



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

**May 20, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:08 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 (Remote)  
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes (Remote)  
Commissioner Yvette Colbourne  
Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis

The following members of staff were present:

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening. 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 videoconferencing, as provided by Section 120.545(b)(2), Florida Statutes. The members of the City Commission appearing remotely for this meeting are Vice Mayor Chambers and Commissioner Barnes. An opportunity was given to the public to email the City Clerk 24 hours prior to the commission meeting with any questions, comments, 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 this City Commission, unless modified by the chair. This meeting is being streamed live at [miramar.gov/commissionmeeting](http://miramar.gov/commissionmeeting), and televised on Comcast channel 78 for City of

Miramar subscribers. As of May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., the City Clerk had received emails from the following people: Sabrina Gomez, Jason Sorrell, Jamie Cabrera, Alejandro Casas, Gabrielle Martonffy, Arlene Keil, Omar Manresa, Tom Tiberio, Jeremiah Edmond, Bucky Barnes, Omar Chambers, Jennifer Jacobi, Darnell Jackson, Carlos Zapata, Maria Cabral, Sean Kaptaine, Sherry Babrove, Armando Sotero, Avis Weil, William Kalichman, Phyllis Babrove, John Rowsell, Rebekah Rowsell, Jacqueline Uceda-Velez, Nathan Babrove, Ernesto and Mary Anne Pajon, James Estep, Amanda Sorrell, Stephanie Pajon, Pam Arendall, Edward Monahan, Michael Del Fierro, Nelson Canizares, Marc Douglas, Ronald DeShong, Freddie Pagan, Pedro P Carballo, Paul & Eileen Maronna, William Lewycky, Joyce Handshaw, De' Barbadaes, Jorge Gutierrez-Diaz, Erick Medina, Maricely Campana, Scott Rogers, Mary Raynor, Matthew Lewis, Mary Scott, Franklin Babrove, Keith Kennedy, Debra Scialabba, Dean James, Hilda James, Samuel Honik, Ashley Iglesias, Alan Steel, Eric O. Young, Carlos Castro, Robert Gendreau, Francesca Gendreau. Their emails were shared with the City Commission and administration. All emails received will be made part of the record and are available for review by requests to the City Clerk. 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, and local emergency orders and are urged to remain at home and practice social distancing. Madam Clerk, 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: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: 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 NORRIS-WEEKS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Powell.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Thank you.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: Let us all rise for the pledge of allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we'll observe a moment of silence for any condolences that we are experiencing in the community, and we would like to continue to keep the families in our thoughts and prayers who have lost loved ones as a result of COVID-19. Thank you.

### **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS:**

A Proclamation:      National Public Works Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: We have one proclamation this evening, and it is in recognition of National Public Works Week, May 17<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020:

Whereas, public works professionals focus daily on infrastructure, facilities and services that are essential and of vital importance of sustain -- to sustainable and resilient communities, and to protect the public health, safety, high quality of life, and wellbeing of the people of Miramar; and, Whereas, these infrastructure, facilities and services cannot be provided without the committed and dedicated effort of public works professionals who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government, who are all responsible for planning, maintaining, rebuilding, improving and protecting our city's transportation, solid waste systems, building -- public buildings, streets and highways, landscaping, streetlights and canal maintenance; and, Whereas, it is in the public's interest for the citizens -- for citizens, civic leaders and children in the City of Miramar to gain knowledge of and

to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance and value public works and public works programs provide in their respective communities; and, Whereas, 2020 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association; and, Whereas, this year's theme, "The Rhythm of Public Works", challenges our residents to think about how their communities function as a symphony of essential services, working in concert with each other to create a great place to live, work and play, where every community has a rhythm, a heartbeat that reflects its essence and tempo of life. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby designate the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, as National Public Works Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we could not be more proud of all of our city employees who -- of the Public Works Department that provides exceptional services for the City of Miramar to enhance the quality of life that we call home here in the City of Miramar.

A Presentation: COVID 19 and Emergency Management Update. (Fire Rescue Emergency Manager Planner Josh Green)

MAYOR MESSAM: Next on the agenda we have a presentation, and I would like to invite Fire Rescue Emergency Manager Planner Josh Green to begin the presentation for this week's COVID-19 update. Welcome Mr. Green; good evening, sir.

MR. GREEN: Oh, thank you. My name is Josh Green, Department of Fire Rescue, Division of Emergency Management. I'll be presenting the COVID-19 briefing. Miramar continues to maintain an upward trend in COVID-19 cases. As of today, Miramar still has the fourth highest COVID cases in Broward County. The three highest ranked cities in Broward are Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, and Pompano Beach. Next slide. We continue to implement the latest CDC and FDOH guidance for the use of PPE gear. Starting this week, the City implemented Phase I of its reopening plan; some of the employees continue to work remotely via virtual meetings and videoconferencing to main current operations. Next slide. For our external initiatives, the -- the -- the Emergency Management Divisions submitted a grant for \$158,000.00 for more PPE gear. We continue to work with the State and County to distribute PPE supplies to ALFs. Our -- our continuing COVID-19 campaign efforts include: promoting our Alert Miramar alert notification service. Since yesterday, Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the City is hosting a COVID-19 walkup-testing site, where no appointments are necessary. Lastly, the City's website is consistently being updated with the latest COVID-19 information. Next slide. On a final note, hurricane season starts in less than two weeks. We urge all residents and businesses to prepare -- to prepare by purchasing their hurricane supplies now to avoid supply shortage. Next slide. Thank you very much. This concludes my presentation. I can answer any questions at this time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Green. Are there any questions for Mr. Green in regards to his report.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No -- oh, go ahead, go ahead. I'm not sure if now is the time to ask, but as far as the reopening, how has it been in -- for our businesses? Are we going to have an opportunity to ask that question by code or -- is now the time? Have you got any updates?

MR. GREEN: For -- say one more time? I couldn't hear what you were saying, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Sorry. I'm just trying to get an idea. This week was the first week, so maybe it's code that I need to speak to, or the police to find out how the -- the opening has been going so far.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor; I believe the Vice Mayor might be on -- and Commissioners, City Manager. Dexter William, Police Chief. In regards to the opening of the City, the City has been in full swing so far with the -- the light opening, because not everything is -- what is considered to be nonessential is open as of yet. But the businesses have started to open slowly. We have had no calls at this point in regards to folks causing disruptions or any social distancing conversations, or anything of that nature so far; I think our communities is probably more happy to be out. And then the individuals we've had conversations of this already during our meetings, individuals who have been entering locations and so forth without these masks, they have been asked to go back out and get a mask. If not, they have not been allowed to come into certain businesses and so forth. So those things have been going pretty good for us, as -- in relation to the police department having to taking action at this point.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So question for you. I have seen where some businesses are supposed to have -- they're recommended to have certain signage about, you know, some of the CDC requirements and so on. How -- are we seeing signage being put up? Do we require any of that, so that folks who enter establishments -- for example, if they're going to the barbershop and so on. I've seen in other cities where they're asking them to have certain visual signs up. Are we looking at any of that? Are we going to see if the capacity is ten or 25 percent? I mean, even though you haven't got any calls, but are you proactively going out?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: We are actually actively in -- in the City going into the businesses as we do any other day. As you know, we have hundreds to thousands of businesses, so we will not be able to do any interior inspections, if that's what you were going for, but --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, barbershops, and specific barbershops, nail techs, those that require the 25 percent. From what I understand, we are charged with doing any type of enforcement, and so I just wanted an update as to have you gone out, introduced -- has code gone out, especially to those type of businesses, introduced themselves, and asked them how they're doing, do they have the proper PPE, are things going okay; that's what I'm asking. Because we can assume that because we've gotten no calls that

