes
Yes

1. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meetings of March 4, 2020, and April 1, 2020, and the Special Commission Meeting of March 18, 2020.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R7145 approving the final ranking and award of Request for Qualification No. 20-12-02, entitled "**Ansin Sports Complex, Phase IV**", to the highest evaluation scoring, most qualified responsive and responsible proposer, Gale Associates, South, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed professional services agreement with Gale Associates, South, Inc., for the provision of design services in an amount not-to-exceed \$183,782.00. *(Assistant City Engineer Salvador Zuniga and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 20-100

3. Temp. Reso. #R7149 approving and accepting **Hazard Grant Mitigation Program ("HGMP") Sub-Award and Grant Agreement** between Florida Division of Emergency Management ("FDEM") and the City of Miramar in the amount of \$20,587.50 for the installation of a manual generator transfer switch at **Sunset Lakes Community Center**. *(Public Works Director Anthony Collins)*

Resolution No. 20-101

4. Temp. Reso. #R7150 approving an amended and restated **Site Lease Agreement** between the City of Miramar and T-Mobile USA Tower LLC, for continued use of a cellular facility within a light pole at **Forzano Park** located at 2001 Douglas Road. *(Public Works Director Anthony Collins)*

Resolution No. 20-102

5. Temp. Reso. #R7157 authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreement with Micron Construction, Inc., for the buildout of the **Employee Onsite Health Center** in an amount not-to-exceed \$209,674.00. *(Human Resources Director Randy Cross)*

Resolution No. 20-103

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Attorney, Item number six, please.

6. Temp. Reso. #R7146 authorizing the City Manager to execute a **Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement** between the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management and the City of Miramar to accept a grant to reimburse

the City for eligible expenses from **Hurricane Dorian**. *(Financial Services Director Kevin E. Adderley)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Federally Funded Subaward -- Subaward and Grant Agreement between the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management and the City of Miramar to accept a grant to reimburse the City for eligible expenses from Hurricane Dorian, and providing for an effective date. *(Financial Services Director Kevin E. Adderley)*

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Commissioner Barnes, do you wish to have a presentation, or do you have a specific question for staff?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No -- no presentation, just a specific question. We -- we've had serious problems getting money from FEMA over the years. Is this a part of that, or this is totally State?

MAYOR MESSAM: Director Adderley?

MR. ADDERLEY: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Attorney, City Manager. My name is Kevin Adderley, Director of Financial Services. This is a new award that we are making an application for. FEMA, historically, is a very timely process in terms of submission of documentation, reviews and final receipt of allowable cost. So this is a new -- this is a new application related to Hurricane Dorian.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. And are we at liberty to speak publicly about what kind of money we're talking about?

MR. ADDERLEY: We have an approximate dollar amount, but bear in mind staff is still currently reviewing documentation, and which will be submitted to FEMA. But we're talking about a -- approximately half a million dollars.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. Thanks so much.

MR. ADDERLEY: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any members from the public? Seeing none in the audience. We don't have anyone in the Commission -- are there any other questions or comments from the Commission? Hearing none, may I have a motion, please, on item number six?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Moved by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice Mayor Chambers. Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice Mayor Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7158, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-104

End of Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number seven, please.

7. Temp. Reso. #R7158 considering a **Tri-Party Agreement** between the City of Miramar, Broward County, and three Limited Liability Companies, collectively known as the Developer, composed of Lennar Homes LLC; CCB Miramar, LLC; and CCB Miramar TIC, LLC; in order for the Developer to obtain building permits

for model homes prior to plat recordation of the **Tuscan Isles Plat**, located south of Bass Creek Road, west of Southwest 172 Avenue, and east of Southwest 184 Avenue. (*Community Development Director Eric Silva*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, considering a Tri-Party Agreement between the City of Miramar, Broward County, and three Limited Liability Companies, collectively known as the Developer, composed of Lennar Homes LLC; CCB Miramar, LLC; and CCB Miramar TIC, LLC; in order for the Developer to obtain building permits for model homes prior to plat recordation of the Tuscan Isles Plat, located south of Bass Creek Road, west of Southwest 172 Avenue, and east of Southwest 184 Avenue; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Silva, you're recognized.

MR. SILVA: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Eric Silva, Community Development. This item is for the Tuscan Isles permit agreement. Are the slides up, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, they are. Slides are up. You can proceed.

MR. SILVA: The first slide; City Commission approval is required for agreements with Broward County. And the section of the code that applies here is 307.11.2. So normally the building official does not issue any permits until a plat is recorded with the County unless there is a tri-party agreement approved pursuant to City code, which requires City Commission approval. This tri-party agreement applies to building permits for 12 model homes and requires that the City confirm that Broward County impact fees are paid prior to the issuance of the building permit, and this agreement allows the plat to be recorded prior to the certificate of occupancy. The location of the project; it's located just to the west of SW 172nd Avenue, and just south of Bass Creek Road; currently, site work is being done now on the property for infrastructure, lakes and roads. This slide here shows the 12-model home lots that this agreement applies to, and they are located towards the entrance of the project shown here in red. The recommendation is for approval with conditions. The applicant is required to acquire any State and federal permit approvals; they should record the plat before certificate of occupancy, and comply with all applicable conditions of previous approval. Just one note in those previous approvals, this plat application was approved by the City Commission in 2018. There was a -- a lawsuit that went on for a while that was just approved by Broward County last month on the 31st of March, so this is just about the -- the recording process for that plat application. It's already approved. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Silva. The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item, number seven. Are there any comments or questions from the Commission?

Hearing none, may I have a motion, please? May I have a motion on item number seven, please. If you're phones are on mute --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

MAYOR MESSAM: Do I have a second.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

CMG: Mr. Mayor, who moved the item?

MAYOR MESSAM: Who made the initial motion. Your voice --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I think I did.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes. Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Resolution #R7158, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Vice Mayor Chambers	Yes
Commissioner Colbourne	Yes

Commissioner Davis
Mayor Messam

Yes
Yes

Resolution No. 20-105

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number eight please.

8. Temp. Reso. #R7141 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute the **Proposed Park Agreement - Fee in Lieu of Land** with Lennar Homes, LLC, CCB Miramar, LLC and CCB Miramar TIC, LLC, for payment of a fee in the amount of \$2,372,810.47 in lieu of park land dedication for the residential development known as **Tuscan Isles**. (*Assistant City Engineer Salvador Zuniga*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed Park Agreement - Fee in Lieu of Land with Lennar Homes, LLC, CCB Miramar, LLC and CCB Miramar TIC, LLC, for payment of a fee in the amount of \$2,372,810.47 in lieu of park and land dedication for the residential development known as Tuscan Isles, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Assistant City Engineer Salvador Zuniga, you're recognized.

MR. ZUNIGA: Yes. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. This is Assistant City Engineer Sal Zuniga with Engineering & Strategic Development. Can you all hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, loud and clear. Proceed.

MR. ZUNIGA: Perfect. Okay. So this -- this item is for the approval of a park agreement for Tuscan Isles. This is the same project that Eric Silva just presented, it's the same location; this is for reference. Next slide. So the City's Land Development Code 308.11.1 requires property owners of residential developments to dedicate land of suitable size to serve as public parks. The code requires four acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents. The site plan for Tuscan Isles, which was approved by City Commission on October 2018 in Resolution 19-21. This project has -- will have 385 single-family homes with approximately 1,530 residents. This requires a dedication of 6.12 acres of parkland. Next slide. This is a -- just a project location of the site; it's at the corner of 172nd Avenue and Bass Creek Road. Next slide. The City has the option to accept in lieu of land dedication the fair market value of the land if it is deemed unsuitable, or a surplus of parkland exist. This is a small size, and the City already has enough parkland in the area, therefore, it is recommended for the City to accept the payment of the value of the land in lieu of the land dedication. The City and the property owner have negotiated and agree on a price per acre of \$387,619.00, so this translate -- for the six acres that they're required to dedicate, this comes up to \$2,372,810.00. So this -- this payment will become part of the

City's park development fund. Pursuant to the Land Development Code, these funds can only be used for park development purposes. Next slide. So City Manager recommends approval to accept the payment in lieu of park dedication. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much for the presentation. The Clerk received no request from the public to speak on this item. Are there any questions or comments from the Commission? Hearing and seeing none, may I have a motion, please?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Moved by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice Mayor Chambers. Madam Clerk, please record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice Mayor Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7141, the Commission voted:

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number nine please.

9. Temp. Reso. #R7130 accepting and adopting the **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report** for the Fiscal Year that ended September 30, 2019, relating to the annual audit performed by the City's Independent Auditor, CFLG LLP. *(Financial Services Director Kevin E. Adderley)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, accepting and adopting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year that ended September 30, 2019, relating to the annual audit performed by the City's Independent Auditor, CFLG LLP, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Director Adderley, you're recognized.

MR. ADDERLEY: Yes, good evening again, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. Background. Again, my name is Kevin Adderley, Director of Financial Services. Background. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is your fiscal comprehensive publication of the City of Miramar's financial position and provides results of operations for the fiscal year October 1st, 2018 through September 30th, 2019. The responsibility of the accuracy of the data, completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all of the disclosures rests with the management of the City of Miramar. The CAFR is used by management to assess internal operations, by the community to assess property use and taxes, by prospective industries looking to relocate to the City of Miramar, and by our rating agencies to review and assign ratings to the City's debt. Next slide. For the 31st year, the City has, again, received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association for its fiscal year ending 2018 CAFR. We believe that the City's current CAFR continues to meet the requirements of this program, and that the City will be submitting a fiscal year 2019 CAFR to the Government Finance Offices -- Officers Association to determine its eligibility for another certificate. Next slide. We have with us this evening, Andrew Fierman, certified public accountant with the accounting firm Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP, who will now talk about the CAFR.

MR. FIERMAN: Thank you, Kevin. Good evening, Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of the Commission. Once again, for the record, my name is Andrew Fierman. I'm a partner with Caballero Fierman & Garcia, and I the partner in charge of the City's audit. I'm here to provide a presentation on our reports, as well as the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 2019. The audited CAFR is a product of many months of hard work by the staff and the audit team. The audited CAFR is the product of many months of hard work by the City's staff and Audit Team. It details financial condition of the City as of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 -- a team effort. During the process, our audit team spends many weeks in the City's offices performing our audit procedures and tests of transactions, while the City

staff works diligently to respond to our inquiries and provide the information. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is broken up into four sections: it will be the introductory section, the financial section, the statistical section, and the compliance section. I'm just going to -- section, within there is a letter of transmittal, and that is -- that's written from the management of the City that describes matters, such as major initiatives, economic outlook -- the next section within the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the CAFR, is the financial section. And the first item within that -- which is basically on page one, pages one through three, is the Independent Auditor's Report. And I just wanted to point out a few items from a couple of the sections, and just paraphrase a few things from our report. The first section within the report states what we have audited, and that states: We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of Miramar, Florida, as of -- and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. The second section gets into management's responsibility for the financial statements. That states: Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation for these financial statements. The third section gets into our responsibility as auditors, as well as under what standard we performed our audit. That states: Our responsibility is expressing opinions on these financial statements in the audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and government auditing standards. The last section I wanted to point out within there is the opinions, which is the most important section. It states: In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above presented fairly in all material respects the financial position of the City as of September 30th, 2019. Now that's an unmodified and a clean opinion; it's the only opinion that you want in a set of financial statements for the City; so it's a clean opinion on the financial statements. Also within that section is the management's discussion analysis. And if you don't read anything else in this document, you should read this, because it is -- the CAFR is -- it's over 200 pages, and there's a lot of information therein. Pages four through 21 is the management discussion analysis provides a good overview of the City, it provides comparative information, comparative information and -- and summarized information. And it also provides explanations for those changes between the prior year and the current year in a narrative from management's perspective. There's a lot of good information within there; it's a very good overview and executive summary. Now I'd like to turn everybody -- if we could go to the next slide, please. Within this -- within this financial statement, also within this financial section, we also -- also includes the financial statements, the notes for the financial statements, and required supplementary information. Now the third section, as I mentioned, statistical section. The statistical section includes a lot of trend information and multiyear information from a financial perspective, operating perspective, and a demographic perspective, so there's a lot of good information in there as well. The fourth section is the compliance section, and that can be found -- that can be found in the back, that's the fourth section; and that's on pages 176 to 188. And that section includes the - the reports that we're required to report to you, that are required under the governing -- accepted governing auditing standards, the rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, as well as the federal and the Florida single audit acts. And we are pleased to report, within those reports on -- on the financial statements, as well as the -- as well as the compliance over the federal and Florida grants, that we did not identify any significant

deficiencies or material weaknesses internal control, nor did our test find any instances of noncompliance. So also the reports in the back as well are -- are in the reports; there's nothing significant to report to you within there. In addition to that, there's also some required communications; each of the communications that are required of those charged with governance that we require under our professional standards. That was also a separate letter that you have received. And just two things that I wanted to point out within there, because they are our standard communications -- is, number one, that we did not encounter any difficulty in completing or performing our audit, and we did not have any -- any disagreements with management. Next slide. So, overall, I would just like to thank Susan, Kevin, Ian, Winsome, Andrea, Elaine and the rest of the Finance and City staff for their cooperation and assistance throughout the entire process. It really could not have been accomplished without the skill, hard work and commitment, and personal sacrifice of all of these individuals and the entire City staff. I'd just like to thank the -- the -- the professionalism and the responsiveness throughout the entire process, which is why we were able to come to you today, and bring our report to you and present our results in a timely fashion. And, overall, we're just -- we're just very grateful; our firm is very grateful to be of service the -- the great City of Miramar. With that, I'll leave it there, and I'll turn it back over to Kevin.