everything is fine, but unless we're actually proactively going out, we really can't give a report. That's what I'm asking for.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM: Okay. No, I have not given that instruction at this point for any of my staff to go in and do physical inspections on barbershops, salons or anything of the sort.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So in light of the fact that we are the fourth largest COVID, and the numbers are not going down, they're actually going up, maybe I should address this question to the City Manager. What exactly are we doing in the first phase of opening to ensure that the guidelines are being adhered to?

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: We -- we just received some correspondence from the -- the County, and the correspondence we got is that there's a questionnaire about them possibly giving us money for code enforcement to support us. The Police Chief and his resources are very thin and, therefore, we're trying to come up with a solution to deal with that, but also trying to find a solution to be able to cover the cost of that, and that's why we're sitting in this meeting today in here. So I would expect by next week in here, we'll have some kind of strategic plan as to how we're going to do it, knowing that we're going to have some support.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah. Because, I mean, there are other cities that did not open immediately when the County opened because they weren't ready, and, you know, I just think that if we're not ready, maybe we shouldn't be open. Because if the numbers are not going on, and we don't have eyes in the establishments to see what's going on, then all kinds of stuff could be happening, and we have no clue.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: As the City Manager said, it would require, definitely, for us to put a -- a strategic operating plan together to be able to target each one of those specific businesses, barbershop or something, or salons or something to that effect, and make -- as we were doing code sweeps, we can do this very same thing that we were doing before, and just use that as the target issue to look at in regards to the PPEs and etc., and this will be our -- our focus of what we want to look for. So I'll -- I'll wait for that direction, and I'll put that in place.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah. I would like to see, as of, you know, this week, not next week, that -- the code have their areas, so while they're roving the area residentially, there's not too much out right now, that they stop into a business and make sure that things are going as planned. We -- we can't just wait for help, meanwhile we're the fourth largest amount of COVID. And if they realize that nobody is even coming in to check, then they just do what they want to do. It doesn't take much for you to -- in your route, that you go and stop into some of the businesses. I mean I see you've done it, because you were at the -- the barbershop that was continually opening and going against all the rules, so you've done it before. So if you could continue, I would appreciate that. Thank you.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes, ma'am.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other questions? I see Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I was just wondering, specifically -- maybe you can answer it.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I was wondering, specifically, how are we educating these businesses on what they're allowed to or not allowed to do? Are they just relying on the media?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: I think that was -- that's a -- a robust question for it, because the entire city has been working on that. The marketing plans that have been put together -- obviously, the marketing team can speak a lot better to that, more intelligently, but we've been using all of our social media. All of our team has the CDC process and so forth. We've been looking at all of those things. So those are the things that we've been pushing out, in addition to the media and -- and the general public, because we all want to remain safe. So that's pretty much the direction that we've been going to get the information out as much as possible.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I guess what I was looking for is something direct to the businesses based on their type of -- of business, because there's all types of information out there, and -- and -- and what they can and cannot do is -- is sort of layered by different executive orders from either the Governor or what the County says, or what the City says. And I do believe that many businesses are not sure of what is it that they truly are allowed to do, and before we can even enforce, I think it's incumbent upon us to educate them. So if we're currently not doing any direct messaging to these businesses, then that is my request. So I'm trying to figure out how do we do that. Do we have emails for these businesses? All of these businesses in the City of Miramar are registered with us, so I'm thinking there is a way to these businesses, and let them know what is it that they need to be doing. So how do we get that done?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: I think that one is probably a little out of my area, but I would --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Right. So I'm thinking, maybe --

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: I would probably -- I probably want to say --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Excuse me.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: -- that the marketing --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yeah.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: -- could probably answer that a little better than I can, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank -- thank you.

MS. GAYLE: Good evening. Shaun Gayle, Assistant City Manager. So what we have done, Commissioner Colbourne, we do have a business post that goes out to 3,300 businesses within the City. So whenever -- the same reports that we send at nights with the executive orders that come from the County, we send the business post out to all of these businesses. Now the last -- and I -- and I -- and I -- and I appreciate the question that you're asking about the specific businesses and what they can do. The last executive order that came from Broward County, the order list the different types of businesses that can open, and as an attachment to the order, it had guidelines for each type of business. So if you're a -- if you're a gym, if you're a restaurant, there are different guidelines for gyms, guidelines for restaurants; that was sent out to the businesses, so they would be able to look at that and see: where does my business fall, and what guidelines would I follow.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So when we -- when -- when we send that out to them, there is a phone number for -- for these businesses to contact when they have a question? I mean other than mine.

MS. GAYLE: A city phone number? I -- besides --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I mean --

MS. GAYLE: -- them sending emails with questions to -- to the City --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Because these businesses -- these businesses have questions, so we need to -- we need to provide them with an information line, so that they can -- they can get educated on their specific types of business, what is it that they need to do, because everyone who's open is not cleared on what -- is not clear on what the guidelines are.

MS. GAYLE: Okay. I'm -- I'm just jotting that down for us to -- and Economic & Business Development is our direct liaison to the businesses. I can't say whether or not they do have, but I -- I'll follow up to make sure that that's happening.

MAYOR MESSAM: Does that conclude your questions, Commissioner Colbourne?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It does, thank you.



MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank you, Commissioner Colbourne. Just a couple of -- of -- of observations. I appreciate the concerns of my colleagues, as the City progresses through the various phases. In our last commission meeting, the director of our Economic Development Department stated the resources that they are preparing for as we phased to open, and providing links -- specific -- industry-specific links to assist businesses. For examples, salon, barbershops, restaurants. Also, we have to keep in mind as well is that the CDC, actually, just today released additionally guidance on various industries on preparing for phased reopenings for the country that can also be used as guidance. Besides the -- the -- the expressed concerns, I would like to just share at least what -- what I've been experiencing, in terms of the community. Ever since our facial covering order, for the most part -- obviously, there's always going to be outliers. You're going to always have folks that's just not going to wear it, not going to comply. But, for the most part, when you see people out in the stores, they have on facial coverings or masks. I think that most of our residents in the City of Miramar are diligent, or at least care about themselves and their families, and they do take basic provisions. If businesses that are not providing -- at -- that are at least allowed to open right now, which are the restaurants, salons and barbershops, for the most part, I think residents who don't feel safe in establishment that is careless, is just not making any provisions, they're not going to patronize those businesses. I know that I won't, and my family won't. There are going to be some outliers, and -- and -- and -- and I know that our staff is working on providing additional resources. We do have resources for our businesses. The goal is to get as many of our businesses connected to those resources, so that they can stay abreast of the changes in the -- the requirements. So I'm -- I'm -- I know that as we continue to phase, with the implementations of a lot of the suggestions that have been brought forward tonight and other prior meetings, businesses wanting -- they're eager. They're hungry to get back open, and they want to show their clientele that they're ready for them. And with the combination of their eagerness to get open to provide services and products to our community, and with the resources that we can, perhaps, share with them, to link them to their industry standards, as it relates to keeping their customers and their staff safe, that we'll continue to weather the storm and progress as a community, as we phase our opening. So I encourage everyone to continue to bring forward ideas to our staff; ideas bring up solutions, and solutions bring results, and -- and I'll -- it's going to be an evolving process, as we phase into our -- opening up our community, while we deal and reckon with the fact that we are coexisting with this virus until there's a vaccine.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have another --

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah. Thank you. I appreciate that. Couple of other questions to do with the City's resources, and what they have, and what -- what they control. So, for example, the parks. There were 11 parks -- is there anybody from the Parks Department? There were 11 parks that were supposed to open, and none of the others were supposed to be operational. How are we doing with the eyes on the parks? Because, again, if we weren't ready, we shouldn't open. At this point, we should have

had all the education, all the stuff should have been done in the preopening. So, at this point, we're looking to see what folk are doing, so we can bring down our numbers. How are the parks.

MR. BAKER : Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commission, the parks are doing very well. I was on with the director this afternoon. With the exception of a couple of unique situations, it's been pretty -- pretty calm. The majority of the folks utilizing the facilities have been cooperative and in compliance. And these are -- these are passive parks, so the opportunity to do a lot of creative things doesn't really exist there. So -- but it's been very, very quiet for the most part. But we will continue to keep our eyes on it. We have individuals designated. In some locations, we have individuals, practically, there around the clock. In some locations, we've got rovers that are constantly circulating throughout the facilities, but you have our commitment we will stay on top of it.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And for those parks that are not part of the 11, we have our eyes on those?

MR. BAKER: Yeah, those parks are -- those parks are closed. You know, occasionally, you will get a group of kids that will try to get in there, and then once they have identified, we, pretty much, go in there and discourage them from being there.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I appreciate that. And the other question I had was about our facilities. And, as we know, we have folks on rotation, more people coming into our facilities, in terms of employees. I'm not sure if you handle most of that, but how are we handling that? Folks coming in to -- back to work? How has that been going?

MR. BAKER: Again, it's a fairly substantial reduction in what we normally have, so it's really a -- a skeleton in -- in some areas, one or two individuals. We are checking temperatures and providing PPE as individuals come in. Obviously, if there's some health concerns. They would be highly discouraged not to go any further into the building, and go see their physician., and that appeared to be working well. I've been here all week, sort of going around just sort of witnessing this process taking place.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. So I'd appreciate you keeping an eye on that, making sure, because a lot of times we say things are going well, but, again, the -- the actual enforcement of the -- the -- the rules you're putting in place has to be there. I mean --

MR. BAKER: Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- you have to say: Well, is it working? Is there something else I can change or do? And unless we're actually visualizing each step of the process, then we're not really knowing. We're just saying: Oh, yeah, it's happening. But we have no real clue; there's nobody really checking on that, so I appreciate the update. Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Thank you, ma'am.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other questions? Commissioner Barnes, Vice Mayor - Vice Mayor Chambers? Hearing none. Moving onto our next item on the agenda, our next presentation.

Presentation: Education Advisory Board (EAB) Scholarship Award (Education Advisory Board Chairman Dr. Mac Innocent)

MAYOR MESSAM: I would like to invite Education Advisory Board Chairman Dr. Innocent to present the Education Advisory Board Scholarship Award. Chairman Innocent? Are you on the line, Chairman Innocent, or are you on mute?

DR. INNOCENT: Can you hear me, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we can hear you now. Welcome; good evening.

DR. INNOCENT: Awesome. Thank you. First, I would like to say good evening to the Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney. I would also like to say good evening to everyone watching and listening. I am Dr. Mac Innocent, PT, DPT, and I'm the proud chairman of the City of Miramar Education Advisory Board. Just to give a brief history. Our Board, whose current members are Ms. Kerry Nesbith, who's our vice chair, Ms. Teneshia Taylor, Ms. Italia Thurston, Ms. Joan McLean, Mr. Ted Victor, Mr. Louis Kushner, and Mr. Nari Tomlinson. We started off offering scholarships to students who live in Miramar three years ago. The first year, which was 2018, we awarded a \$500.00 scholarship. Last year we awarded three \$1000.00 scholarships. This year, our goal was to award five \$1,000.00 scholarships, but, unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, our ability to raise money was more challenging this time around. So, despite that, we were still committed, and we were able to get enough money to give four \$1,000.00 scholarships to Miramar students. So, as you can see up -- as is posted, this year's EAB scholarship winners are as follows: first is Ms. Aleisha Francois, she has a 3.6 GPA, and she goes to Miramar High School, go Patriots. Her plan -- her future plan is to be a physician, and she wants to be a OBGYN. And, Mr. Mayor, you're going to be happy to hear this. She's going to be going to FSU, so congratulations.

MAYOR MESSAM: Go Noles.

DR. INNOCENT: Yes. The next one is Ms. -- is Isabella Urteaga, and she has a 3.9 GPA, and she goes to Everglades High School, so go Gators. She's going to major in Environmental Engineering, and I'm stealing this one; she's going to University of Florida, so go Gators. The next one is Ms. Ashley Medouze; she has a 3.5 GPA, and she's another student from the Miramar High School. She wants to be an advanced nurse practitioner, and she's going all the way to New York to a school called College of Mount St. Vincent. And our last winner this year is Ms. Kayla Mornay. She has a 3.5 GPA, and she, too, goes to Everglades High School. She also wants to be a physician, and I'm sad

to say this, but you've got another one, Mr. Mayor. She's going to Florida State University. So two out of the four are going to your alma mater. Congratulations.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Dr. Innocent, and we're really proud of the work of the Education Advisory Board, and the awards and these recipients. We wish them all the best. Regardless of the university and colleges that they're going, we know that they're our future, and we wish them well in this very extraordinary times. So congratulations, and kudos to our Education Advisory Board.

DR. INNOCENT: Is it possible that I thank two -- a couple people before we move on?

MAYOR MESSAM: Sure.