MR. ADDERLEY: Thank you, Andrew. And in concluding, I would like to echo Andrew's acknowledgements. I would like to first thank Andrew and his team for their professionalism and the timely delivery of the annual audit report. I would like to thank all the departments of the City, as it takes a team to complete a deliverable such as the CAFR of the City. And, with that, I would like to say that the City Manager recommends approval. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Director Adderley. The Clerk received no request to speak on this item from members of the public. Are there any questions or comments from the Commission?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Comment.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just -- just to say thanks to staff, because of the kind of information they bring to our meetings regarding this every year, and -- and a congratulation as well to consecutive administrations in the City who have done this for like two decades plus. And I think **(inaudible 1:30:02)** and create a foundation for the kind of challenge in this crisis that this coronavirus has brought to our City, and thanks to staff, and thanks to our company -- our -- our vendors for all the incredible work that they continue to do.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Barnes. Any additional comments? Questions?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes. Yeah.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, if we can -- for -- if possible -- if possible, if you have not, if you can just press the button to speak, so it can assist us here to identify those. Is that Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm not sure -- I'm not -- this is Commissioner Colbourne.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, Commissioner Colbourne. You're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yeah. I'm not sure when I pressed that button anything is happening. It hasn't picked up any of my motions or second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: But I will -- I will try that again. I'm refreshing it right now. But I did want to say -- I wanted echo what Commissioner Barnes said, and -- and just thank staff for the work that they did on the CAFR. I know it is extensive, and I -- I truly appreciate all that goes into it, and the cooperation between the City and -- and our auditors as well. That doesn't necessarily mean that, generally speaking, that everything is always well, but in this case it was, and I -- I appreciate it from both parties. It is also good to know that the City is doing well, especially in the current crisis situation that we are going through. But it's good to know that up to this point, up to the point of this report that the City was in -- in a good place, so thank you all.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Colbourne. Any additional comments or questions? If not, may I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers. Vice Mayor Chambers.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

MAYOR MESSAM: Just confirm if you're -- if you're on mute, unmute, please. Okay.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: IT may have to call him, because I'm not seeing him either.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, did he make his selection on the screen?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: According to my screen, Vice Mayor did select yes as his vote.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So for the record, the Clerk sees on the -- on the voting -- on the voting screen that he voted yes, so if we can have IT just double check on his audio. Proceed, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: We'll show the votes of the item on the screen. Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R7130, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-107

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Quasi-judicial public hearing.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Mr. Mayor, I believe this issue has been deferred, but I will turn it over to my colleague, Norman Powell. Norman Powell. I'll read the item, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Actually, it -- for the record, it -- it says applicant request continuance to meeting to the May 6th, so if you could read the item into the record --

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: I can read it.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- and I'll take a vote for the continuance.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes, sir. A res -- oh, go right ahead.

- 10.** Temp. Reso. #R7110 considering **Conditional Use Application No. 1908615** for a liquor store located within the **Miramar Park Place Commercial Development**, at the northwest corner of Miramar Parkway and Red Road. ***(Continued from the Meeting of 02/19/20) (Applicant Requests Continuance to the Meeting of 05/06/20) (Community Development Principal Planner Michael Alpert)***

The vote to continue the subject item was recorded electronically as follows:

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

Cont'd to 05/06/20

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Okay. I can read the item. And it's a temporary resolution considering variance application no. 2001726 from Land Development Code Section 405.4.4 for a liquor package store that is located within 2,500 feet of a childcare center, located within the Miramar Park Place Commercial Development, at the northwest corner of Miramar Parkway and Red Road. Applicant requests continuance.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion to continue this item to May 6, 2020, please?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Motion to continue.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mr. Mayor, Commissioner Davis moved the item, so we need a second.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: May we have a second?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor Chambers did use the device and voted yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So, for the record, Vice Mayor Chambers used the device, the voting device and voted yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to continue Resolution #R7156, the Commission voted:

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

Cont'd to 05/06/20

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 11, please.

11. Temp. Reso. #R7156 considering **Variance Application No. 2001726** from Land Development Code ("LDC") Section 405.4.4 for a liquor package store that is located within 2,500 feet of a childcare center, located within the **Miramar Park Place Commercial Development**, at the northwest corner of Miramar Parkway and Red Road. ***(Applicant Requests Continuance to the Meeting of 05/06/20)***
(Community Development Principal Planner Michael Alpert)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution considering variance application no. 200176 from Land Development Code Section 405.4.4 for a liquor package store that is located within 2,500 feet of a childcare center, located within the Miramar Park Place Commercial Development, at the northwest corner of Miramar Parkway and Red Road. The applicant request continuance to the meeting of May the 6th, 2020.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion for a continuance to May 6, 2020, please?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Moved by Commissioner Barnes, second by, I think, Commissioner Colbourne?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers. Vice Mayor voted yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to continue Resolution #R7156, the Commission voted:

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

Commissioner Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 12 please.

- 12. Temp. Reso. #R7161 urging Broward County to take swift action to **track and release racial demographic information** from testing and outcomes of **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**. (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)**