DR. INNOCENT: Quickly? Thank you, sir. So, again, congrats to all the winners and their families. A couple of them share a bit of disappointment this year that we couldn't present them this honor at the Commission meeting, with their families there, holding the big check, but this platform, I think, really gives them a chance to really shine. And I also want to thank -- especially my board member, Ms. Teneshia Taylor, who connected with some God-send donors at the end, because we were really struggling for a while there. But if you look at the flyer there, the Corradino Group and Guard Solutions. Thank you, thank you, thank you; you guys helped us a lot. I would also like to thank, quickly, Ms. Katrina Davenport, who's our board liaison, and also Ms. Kimberly Danvers, who works for the City. And, last, I think it's very important that our vision as a board is to eventually continue growing this process to the point where we start having a ceremony for these winners, where their families, their peers, local educators, school administrators, the sponsors, the people that donate and, of course, our City leaders can come together to celebrate their accomplishments. Because we have a lot of great, young talented seniors in our City, and I think every chance we get to kind of shine them and show them: Hey, continue doing the right thing. We should take advantage of that. So thank you again.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Dr. Innocent. You've just spoken it into existence, and we'll exhaust every opportunity to try to bring that to life. So thanks again, and -- and congratulations to all of our recipients this year.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.)**

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. The time is now 7:42. It is time for our public participation, a break for public participation. Three persons submitted inquiries to the Commission to be read into the record. Eleven people are currently queued up to speak for public participation, and on item 15, later on, and --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor --

MAYOR MESSAM: -- and -- and --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You said item 15, so --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- that -- that got my attention. I'd like to bring that item up --

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, the -- yeah, so --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- rather than later.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. So I'm reading that from the script, in terms of the individuals that are on the line and what they're on the line for. So, at this time, we'll have the public participation, because it's time certain, and it's 7:43. We'll allow these -- those individuals to -- to speak. Before they speak, I will read the items into the record that were requested. If you sent an email to the City Clerk, as mentioned earlier, that request information followed up, it's going to be routed to the appropriate department through the City Clerk for -- for -- for a response. The first email is from Bucky Barnes, does not have an address, but for --: Will you voluntarily provide financial records to anyone that asks, so they can determine if the City Commission and/or City administration has misappropriated funds, either through spending or the hiring of family members and friends? That's a public information request that can be fulfilled through the City Clerk's Office. Next, email from Jennifer Jacobi: Where is the money coming from to pay for the COVID rent and utilities assistance program? I think that's the rental assistance program through our Community Development program. Those funds are restricted funds from the State of Florida through the SHIP program, which were repurposed for economic depressed eligible residents for rental and utility bill assistance. More information can be obtained from the Community Development Department. Our final email is: Kudos, an email generated within our community, Sunset Falls, focused on the furloughed status of City employees. My questions related to this are: 1) Why, after most of the country, Florida, and at least some areas of Broward County are opening up, City of Miramar furloughing employees when, in fact, many of the clerical workers are successfully completing their job tasks by working remotely. I'm a personal friend of such employees, so I know this to be true too. Will these essential workers continue to collect their salary? Most of us feel any stimulus to our economy is called for, and that includes paying our city employees. If any of you, family members or associates have experienced a Florida DEO in attempt to register for and collect deserved unemployment benefits, then you know what's subjecting a new wave of the unemployment will simply add to the already overburdened system. And, 3), finally, were non-police, emergency, critical city services still be available? Drainage systems clog, water systems fail; will there still be access to a hotline where residents can report serious, critical outages? If there are such outages, will remedial mitigation crews be available to respond? In Sunset Falls, we have frequent sewage backups actually, and usually, it's caused by system failures in community to our west, Sunset Lakes. So when we see raw sewage coming up from the access covers in

the middle of our streets, will we be able to report it? Will someone respond? Will it be taken care of? Please post and respond, if at all possible. All these emails have been received by the City Clerk's Office, and will be routed to the appropriate department for a direct response. Going to our first caller that's in queue for public participation; first caller is Eric Young, address: 3594 SW 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miramar, Florida.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Young was a no show.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: So you can move on to the next participant.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. On to caller number two in the queue, Mary Raynor, address 5025 SW 35<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. You have three minutes, ma'am. Good evening. Mary Raynor. Hearing no audio, going to number three, Pedro Carballo, address 4120 SW 151<sup>st</sup> Terrace. Mr. Carballo, are you there? Just make sure -- everyone on queue, make sure you're not on mute. Mr. Carballo.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mr. Mayor, I'm getting communication from IT. Ms. Raynor, she's trying to connect. Pedro is not on yet.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: So I don't know if you want to go to the next --

MAYOR MESSAM: I'll come back to Ms. Raynor.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Number four, James Estep, address 14359 Miramar Parkway. Mr. Estep, you're recognized.

MR. ESTEP: All right. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners and City Manager. Hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. ESTEP: All right. My name is James Estep. I am the president of the Professional Firefighters of Miramar, address of 14359 Miramar Parkway.

MAYOR MESSAM: We can hear you, sir. Proceed, please.

MR. ESTEP: You still hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we hear you, sir.

MR. ESTEP: Okay. (Inaudible 41:14) submitted to the City Manager today on behalf of the fire unit. City Manager Hargray: We are in receipt of your memo dated May 19<sup>th</sup> 2020, about exploring alternatives to the furloughs. We are extremely pleased with the reversal of your decision to remove fire trucks from the streets of Miramar. We commend your decision to keep Miramar safe by committing to reducing the number of firefighters on any one given day. I'm sure that you've been extremely busy over the last few days. We hope that you can find some time to communicate with the Professional Firefighters of Miramar in the near future. We look forward to sitting down with you to better understand the challenges that the City is facing. Sincerely, James Estep, Union President. So the remainder of my comment is how to kind of look at the financial status that we dug into with the City, as far as looking at the Fiscal Year '19 CAFR's report, along with the published 2020 budget. I just want to highlight a few facts that go along with that. We actually see that the City's net position has increased approximately \$18.16 million over the last year. That the taxable assessed value for 2019 was increased over six percent of the 2018. This marks the seventh consecutive year that the City's valuations has shown a steady growth. Note that the financial stabilization account has just over \$20 million in it. There's also the preparedness -- emergency preparedness funds that ensure continued operations, public service during emergencies, and this has about \$6.5 million in total. Now the recent memo from the City Manager dated April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, also shows that the City has an unassigned fund balance of \$8.6 million. These unassigned funds can be used for any purpose that can include paying for a variety of operating costs. I'd like to take this time, though, to remind City leaders and staff about funding available for COVID-19 related expenses due to coronavirus relief fund and, finally, to remind you that you can apply for grants, specifically SAFER and AFG grants that can be used to fund personnel costs and equipment costs #keepmiramarsafe. Thank you, guys.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Estep, for your comments. Going back, Mary Raynor? Ms. Raynor, are you on the line? Moving on to our fifth person in queue, Tom Tiberio. And if you can give us your address -- oh, you're here in person. Yes.

MR. TIBERIO: The phone -- well, I think they tried to call, but it would not connect.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. You're in person, so state your name --

MR. TIBERIO: I'm in person.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- and address for the record. Welcome, sir, good evening.

MR. TIBERIO: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commission and citizens of Miramar. My name is Tom Tiberio. My address 2650 State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale. I'm the vice president of Broward County PBA, also a sergeant with Miramar Police Department. I've served this community for 25 years. I've served it so long, that this was a cow pasture when I started. I took vacation to be here tonight. This is not on the City's dime; this is on my time. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken this country to a place it

has not been in a century. It has terrified the public. But during this time, the actual police officers, firefighters, and other employees, to do their jobs, go to work, we can't telecommute. While still in the middle of this crisis, and, obviously, based on Josh Green's thing, we're still getting more cases. Right in the middle of this thing, the City Manager of Miramar, without notice, discussion, conference or suggestion from employees, dropped a bombshell on all employees in the City of Miramar stating that he will take an eight-hour furlough per week for six months. And even after that, it could continue. The financial crisis was not created by COVID-19. It accelerated it, but that's not the root cause. The City does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. This city is going to have a major hiring problem going forward. There's already chilling effects throughout the police department about what's going to happen. There's already ten on the fence to leave prior to this. That just accelerated the process. I want to reassure the citizens of Miramar and the staff here that we will still do our jobs. There's going to be a lot less of us, but we're still going to do our jobs. If you call 911, we will be there. The City Commission approves the budget for all departments, and to -- and budgeted 229 police officers. For the first time ever, we were actually at full staff last year. That number has dwindled down to 219; out of that 219, six are in some -- some part of training; some were through their career right now, they're not ready to be full out -- full officers on the road. That leaves a ratio of 1.6 officers per 1,000 in the City of Miramar. 2017, FDLE did a report, 2.27 is the average in the State of Florida. We are far below par. Can this police department suffer a 20-percen cut? That's like taking 43 officers from the 219 that you have. This city has been on the news, not about the furlough thing, but it's been on the news nationally: plane crash, NFL players, arrests made on State Road 7. Citizens of Miramar deserve better, your employees deserve better. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir. Our next speaker in queue, Jeremiah Edmond. Mr. Edmond, you're on -- you're up next. Are you on the line? Mr. Edmond? I do have -- been notified Pedro Carballo is on the line. Mr. Carballo.

MR. CARBALLO: Yes, I'm on the line.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, Mr. Carballo. You're recognized.

MR. CARBALLO: Okay. Good evening. Good evening, my name is Dr. Pedro Carballo, and I reside at 4120 SW 151 Terrace, Miramar, Florida 33027. I am an internist and a cardiologist, and not just because I'm a first responder since 1981, but I am not in favor of having any furloughs or cut in hours for the first responders and, for that matter, any City employee. I am sure the Commission can come up with alternatives to cut in other places in the budget, and there is a lot of fat to be cut, instead of making employees suffer any more than what they have suffered already through this pandemic. Before you start cutting hours or jobs, I suggest cutting other nonessentials around City Hall. Maybe you can get creative and shutdown landscaping and sprinkler and water use for a while, turn off every other light bulb in the City Hall. Maybe cut down the thermostat to 78 degrees. Maybe these meetings can be cut down to once a month, like many municipalities do in



Broward and Miami-Dade County. Maybe City employees can turn off their City cars and vans when they stop at a job, instead of keeping the car cool. Maybe you can stop the fountains for a while, but, please, don't cut the first responders and the City employees. On top of that, maybe you can cut the arts and festival programs for a while until the coffers are full again. If it is between an employee eating and making mortgage or rent payments, or a resident going to a festival, I know which one most empathetic residents would choose. Anyway, in my humble opinion, it seems all the arts programs have the same theme all the time, and it's not inclusive of all the backgrounds of all the residents of the City. Get creative and cut waste. If, at the end, you have to cut salaries or jobs, it needs to start from the top, from the Commission, to show the residents you really care. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, good night.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Carballo, for your comments. Mr. Edmond, Jeremiah Edmond.

MR. EDMOND: Can you hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we can hear you now, sir. You're recognized.

MR. EDMOND: Okay. Jeremiah Edmond, 4802 NW 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sunrise, Florida 33351. Mayor, Commissioners, thank you for this opportunity. Sorry, I'm in the car. I'm going to pick up my son, so sorry, if any interference. But I want to say thank you -- thank you to the City Manager, after we received the -- the note -- the -- the -- the memo, we received the memo, and I just want to plead with you. I know other alternatives of finding solutions. Please, I ask that you find these solutions that you don't -- that the City don't furlough our employees, and to make it under \$20,000.00. I am the president of GAME, and I am deeply concerned about our members. I'm deeply concerned that our members will not be able to afford a decent meal or take care of their family. You have to understand, without our GAME employees, who are -- I -- I thank the Commission so much, every time -- that sometimes that I hear you guys, you -- you -- you -- you big us up, and you -- you -- you say: Hello. Hey, you guys are the backbone of this community, of this city. I just want us to honor that, because without our Utilities Department, there'd be no water, there'd be no water for the firefighters, there'd be no roads for the police men, and I stand with my -- my union brothers and sisters on -- on this matter to say no to furloughs. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Mr. Edmond. Trying one last time. I'm -- I've been informed Ms. Raynor is on. Mary Raynor, you're recognized.

MS. RAYNOR: Thank you. Can you hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we can hear you. You have three minutes --

MS. RAYNOR: Okay, great. Thank you. I'm Mary Raynor, 5025 SW 35<sup>th</sup> Terrace, that's Fort Lauderdale, 33312. I am on the Historical Board on the east side for the last years.

The utility box covers, we have been waiting for for -- with all kinds of excuses from you all. You all approved them in the budget of 2019. Well, where are they? Many cities have them, so they are allowed. The problem with you all has never -- to follow up with the projects that you have approved in the past. So have you -- you spent that money, or given yourselves more money, or more money to your expense accounts? And, of course, your aides that don't do too much work. Remember, this is a part-time job; what about all these employees that are -- that are your friends and family, that you have made up positions for them, and they do not know what they are doing. Look at the other cities, and see if each one of the commissioners have their own aides. Not sure if you know, but my daughter did work for the City of Miramar for 12 years, and she left, because she was white, and she was being teased for that. So, at this point, she could have sued the City for harassment and so on, but she has moved on to another city. But, at this time, I think you need to look at what is happening to our City here. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Our next speaker is Jamie Cabrera. Mr. Cabrera. I've been informed Mr. Jamie is not on the line. Our next speaker, Amanda Sorrell. Are you there Ms. Sorrell? No Amanda; she's not -- she has not dialed in. Our next speaker, Mr. Alejandro Casas. Mr. Casas. Okay. He also has not dialed in. Our next speaker, Debra Scialabba. She also has not dialed in. And our final speaker, Jason Sorrell. Is Mr. Jason Sorrell on the line? Okay. Because I think he's with Amanda. Okay. All right. So that concludes -- that concludes our public participation for those who have registered to speak for public participation. We thank everyone for calling -- calling in and voicing your concerns to the Commission, and to the community. What I'm going to do before going to the Consent Agenda is that, I am going to move item number 15 up now at this moment, and I'll say -- call item number 15, so the attorney call it into the record.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor, I have item number 13 that also deals with this issue, and it was placed on the item -- on the agenda before item number 15.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah, so --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So I would like that to be called up as well, and dealt with before 15 or together, but --

MAYOR MESSAM: Well --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- I don't want to leave it at the bottom of the -- of the agenda.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, after item number 15, we'll go from there. I've decided as chair to make item number 15 -- it is the City Manager's action that is -- is at question. He has a resolution to ratify, so at this time, I'll have the attorney call item number 15.