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, urging Broward County to take swift action to track and release racial demographic information from testing and outcomes of the Coronavirus Disease 2019; providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Madam Attorney. Actually, this is an item that was requested and, actually, should include the CDC, as well as the State Department of Health. I -- in response to numerous organizations, including the African-American Mayors Association, NAACP, other organizations that have been voicing concerns regarding the impacts of COVID-19 in -- in various communities, up until recently, the State of Florida, as we all know, through the State Department of Health, releases a couple of reports per day indicating the number of positive COVID-19 cases, deaths. And there's other demographic data that was traditionally included, including gender and age and count -- and broken down by county. Until recently, residents may have seen the reports that initially -- that there are indications or rumors stating that certain racial communities were not as impacted as others, including the African American community. And until last week, there was significant national news coverage that, because of health disparities and other conditions that, in fact, people of color, specifically, African Americans were disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Just recently, the State of Florida began to release with its report racial data statewide. And this resolution is a resolution to be sent to the State to also ask the State Department of Health to also relay -- to release the racial data by county, so that communities across the State, including Broward County can know specifically which communities are impacted -- excuse me, can you mute? Someone's line is open. But -- so that each -- so that communities across the State can know specifically which communities are impacted, so that the appropriate information and resources can be directed to those communities, so that we as a -- specifically in the City of Miramar, which is a very diverse community -- it would be great for us to know how our residents are being impacted. Currently, we have 203 positive cases, and the more data that we get -- I know that here are some HIPAA guidelines, in

terms of knowing specific patient information, but as it relates to us knowing race, age, gender, we're able to communicate effectively to our diverse community, so that we can ensure our community is as safe as possible. So this item is a resolution that is asking the State of Florida, the CDC to release racial data down to the county level, so that we can have a better understanding of how COVID-19 is impacting our community. If there are any questions regarding this item, we can take them at this time.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: A comment, if you would, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: I have -- wait one second. One second, Commissioner Barnes. We did receive one request to speak on this item. This was a -- a request by Mr. Alex Casas. He has three minutes. Mr. Casas, are you on the line? Mr. Casas, are you on the line? I'm not getting any -- I'm getting indication that Mr. Casas is not on the line. So back to the dais. Are there any comments or questions -- I have two speakers. Commissioner Barnes is recognized, followed by Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I think, Mr. Mayor, in addition to acknowledging these differences in the impact this crisis has had on various sections of our community, I think it is also instructive for us to explain for those who might not have this information that part of the reason why this impact has been felt so much on parts of our community has to do with what are called underlying issues. There are a number of ailments, a number of diseases, if you would, that tend to impact certain ethnic groups more than it does in others; we're talking about hypertension, we're talking about diabetes. And I think it's essential for our residents, as well as us as -- as a commission body and management to understand that that is why this information is -- is of -- of vital importance. Because what it means is that when we get the data saying this person, that person, this group of persons are affected, are impacted, we have a better understanding of how to respond in any way that we can to those individuals. So I think that has to be an additional component of the information that we're sharing in -- in a situation like this.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you -- thank you, Commissioner Barnes. Commissioner Davis, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you for raising the issue with regard to the disparities, in terms of persons of color, African American, as well as the Latino community. And I know recently we were able to gather information regarding zip codes but, however, unfortunately, the zip codes, for us anyway, include other cities. I'm not sure if there's a way to just have the Miramar zip codes, so we know what's going on in the City of Miramar in terms our zip codes. Currently, what we do see, the trend, is that our more historic areas have more COVID-19 cases. But then again, it does include other cities with similar zip codes, so I'm not sure if we can get an answer to that at all.

MAYOR MESSAM: Right. That's a great observation, Commissioner Davis. Perhaps we can work with our emergency management department to see what additional data that can be sorted, in terms of specific to Miramar, so that we can know specifically -- barring

there may be challenges, in terms of specific addresses, which might make it more difficult, because of HIPAA guidelines. But -- but, obviously, I think we're all speaking in the same spirit, that the more data that we have in regards to what's going on in our City that we can respond and be able to provide as much information, education and resources as possible to our community. Are there any other comments or questions regarding this -- this item? Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Moved by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner Davis. Madam Clerk, please record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne. Commissioner Colbourne. Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Hello.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers voted yes, Mr. Mayor. Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. And, for the record, Vice Mayor Chambers voted electronically yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve Resolution #R1761 as amended, the Commission voted:

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

Mayor Messam

Yes

Resolution No. 20-108

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 13 please.

- 13.** Temp. Reso. #R7162 in support of a modification to State of Florida Executive Order 20-52 to include the **cessation of rock mine blasting** during a State of Emergency due to **COVID-19** or to take other appropriate and prudent action.
(*Commissioner Yvette Colbourne*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, in support of a modification to State of Florida Executive Order 20-52 to include the cessation of rock mine blasting doing -- during a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 or to take other appropriate and prudent action; providing for incorporation of recitals; providing for transmittal; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Madam Attorney. This item was brought forward by Commissioner Colbourne at our last meeting. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. As -- as you all know, blasting has been an issue for many of our residents here in the City of Miramar, as well as Miami-Dade County. And during this crisis, I continue to get complaints from our residents, and one of those complaints actually suggested that because so many people were home, because they were going through this emergency crisis, and the impact that they were feeling from the constant blasting, they suggested that it could be suspended during -- during this crisis. That is exactly what the intent of this resolution is, to ask the Governor if he can just suspend the blasting during this emergency crisis. And I think this will be -- this would be of -- of some -- some relief to our residents who -- who are -- who are confined to their homes because of administrative orders where they have to shelter in. So I ask for your support on getting this message to the Governor that it is our -- our desire to suspend this and give our residents some relief.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner, are there any -- we have not -- the Clerk has not received any requests to speak on this item, so back to the dais. Are there any comments on this item?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yeah.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: As -- as Commissioner Colbourne will remember when we went to Broward Days in Tallahassee earlier this year, it is one of those issues that we tried to raise with the representatives that we spoke with. And for all the years that I've

sat on this Commission, this has probably been, maybe not the top, but maybe the top two or three most frustrating issues that we've ever had to deal with. There are a number of bills that were in the House that they were looking at in Tallahassee, and nothing has happened, and I'm so fearful that nothing is going to happen. But guess what, if we were to get Tallahassee to understand that, hey, maybe just a break would be beneficial for our residents -- and as -- as Commissioner Colbourne said, people who used to be at work during these hours, hopefully their homes are not being damaged, it is a brand new and frightening experience for a number of these residents who have been sending us emails about this. And I'm just hoping that this kind of resolution will move to a different level where at least somebody will stop and say: Hey, more people are being impacted now than they were when people were not quarantined at home. So I wholeheartedly support this.

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

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Forgive, me I'm on the phone and I'm calling in. I'm having some difficulty with my computer. So I just want to echo the sentiment that Commissioner Barnes and Commissioner Colbourne said, and I think this is more than a -- a reasonable request from our Governor, so I'm in full support. That's - that's supporting my fellow commissioner with this request and our residents. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. And thank you, Commissioner Colbourne for bringing this to our attention. I'm curious to find out if we had reached out to the other affected cities to see if they too could send information to the Governor with regards to the blasting and temporary hold time. Is there a way we could have, maybe, our attorneys or -- you know, reach out to the neighboring cities in Miami-Dade that may also want to join in on -- on this effort?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Commissioner -- Commissioner Davis, yes, this resolution will go to Miami-Dade County, and to all our representatives as well, so that they can join in the effort.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. Appreciate it, Commissioner Colbourne.