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MAYOR MESSAM: Read number -- item 15 into the record. Item number 15, please.

**15.** Temp. Reso. #R7189 ratifying the actions of the City Manager to **implement employee furloughs** for City staff. (*City Manager Vernon E. Hargray*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution ratifying the actions of the City Manager to implement employee furloughs for City staff.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. --

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor, --

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Man --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- before -- before --

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Manager -- with all due respect, Commissioner Colbourne, allow Mr. -- I would like to have the Manager make a statement, and then it will make sense as it -- as it relates to how we proceed. Mr. Manager, you're recognized.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Thank you, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. I wanted this item to be pulled and make it real clear. There were no -- there will not be a furlough. There will not be a furlough. But the thing is equally -- and I was planning on having a presentation too, but I think it's important that I share this with you in here. And the decision to explore other alternatives outside of implementing the furlough, I felt that I needed to get everyone involved as stakeholders, and that includes the staff, the union representatives, the business and the community an opportunity to voice their opinion, given all the information that has been available to me, and the budget and finance team. This is way bigger than me, all right. Vernon Hargray did not create this. Let me tell you did: corona 19. So let me talk about things that I was facing with in trying to focus on the health of the employees, as well as the economics, and if the Senate and the House can't get it together, you know what kind of struggle I have. I -- from the day I came in this city, I have always taken a personality of being the father or the grandfather of the staff, protecting them. But it comes to a point where you have to realize that leader does not have "I" in it. And I can't do everything. So let me share with you some of the things that were facing me and the budget team in here, and I have no problem telling anyone that if I'm going south, and somebody tells me I'm going south and I need to go north, then I will change, because I'm searching for an answer that perhaps is more bigger than all of us. So what some of the things that -- that -- that the team, the finance team and the budget team were dealing with the information that maybe everybody don't have, because I'm finding out that everybody don't understand the budget, and -- and -- and James, you know, he's taking the time, the union president, and go through these things in here, and that was great in here. But everybody has to understand about the fund balance history,

the revenue shortage associated with COVID-19, contractual services. Yes, somebody mentioned about contractual services. All those things here, all the contractual services you have, level of services, benefits, the benefits that we have, all these things, vacancy history, as HR talked about it. We have a union through your contract for \$14 million that was a part of all these things that's been taking place. And then the stress of the fire union grievance, requesting for \$450,000.00 a pay period for emergency pay during the declaration of emergency. I can't take that burden by myself and the staff, I need everyone. I need the residents. I need the unions. I need everyone to sit to the table with me. The financial advisors, analysis, for '21/'22. You have the management and union rights. You know, when you make decisions, and you learn real quick in here that every union in here has rights, as well as the management rights, all these things have to be placed together. So what have I learned as I'm going through this process in here and looking at health, as well as the economics? I needed everyone to the table with me. I'm not going to deal with no furlough, not -- we're going to go to the budget, we're going to have a budget meeting that's going be transit, so unions, the residents, and everyone sit to the table with me in here, and talk about how we can make sure that we protect everyone, because far as I'm concerned, everyone is a first responder to me in here. From the day that I came in here, nobody -- everybody knows that these buildings, the fire department, the police department, who stood in this room in here and advocated for these things in here. I love Miramar, I'm going to be here until it's all over here, I live in Miramar, I can walk from Miramar to there, but I care about the residents, and I care about the business, and I care about the employees, and always have. At this time, I'm going let budget -- because there's -- there's criticism about the management -- at least Jim came back and said something. So let's talk about the management and the work that the Commission has done, because it's a lot of things being said. If you compare Miramar with the 31 municipalities, you'll find out that -- that -- that we've been preparing ourselves for this emergency, but this emergency seem like I can't get a handle of -- is it going be over in -- in -- in -- in -- in three months? Is it going be over in six months? Is it going to be over in March? That has been a very troubling -- troubling problem that I've been dealing with, to the point that by me talking with the Mayor, talking with Commissioner Colbourne, I felt that let's bring everybody, and listen to the representatives. Let me bring everybody to this table, because this is much bigger than me. Go ahead, Raph.

MAYOR MESSAM: Before -- before the presentation is made for staff -- for those residents that are either streaming, watching on line or on our community channel, I just want to just clarify that item number 15, a resolution to ratify furloughs for the City of Miramar that was brought forward by the City Manager has been pulled. And, to be clear, that there will not be furloughs, which, therefore, removes the item and the issue off of the table. And any subsequent items on the agenda dealing with furloughs is -- is, therefore, null at this point. So, at this time, I'll --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Manager -- are you saying item number 13 is null? Is that what you're saying?

MAYOR MESSAM: No, I said that the -- the Manager is not saying that. I'm saying that the -- item number 13 is specific to not having furloughs. The -- the Manager has pulled back his resolution to ratify furloughs, so, therefore, if there are no furloughs on the table, there's no topic to discuss in regarding furloughs. So, at this time, we'll have the presentation --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So after the presentation --

MAYOR MESSAM: -- from -- we'll have an opportunity for comments and for everyone to discuss the presentation.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: At -- at the same time, item number 13 will be read into the record?

MAYOR MESSAM: We can -- yeah. We can read item --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- into the record, yeah, sure, sure.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Because it's on the agenda. Excuse me?

MR. TIBERO : Can I tell them outside?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, you may.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: There's a letter that went to them.

MR. SANMIGUEL: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, members of the public. My name is Raphael Sanmiguel; I'm the assistant director for Management & Budget. I'm here to talk about the item at hand, the City Management Report Fiscal year 20 update. So a little bit of background. Back in 2018, we started with best practices for the City. We instituted an OPEB trust fund, that's an other post-Employment Benefit Trust Fund to fund the unfunded liability in OPEB. Also, we started the Pension Trust Fund to better meet the unfunded pension liability, and smooth out any unexpected increases in yearly contributions to the pensions. We were the first city in Broward County to enact these policies. We were pioneers, and we got calls from other cities asking us how did we implement them, how did we do it; can you share any information. Again, these policies enabled the City to meet the unexpected increases in obligations when it comes to OPEB and pensions. While we're doing that, we also kept building our stabilization fund balance. That's our 20 -- 12-percent reserves, as stipulated by GFOA, and we also kept our emergency reserves at six and a half million dollars, despite a couple of hurricane events. In numbers, we can see that the stabilization fund

grew from 2018 from \$19 million to around \$20.3 million. Emergency preparedness, we grew from \$6.1 million to \$6.5 million. Again, we funded the pension trust funds. At the end of this year, it could be up to 3.3 for the pension trust fund, and one million for the OPEB trust funds. The unassigned, as you can see, it kind of wavers around \$8 million. Bottom line, back in 2018, the total fund balance grew from \$35.3 million to \$41.4 million. So we entered fiscal year '20 in good financial footing. More graphically, you can see the -- the -- the slight increase, the -- the -- the steady increase of the -- of the fund balance. You can see the stabilization fund at the bottom, \$20.4 million, unassigned on top, around \$8 million. The emergency reserves, \$6.5 million, represented in -- in green, and then we can see the -- we started to fund the OPEB and the other pension trust funds in the middle there. We instituted all of these strategies. We increased our fund balance while still meeting our bargaining obligations. So these are the costs. Each year, over and above a flat scenario for GAME, police and fire. It shows a \$14.6 million three-year cost. These costs were also absorbed without affecting fund balance, as previously shown in the previous slides. I want to talk about debt. This is our historical debt, what we paid in '18/'19, what we have in the '20 budget, and we have projected for '21 budget. As you can see, that did not suddenly increase to any astronomical -- astronomical levels. The -- our issue is not with the sudden increase in debt or any other expenses. Due to COVID, we have a revenue loss issue; that is the issue. Just like thousands of other businesses and organizations out there that are struggling, the issue is revenue lost related to the effects of COVID, which affect our cash flows for the City of Miramar. Speaking of cash flows, I will introduce the Susan Gooding-Liburd, our chief financial officer, who is going to be talking about projected impact of the General Fund cash balances.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, and the line, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorneys, City Clerk. My name is Susan Gooding-Liburd, I am your chief financial officer. And what I will be presenting to you this evening will be the General Fund cash balances, and the impact of the loss of the estimated \$23.3 million of revenues for FY '20. On the slide in front of you, September '19, that is our beginning balance, that's what ended September '19, based on our annual financial report of a cash balance of \$43,384,000.00. The net change that you will see here is a combination of the revenue that came in, and the cash that went out, our payroll and our operating expenses, so for a net change in October of \$10 million. Therefore ending the cash balance -- again, I want to emphasize, in the General Fund, to \$33,359,144.00. In the November, we had a net change of \$5,953,867.00 to end with a cash balance of \$27,405,276.00. The net change in December is the \$65,771,000.00. That is when the City received its ad valorem. So you see the positive net change; the cash balance went up and ended in December of \$93,176,374.00. Net change in the month of January, revenue coming in, expenses going out; we ended with a cash balance of \$88,203,660.00. Net change for the January -- net change for February, \$5.3 million, \$5.3 million; ended with a balance of \$82,879,938.00. Net change for the month of March, \$4, 072, 716.00. Ended March \$78,807,222.00. COVID-19 began when the City issue its emergency March 14, 2020. We ended April, which will be our first month of full under COVID-19, and a cash balance of \$72,346,509.00. I really wanted to highlight -- and that's why you see it highlighted in yellow, the balance that Raphael spoke of, the Budget

Department, and that's the total of the stabilization of the \$20 million, the unassigned of the 8.5, and the emergency preparedness of 6.5, for a grant total of \$35.5 million. So I removed that from the ending April cash balance, because what I want to show you, and what I want to show you in the next upcoming slide is at what point we will be tapping into those reserves, estimated projected. And I want to keep in mind that this is just an estimation, it's a projection. I do not -- we cannot say what March -- I mean May is going to be, what June is going to be, July, and this is an estimation, and it's a projection. Next slide, please. So I -- this is just a different look of the General Fund cash balance, so you can see the up and down. And, because we get our ad valorem -- and you see that \$93 million, that's when majority of the ad valorem come in. So every month after that is when we will be spending down to carry us through to the end of the fiscal year. Next slide, please. So with the \$35 million removed from the \$72 million, so I can concentrate on the cash balance and projected as to when we will be tapping into our reserve, this slide represent that. The net change from month to month -- we are not out of May yet, is con -- is -- with revenues coming in, payroll going out, operating expenses, and included in the net change each month, if you see a consistent straight line, we carried it through, was based on the 15-percent cut that each department had to do, as we go through this crisis. It was also based on the \$1.7 million of furlough that we stated that we will -- no, excuse me, of freezing of our vacancies and no hiring, that we indicated that we will do, so all those numbers are reflected in that net change. Again, I want to emphasize that these are projected. As we end May, we will come and we will update and get the actual, as to what the net change is. June, July, August, all the way to September 30, 2020, these are projected changes, because of the \$23 million that we anticipate not being received. So in September, we will be tapping into our reserve. If COVID-19 did not happen, and the projected \$23.3 million that we said we will not receive, that will be added to this negative balance, cash balance that you see here. So for all of the math people out there, add \$23.3 million to this negative, and you will be on a positive side. Next slide, please. This is just a chart showing the progression of the projected cash balance declining each month from May, June, July, and as we get to September, what it will be. Next slide, please. This slide represent -- again, I want to emphasize, the projected -- because I do not know, I took every single day in the month of September to project to you at what point we will be tapping into the reserves. So on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is our first payroll of September, which is our largest cash flow going out, because all personnel, pension, everything, that is when we will be utilizing our reserves, and all the way to through the month of September, we will be utilizing reserve if -- again, I want to emphasizes the projected \$23.3 million loss that's not materialized. Before I end, I really want to make an emphasis here. This is an unprecedented national and global pandemic economy that is impacting the City's revenue shortfall. Therefore, there are no historical trends available to follow, so it is our best, educated guess. Again, I want to emphasize that the revenues, expenditure, and the month-end cash balances from May through September 30<sup>th</sup> discussed in this presentation are projected numbers. And, with that, I would answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the -- the presentation. I do have a couple of questions.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: I guess I've been standing all day, Mayor, and I need to sit. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: You made note of the ad valorem, that property taxes that we receive for this fiscal year -- what -- what is the exact amount that we receive, or we're projected to receive if we haven't collected all at this point? Because the slide that shows the -- the General Fund cash balances, that's a net amount, so -- which takes out our expenses and payroll, so how much?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: I would say, as of today's date -- today is May 20<sup>th</sup>, we received 95 percent of our ad valorem. The exact number, I can provide it to you tomorrow, but I know we received \$68 million plus, --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: -- as of today's date.

MAYOR MESSAM: And I think, if I recalled off our adopted budget, that it was budgeted for, I think, about 70 plus, 70 --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: \$72 million.

MAYOR MESSAM: \$72 million. \$72 million is what we projected to collect from property taxes. And remind us again on -- what is the General Fund adopted --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Budget?

MAYOR MESSAM: That -- that budget? 180?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: \$181,283,373.00.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So is it fair to day that property taxes make up less than 50 percent of the General Fund?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: It is fair to say the ad valorem property tax make up 40 percent. Keep in mind there is also a non-ad valorem piece, which is the buyer fee, and that makes up 22 percent of our budget.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: So, overall, together, bout 52 percent.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So far stretch from our General Fund being, pretty much, funded by property taxes, or all of it, or a great majority of our property taxes makes up the General Fund. That -- that would not be an accurate statement, correct?