MAYOR MESSAM: Hello? Okay. Yeah, I echo the -- the sentiments of my colleagues regarding this item of -- as a City, we deal with so many items, and this is, perhaps, one of the City's largest thorns in our side, because we are enduring the negative impacts, the deleterious impacts of blasting in the City of Miramar. We have no jurisdictional authority, which limits our ability, but I will say that the City has been, not only active, but aggressive in doing as much as we can to represent our -- our residents, and addressing this issue. And I think that this resolution to raise -- to continue to raise this issue in

Tallahassee is in support and in line with our previous actions. So I thank Commissioner Colbourne for bringing this item forward, and I wholeheartedly support it. At this time, may I have a motion on this item.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Moved by Commissioner Colbourne, second by Commissioner Davis. Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve Resolution #R1762, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-109

MAYOR MESSAM: Before we go onto reports, it was brought to my attention, on item 12, we had a Mr. Alex Casas, who was inadvertently dropped, I think, from the -- the line, and we did not have his contact information, but have been able to contact him. I think he is

on the line. I would like to offer him an opportunity to make his comment just for the record, because he took the time to contact the City to make a -- a comment. So, at this time, Mr. Casas, are you on the line? Mr. Casas, are you on the line? I think IT is working on it, but we'll -- we'll proceed. If we get him on the line, I'll -- I'll -- I'll offer him an opportunity to -- to provide a comment. On to reports. Okay. Just for the record, we're - - we're trying to -- we were -- IT was calling Mr. Casas, and he's not answering, so we're just going to move -- move --

MR. CASAS: I'm answering now.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes, Mr. Mayor.

MR. CASAS: Hello.

MAYOR MESSAM: Hello, Mr. Casas?

MR. CASAS: Yes. Who's this?

MAYOR MESSAM: This -- Mr. Casas, you are streaming live. This is Mayor Wayne Messam from the City of Miramar. You had requested to speak on item 11, regarding the COVID-19 data reporting.

MR. CASAS: Yes. How are you, Mr. Messam?

MAYOR MESSAM: We are doing fine. So you are live. You may have upwards of 100,000 residents tuning in to our Commission meeting. You have three minutes to make your comment on the item.

MR. CASAS: Well, I was watching the meeting on -- on -- on the TV, and I thought there was no input with that, so I must have missed something.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay, well you -- you specifically sent in a com -- a request. Did you request to speak on item 12 regarding the racial demographic information data for the coronavirus, is that correct?

MR. CASAS: That is correct.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. So --

MR. CASAS: That is correct.

MAYOR MESSAM: So if you would like, you can make your statement or your comment now for the record, or you don't. I just want to provide that opportunity, because you did reach out to the City, and we had technical difficulties in connecting with you.

MR. CASAS: I appreciate that, and thank you. There is something I would like to propose or -- or talk about that particular item. So you let me know when my three minutes start.

MAYOR MESSAM: You're --

MR. CASAS: And I'll go from there.

MAYOR MESSAM: You're on the record, sir.

MR. CASAS: Okay. Thank you. Well, Mr. Mayor, Assistant Mayor, Commissioners, City Clerk, first of all, I'd like to say hello to all my good friends in Miramar, and to let you know I'm back in the City trying to see what I can do to make it a little better. In the year I've been away, I've seen changes in Miramar that are really not too good in my view or to the best interest to the residents. Just at first glance, I see the monstrous billboard at the corner of Miramar Parkway and Dykes, which I supposed have been approved so that taxes would not have to be raised. See a lot of people talking about that tonight, and it seems to be a point of very -- a lot of interest for the people, but that's for another story. I'm calling about the resolution that, apparently, will come to a vote tonight; I'm not sure if it did vote or not, about urging the Governor of Florida, Center of Disease Control, and the U.S. Surgeon General to take swift actions to track and release racial demographics from the testing and outcome of the coronavirus disease. Very bad thing. My response to this resolution, in my view, apparently, it has no idea how much money, time and resources would take to do this. I understand that New York has been trying to compile this information, but they really don't have the resources, manpower and knowledge to get this information correctly. Right now, New York and every other city in the United States are just trying to keep people away from being infected, and not counting who's who or what. Also, to be asking the Governor of the -- of Florida for data from where? Are we asking them to do Miramar, South Florida, the whole state? I'm not clear. Some people think that the Governor, the CDC, the U.S. Surgeon General, the first responders, fire and police, etc. have their hands full trying to, somehow, control this pandemic, and you intend to ask -- to add to their burden to keep count of what race is being infected, just because you feel it's important, most likely for -- for political reasons. This virus attacks anyone, anytime, anywhere, and taking precautions, as outlined by the CDC and President Trump is the only way to, maybe, prevent being infected. That goes for blacks, whites, Latinos, Asians, prime ministers, actors, etc. But, then again, apparently, you're making the data count each year by just asking, as in paragraph five and ten of the resolution, for data on the black communities. I guess that is most important here.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MR. CASAS: Latinos are dying, white people are dying.

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Casas, that's your -- Mr. Casas, your -- your time has expired. That's three minutes. And the item did pass. And just -- and -- and just for your -- for clarification, the State of Florida does collect racial data. In fact, the State Department of

Health is currently just recently -- maybe starting last week began to give statewide racial data in terms of demographic information regarding their -- their daily reports. And the item that passed tonight asked if that data can be seg or segregated to -- by county, so that each county can have an understanding of how their community is being impacted for the purposes of providing education, resources and information to the respective communities. So thank you for calling in. We did want to provide an opportunity for you to speak, because you did register through the process, and there was IT difficulty. So thank you for your comment and your input and participating in this public process. All right. On to Commission reports.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: I would like to make an announcement under the City Attorneys report, please, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. I'll recog -- as soon as -- when we're out of the -- the Commission reports, I'll recognize you for that report -- for that announcement, under -- for the --

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Very well. Thank you, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Thank you, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. A couple of announcements. I would just like to -- at this time, to thank the -- my colleagues on the Commission for -- for approving item 12 regarding sending that communication to Tallahassee, as well as Washington to request that -- that -- that data be forward to our local communities. On -- on -- on Saturday, I just want to tip my hat off to the City Manager and his team, and our City employees, and all the volunteers from the community with the City's event partnering with Feeding South Florida. Upwards of 1,600 families received food packages to assist them in this very dire need in our community. And it was great to see the community. And I thank my colleagues as well for coming out on Saturday, as well as some of the prior events with Feeding South Florida that took place in our City. And many people from all walks of life, including Miramar residents, were able to benefit from the event. And we will be having -- the City will be partnering again with Feeding South Florida tomorrow morning at 9:00 at Regional Park for another food distribution, in partnership with Feeding South Florida, Thursday, April 16th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Miramar Regional Park. To ensure the health, safety of our volunteers and community members, we have to adhere to the COVID-19 CDC guidelines, so when you're coming into the park, complete your voucher, as well as remain in your car, keep your windows up, and open the trunk when it's your - when it's your turn in line. And food will be distributed on a first come, first served basis

while supplies last, and -- and I would like to thank our staff for planning this again, and thank our staff and volunteers in advance of tomorrow's event. We are still collecting -- in the event we are able to host the Mayor's Technology Boot Camp, we continue to register and sign up individuals, our students for the technology boot camp for June 15th through 26th, and the event -- and we are able to take it. We are having -- perhaps if we are not able to meet physically, to see how this, perhaps, can be taught virtually. Our students come out of this boot camp with gained knowledge of coding, networking, and virtualization. Obviously, tool sets that prepare them for the gig economy, and for careers and information technology, and -- which has always been a big push for myself, coming from an IT background. So to register for the technology boot camp, visit www.fvi.edu/summerbootcamp; that's fvi.edu/summerbootcamp. And I would like to just give a brief statement to our City employees. I have listed on the screen many of our departments, and if -- if I omitted a department, charge it to my head and not my heart. I know these are difficult times. I know that for our essential employees, especially our employees that are still interfacing with the public: our building inspectors, clerk's office, our police department, fire rescue, public works, utilities, economic development, our City Manager's office, all of the departments that still are, basically, in harm's way. I just want you to know that I appreciate, and I know my colleagues on the Commission appreciate your commitment, as public servants, to the community. We don't know where the coronavirus may lead us as a nation and as a city, and -- and for us to respond to the needs of our community, there -- there may be some requests, as public servants, that the City may need you to participate in, and -- and I just continue to pray for you, continue to pray for your families, as you do the public's work, and ensuring that Miramar continues to move forward as a community. And I am confident that together as a community that we will come out of this better. I'm convinced that, because of you and all of the work that you're doing for the residents and the business community here in Miramar, we could not do this without you. So, Mr. Manager, and your team and all of our City employees, we thank you. We thank you for all that you do. I know I call every day, I know my colleagues are calling every day, and you all are managing it well, and I know that the City of Miramar is an example, not only in South Florida, but in the nation in terms of communicating with our -- our residents on how they can navigate through this process. And, finally, in closing, with the last executive order, in an effort to continue to protect the community by requesting our -- our -- our residents to wear facial covering, I know, Mr. Manager that you're looking at some -- some resources in regards to seeing how we can assist those who may need face coverings. Obviously, the City -- we're not in a position to provide a facemask or face covering to every resident, you know, or business in -- in the City. But I -- I know that there is something that we can do in regards to ensuring that our most vulnerable, perhaps even some essential small businesses that might need a transition, as -- they probably can't access coverings for their staff, because just -- the supply chain is just so -- so competitive right now. So I -- I would encourage that if the City can implement a program -- I know we spoke about it briefly, to see if -- obviously, our -- our employees have to have their PPEs to -- to perform their work. But any resources that we can lend to provide facial coverings or masks to our most vulnerable, our residents in our community, I would encourage that we take those steps to do that.

Thank you. All right, so with the reports, starting with Commissioner Barnes. Do you have a report?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes, just some brief comments. First and foremost, I'd like to respond to that item which came up for discussion with our residents. I think you can all, as residents, depend on us to do what is right. Let me tell you why. First and foremost, our City Manager has already begun talks with the developer for this -- for the signs. Note as well that this -- as was said, is one of a number of signs, and I think because of that alone, there is going to be room for -- for negotiation. In addition, we're talking about a - - a company that is not only local, but it's national and, my opinion, therefore, understands the concept and the -- the -- the good of maintaining what is called goodwill. And I -- I'm convinced that out of this is going to come a mitigation that is going to please our residents. As was said as well, this is not something that is going to happen overnight, but I'm convinced that we are going to have a positive outcome. I too, Mr. Mayor, would like to congratulate staff for the incredible work they've done. I mean I -- I keep seeing them in the street working, and I keep blowing, and sometimes they don't even know who it is, but I -- I thank them so much for the -- I mean you have people in the street, and I drive by them, and I'm saying, "I wonder if they realize how serious this thing is?" But I think it is just a mark of the dedication of our staff to what it is that we do, and continue to do to make the City proud and -- and -- and a good place to live. And, also, I'd like to congratulate and applaud staff for the volunteers who have helped -- come out and helped with our food distribution drives so far. One of the really interesting things is that, as I'm handing out stuff with the water and so on, so many of the people in the line are asking, "How can I volunteer?" It was way into the day, but I think that is just an indication of the spirit of this city that we live in, when we talk about people, staff, as well as residents saying, "How can I volunteer?" I think that is part of what has made this so successful so far. And I -- I also congratulate Commissioners -- Vice Mayor Chambers and Commissioner Colbourne for spearheading this, and it has been a good thing for us. And -- and the reality is, not only are we providing this kind of service for our residents, again, this -- this is of profound value to help residents understand what it is that we try to do as a city in Miramar. Thanks to all who -- who continue to work so hard for us to get through this crisis. And -- and another word, just a word here. As we might be aware, there are a number of situations where some of our residents are having a number of challenges, and the Jamaican Consul General's Office in Miami is offering a counseling service, prayer, counseling, inspirational assistance. And what they're asking is that you can be in touch with the -- I would suggest don't try the phone numbers, because the phones are always tough. I'm giving the number 305-374-8431, 305-374-8431, or go to jamaicagmiami.org. You need to make an appointment, where one of these counselors will be in touch with you, and they'll counsel, pray with you, and help you to deal with any anxiety you might be dealing with at this time. That's my contribution.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Barnes. Commissioner Davis, you have a report?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. Brief report. I do have a little bit of a slide to show, but I -- I'd just like to thank our IT Department. I was a miss -- I didn't thank them the last Commission meeting, but they're making all this virtual stuff happen on such short notice. I'd like to thank CJ and his staff for all they do. They're responsive and able to pull this off, as they have been doing. I also would like to thank Assistant City Manager Kelvin Baker for his efforts in spearheading one of our larger food distribution events that we did at the Regional Park, and the predecessor to that was Commissioner -- sorry, Vice Mayor Max Chambers and Commissioner Yvette Colbourne. Thank you for your efforts in this regard. Once again to all of our essential staff, we certainly thank you for being out there, you know, public works, utilities, you know, our bus -- the buses and bus drivers, and all the staff that have to be out there, folks that are -- are covering the -- the -- the 602-HELP desk. We certainly appreciate your efforts, and thank you during this time. We just want you to keep yourself safe and, you know, we certainly appreciate you. So just briefly, the slide, basically, just recaps the event that took place on April 4th, which was done in conjunction with Feeding South Florida. We'd like to thank all the volunteers that were out there that were helping, making sure that the food distribution went well. This past week again, we had another one, the one I mentioned at Regional Park that was well - well orchestrated, and it was a good venue, because we had, you know, several lines, and people could get their -- their items pretty quickly. There was a video there. I'm not sure if you could show the video. (Video shown) And, as mentioned, we do have one tomorrow, Thursday, between 9:00 and 11:00, so we're encouraging our residents and neighboring communities to come out and receive those well-needed grocery items. The other slides are, basically, information. Again, I did recognize marketing, and Shaun Gayle's group for all the information that they're putting out to the community. It's being very well received. And I have an upcoming event which will coincide tomorrow. What it is, it's a drop and go. And so we have a list of about 150 residents that, for some reason or another, maybe they -- they just can't get around as much, and they have small children, that we will be dropping off groceries to them. It will be a contactless experience, so we'll just call, knock, drop and go, and make sure that this segment of our community is not left out, simply because they cannot necessarily go to the distribution site itself. Moving on, the coronavirus updates. I do try to connect with our residents on a weekly basis with any information, and I do that on all of media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and -- and eBlasts that I do. So, once again, we certainly wish our community well. The best thing we can do is to stay home and stay safe, and if you are out and about, please, please wear that facial covering. It doesn't have to be a mask, it can be just a simple cloth mask that you create or a bandana, but something is better than nothing when you're out in the public, and continue recognizing the safe distance, which is six feet or more. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Colbourne, you have a report?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes, thank you so very much. First of all, my heart and prayers and gratitude go out to the residents of the City of Miramar, our staff, emergency personnel, public service professionals in general, and private sector as well. Just -- just

everyone for everything that they're going through, everything that we are going through, because of the coronavirus. And I just want our residents to know, as well as our employees, that -- that I do care about them, and I care about the things that are happening, and how it's affecting everyone. And, to that end, I have -- I have reached out, and you can show some of the slides. I have been able to provide a hot meal to the seniors in the City of Miramar, many of them, I should say; we have been able to do that for about 500 so far. We do try to reach out once a week, especially those seniors who are registered with the Senior Center, and are not able to go out, while they're being asked to stay home. But there are some that really can't -- can't go out even to get things that they need. So I really tried to reach out to them, and support them as much as possible. And -- and I know that, you know, the faces that I see, and -- and -- and the calls that I get from them, I know it is truly appreciated. You know, I -- I sincerely feel for the number of individuals who have lost their jobs, and at this point finding themselves in need of -- of food. But very grateful that our City would partner with Feeding South Florida to assist, and I will certainly continue to do my part as much as I can. Although we're not in the office, my office and my staff, we have been active, and I want to thank them so much for their continued support, for their work, for the volunteers that don't want to just sit there, but willing to step out and -- and help somebody else, and help our seniors. So I want to say thank you so very much to -- to them as well. The next thing that I have is - it's good news. 2020 Census response rate, City of Miramar is doing really, really good, but we're not number one yet, so -- so staff, as well as myself, we are continue -- we continue to get the message out to our residents, and encourage them to please complete their census questionnaire, so that the City of Miramar will have 100 percent response, and -- and with that, when it's time for us to get grants and so forth, that we will get 100 percent of what we need to provide much needed services for our residents, for our students in school, for our streets, for -- for our medical professionals, whatever it is, whatever grants are available that are based on -- on census data. We want to make sure that -- that we can get what we need for our residents. So when we printed this, it was 50 -- 52.5 percent. I have been told that as of today, it went up to 53.1, so I want to say thank you, thank you, thank you to all of those residents who have completed their census questionnaire, and I continue to encourage anyone who has not done so, all of those who have not done so, please join us. Please count everyone in your household, because this is so important for our city. One more thing I have. During this time, I know we have all been focused on -- on the coronavirus. That really has changed most everything that we've -- we've done. I think there was -- before coronavirus and after coronavirus. But I did want to take the time to congratulate one of our residents who holds the title of Ms. Broward 2020, and she -- she's not holding the title, but she is -- she's been doing some things in the community, and I wanted to recognize her for that, and tell the residents, the other residents about her, and what it is that she's doing. She has created a personal and professional development for future global leaders, a youth leadership program that provides skill sets, such as accountability, and verbal and nonverbal communications. It's a ten-week course. It is online, and -- and she wants to share this with other -- with other young -- young individuals, so that they can -- they can get onboard, and take advantage of this knowledge. So, please, you can contact her

online. You can congratulate her, and you can also find out more about her initiatives and the things that she's doing. So congratulations to Cairo. (Video shown).

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. And, yes, Cairo is not only beautiful, very sprite, and has a very wonderful family, so thanks for bringing that forward. Vice Mayor -

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: That's it for me, thank you. So thank you much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice -- Vice Mayor Chambers, you're recognized. You have a report?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank -- thank you, Mayor. I'd like to congratulate the Eubanks family. They're very involved in our community here in Miramar and also Broward County. Cairo has been -- and her family have done a fantastic job. As you know, after our last meeting, I was selected to serve as vice mayor for the next year, and I'd love to really congratulate Commissioner Davis for her service over the last year. She has done a fantastic job. Thank you so much, Commissioner Davis, for serving as vice mayor over the last year. Also, in regards to the project at our Country Club Ranch; I've received numerous phone calls and emails this past week in regard to that project for potable water. And I'm reaching out to our City Manager and staff to see if they can do something. Those residents that live from 140th Street all the way west, they are in need of water. They want to see if we could move the project to that community, and since they're all in agreement of having the lines come through their neighborhood, so I'm asking that the engineer, the City Manager and staff take a look to see how we can accommodate those residents who are willing to move forward to --for us to do the -- that neighborhood. Thank you in advance, Mr. City Manager. Also, I want to thank all the volunteers and my staff over the last two weeks, since we started the small project, feeding residents here in South Florida, not just Miramar, but all the surrounding cities, working with Feeding South Florida. And tremendous amount of volunteers came out and assist us, and now this has moved to a bigger project at Miramar Regional. I want to thank the City Manager for taking my call, and listening, and making sure that we didn't wait until the next month to do it, so I want to thank him so much for moving forward. And also Mr. Baker, who works tirelessly to make this happen. It -- it's a fantastic thing when we can come together and work together and -- and assist folks here in South Florida. People come from all over, different cities, to assist us, and to collect a grocery bag that they could eat or share with their family. And no one to come and wait in line for hours and not sure what they're going to get, so there's a need for this. And we're also hoping that this doesn't continue much longer. We hope that the community can get back to work. This -- that this pandemic will go away soon, and we can give people the tool to continue to function, and to get our small business also back up and running. It has been devastating to our community, our local community here. So many businesses have lost revenue, and folks are home not able to go to work. And some of the folks that very impacted or ridesharing drivers who I've seen them in line trying to get something to take care of their family. It's -- it's really devastating. So I'm hoping that, pretty soon, the Governor can make a decision as to bringing in more personal protection, so people can

have stuff to protect themselves, and at least find a way to have this discussion, how can we get our businesses open and get things back to normal. I know the schools are home, and some of the parents are having difficulty. The online classes are not a lot to keep the kids busy at home, and some parents are not equipped to help some of their children, so I really hope that thing can get back to normal very soon. Also, you know, I want to thank one of my employees here at the City, and other employees too who have lost their family. One in particular is our electrician, I know he lost his brother to COVID-19, and I must say this pandemic has touched just about everyone. I, too, do lost one of aunt in England, and I want to say big condolences to everyone who have lost a family member to this COVID-19 pandemic. It's -- it's really devastated to our community. Also, I want to share with you who are listening to please, if they are older and in need of masks, I do have masks that I want to give out to my resident 60 and older and, hopefully, I'll have enough left over to give to people, maybe 50 and older. So I'm really encouraging you to reach out to my office and see if we can either deliver mask to you, or -- or you can come and pick it up. We're putting it together right now as we speak, and we want to make sure that residents that do need one, they can get one from me. So please call my office; my assistant will take your call and assist you. As usual, my number is 954-602-3154, 954-60-3154, and my assistant will take your call get you a mask to protect yourself, so we can at least function. We know our seniors are our most vulnerable residents that we have, and we want to make sure we can cover as much people as we can by giving them a mask to protect themselves when someone approach them at their door, or whether they're going out to go shopping. So thank you so much for having me. I apologize for - - IT tried as much to get me up and running, but always the phone is a backup. So I hope everyone have a wonderful rest of the week, and I'll see you tomorrow at Regional for those of you coming out to receive a bag of groceries. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor Chambers.

City Manager Reports:

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

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Mayor and Commissioners, this will be very short in here. I know you're -- you're -- you're all tired in here. Some people have the advantage that they're virtual. I -- want to start off by saying that we have 15 departments, and in 15 departments, every one -- it's just like having a arm, a leg, a foot, all of them are very significant in this operation. And there will be times in the City that has been -- been recognized as being one of the fastest growing. People have talked about how progressive Miramar -- but there will be times that -- that we're moving fast, and trying to keep up, or trying to catch up from what we didn't do, that we will fall sometimes. I just want to thank the Commission to recognize that -- that, yes, we -- we can have oversights on things. I am very passionate about Miramar since 1997. I'm very familiar about the Regional Park, because I was here in 1997, where the Commission changed, as a result of the affair that was being planned. I'm very recognizable about the -- the water plant, the wastewater plant, and the residents and their concerns. I will assure you with myself

and Mr. Baker, Assistant City Manager Baker, that we hear the cries from the residents, and we hear the cries of all residents, and we take this full responsibility. It's not about the Commission that's taking the responsibility, but as me as being the leader of my operation here, I have to be a lot better in here, and -- and listen. What we have learned out of this experience is social media and communication. We were not that well in here, and as you can see in marketing now, we have become something different. So, in the future in here, as we -- we start planning different projects and stuff, we will do a better job in making sure that all residents are inclusive through social media. We are much better now. I -- I just want to give a shout out to -- to Willie Horton. A lot of folks don't know, but he's a real trooper in here, been ill, but still giving 110 percent. A lot of people don't know about Bertha Henry with that ship that was sitting out there and nobody could make a decision. But in my conversation with her, she said, "You know, I owe that to the people in here. And that I made that decision. It wasn't a governor that made that decision, it was I." That's because she has passion about this County. So all of us in here just together. When I think about the food program, a lot of people don't know this. CJ momma is going to church with me in here, and what she do every Thursday, she's been doing this here for at least three years. But the church has always been involved with the food ministry, so we know. We know that when we all start going through difficult times, you can really see Miramar employees. And what I love about it, we -- we enjoyed the good times in here, but all of the employees also recognize that when it's hard, when we have to get in and grind at it, that we will all come together, because we believe in one Miramar, and we will show it. I had an employee that had diabetes in here, that had other illness, they wanted to come tomorrow, and I had to tell her, "No, no, you're not qualified for that. You're not going out there." So we have employees that are passionate, because we have always been a family. And we're a family with our Commission. We may have our disagreements, but one thing about it, and I want the residents to know that this Commission, and the City Manager, staff and administration, we are a family. And I thank the Commission, because sometimes you need to step back away, and just listen to somebody give you some ideas. So I'm appreciative to everyone, and all the departments, and the hard work everyone is doing. Thank you, Clerk. Have a blessed day.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Manager.

City Attorney Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Attorney, you're recognized for an announcement.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. At approximately 5:30 on Wednesday, May the 6, 2020, or soon thereafter, as may be heard, the City Commission shall meet privately to discuss litigation, pursuant to section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes for the following cases: John Polanco vs. the City of Miramar, Case No. CACE 16-022309 in the Broward County Civil Court Division; and, also, Ainsworth Daley vs. City of Miramar, 18-02952 DAL, and 19-010414 DAL, this is in -- also in the Broward County court system. At that time, this meeting will take place at 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida,

and on the third floor in the conference room. This will be a virtual meeting that will be aired from that location, and present at the meeting will be the Mayor, Mayor Messam, Vice Mayor Chambers, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner -- Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Davis, and -- and Commissioner Colbourne, City Manager Hargray, City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Michelle Austin Pamies, Norman Powell, and Lorna Brown-Burton, and on the record court reporter. The estimated time for each attorney/client session will be approximately 15 minutes, and there will also be a special meeting attached to this -- regarding litigation cases. Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor and Commissioners.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Madam Attorney.

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MAYOR MESSAM: As we get ready to adjourn, I would just like to continue to encourage the community to pay attention to the City notices, to ensure that -- that we are providing as many opportunities to communicate and connect with you. Just please visit miramarfl.gov for all the alerts, to sign up for the City's official alerts, so that you can stay abreast of everything that's taking place in the City of Miramar. Excuse me. There's been -- Madam Clerk has said that we'll also send a poll out to the Commission to, perhaps, see if we can meet sooner than May 6th, and that's for the -- the executive session and the special meeting. All right. On that note, we will adjourn. Take care and see you soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, CMC
City Clerk
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