MS. GOODING-LIBURD: 52 percent if we count ad valorem and non-ad valorem.

MAYOR MESSAM: So when you say that the issue is a COVID-19 ISSUE, it -- revenue loss isn't due to property taxes, correct?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: Because --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: At least for FY '20, it is not.

MAYOR MESSAM: At least for this, right? So that's not -- so we just move that off the -- off the table. So we've received that, and we -- just clarified that our General Fund budget is about \$80 million, right. So the other revenue funds that -- the revenue sources that fund the General Fund comes from where? Because I don't think this presentation covered, specifically, what those funds are. Like, for example, inner governmental revenues, and some of the other -- can you just share with the public what those revenue sources are?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Absolutely. I mean I actually have it in a backup slide, if they may -- the one that says: Susan's backup slide. That -- present that, so that everyone can see. And if you -- these are utility taxes, community serve -- communication service tax, our local business tax, franchise, special assessment, intergovernmental. And I think if you go to the next slide, there's a pie chart that reflects it nicely.

MAYOR MESSAM: So let's take revenues -- revenues that are shared revenues; our revenue sources that are dependent on other governmental entities, like shared fees, intergovernmental fees. What -- what kind of money are we talking about that funds our General Fund, that partly funds our General Fund?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Intergovernmental revenue was budgeted at \$15.8 million this year.

MAYOR MESSAM: \$15.8 million. Shared fees?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Are we share --

MAYOR MESSAM: Shared fees.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: So within the intergovernmental, we have the revenue sharing, we have the --

MAYOR MESSAM: Gas tax.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: -- local option gas tax within all of those. Those are within there. Okay. So we estimated that we will receive 11.8. If we projected, that we would lose about \$4 million of that \$15 million.

MAYOR MESSAM: And for -- and we collected -- and so did we receive any communication or updates from the State in terms of what their projections are, in terms of the impacts of COVID-19, on what they expect to generate, which would then trickle down to governments? What kind of impact?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: We have not, Mayor. We have reached out to them, although I did read where the Governor has convened that committee. However, they failed to put out any projection to -- to give to the municipalities throughout the State, and they stated when we called that they are unable -- because they don't know, like I said they are unable to come up with an estimate.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there reports? Are there reports that State -- for example, a 30 percent, 25, 30 percent. What are the -- what are the -- the impacts, in terms of -- do we expect to receive the -- the adopted budget projections from intergovernmental fees?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: No. I project that as only coming in at 75, only coming in at 75, based on what I know.

MAYOR MESSAM: Percent.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: I projected that at 75 percent, but we receive 25 percent, we probably would not receive.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So because it's reasonably -- nothing is certain, because these are projections. So, based on -- based on a professional hunch or anticipation, we're not -- we're not going to get the 100 percent of what we projected? In fact, you projected that we may only receive 75 percent of what was projected?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: And, yes, we looked at every detail of every line, every revenue that comes in, and we -- are we going to receive this based on what we know right now with COVID, and being the very fluid in everything, this is our best, professional guess, and I do hope 75 -- better we beat it, but this is our best -- best professional --

MAYOR MESSAM: And what about fees for services?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Fees and services. So we have charges for services.

MAYOR MESSAM: Can you define what that is? What is fees for services?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Yes. There's a slide. Could you go to -- keep going, and get to charges and services; correct, right there. To the left of the slide, I indicated, so that

you can see what makes up -- these are some of our major, you know, ones that is really going to be affected by the COVID-19. That represent 11 percent of our General Fund revenues, and we know that the parks, the cultural service center, the community service are heavily impacted. They deal with children programs, they deal with adults, so those are heavily impacted. The summer, aquatic summer program, the summer camps, the athletic programs, any admission fees to come into concerts or whatever events we have, banquet hall rentals, these are the ones that are really, really affected. I looked at each and every line item of revenue, where they are, and we predicted if the City opens up, or if the Governor opens up the County, and we go out and we make concession to make sure we adhere to the COVID-19 requirements and distancing, and facilities are open where rental comes in, that would be an added one. But based on our best professional decision at that time, whatever revenue was received as of February, we just held that firm, because we realized there was a possibility that nothing else may come in.

MAYOR MESSAM: And that was captured in a memo that was sent to --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Correct.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- the Commission that stated, at the end of February, we received 40 percent of our projection, so we were at -- February is, basically, at the 40 percent mark of our fiscal year, so we were actually right on target. So, obviously, the next month, we close the City, so, therefore, we can't charge for our services and collect fees that we projected. So, to me, I understand staff's rationale, in terms of not expecting to collect most of the projected 60 percent, due to uncertainty. For one, we're closed, we're operating not at full kilter and, therefore, that is a big red flag and a big concern. So it just concerns me when I hear comments from the public, or those who are really questioning your professionalism, your preparation. We know that you, as staff, have worked extremely hard to put fiscal policies in place, so that we could be in a position to have \$30+ million in our stabilization fund, and our emergency fund, in our assigned fund balance, in our unassigned fund balance, and you have clearly demonstrated where the revenue shortfall is coming from. It's not specific to departmental actions. Not specific to departmental spending. There may be questions. People may not necessarily agree with every program, every event, every service that the City provides, but we presented a -- and passed a balanced budget with sufficient reserves or sufficient resources to deal with emergencies, to deal with our stabilization cash flows. So this is clear to me that -- why you came forward and advised the Manager that we have an issue, because we don't know how long COVID-19 will persist. We don't know how this is going to continue to impact the operations, continue to impact our ability to charge for fees. We saw this year -- so that's why I made sure that we take property taxes off the table, because that's not an issue, and that is why I wanted to bring to light that property taxes, contrary to a lot of perception in the community, that property taxes is well over 80, 90 percent of our General Fund, which it not. A significant amount of our revenues from the General Fund, which funds the salaries of our hardworking employees comes from the General Fund. And when you have \$23 million directly tied to our ability to collect our shared intergovernmental revenue from the State, directly tied to the City's ability to charge for

services in the community, that's tied to our adopted budget, which, by the way, we are mandated by the State to pass a balanced budget. And, also, recognizing the hard work that the Finance Department, and the Management & Budget Department has done to put fiscal policies in place to bring the City to where it is. So I stand with you. I stand with your guidance, which sound the alarm that we have to put a pan -- a plan in place. We have to prepare for the uncertainty beyond the preparation that we have already done. There's been a lot of rhetoric that has been stated about what's going on in Miramar. Well, Miramar is being a leader. Miramar has come out and expressed, publicly, what municipalities across this country are dealing with. As a board member of the National League of Cities, that on several conference calls and web calls with colleagues across the country, they're having this very same discussion. And the National League of Cities, and the National Association of Counties, they're calling on Congress to pass over \$500 billion in aid to assist municipalities and counties to deal with these exact issues that we're talking about today. Other municipalities may not be speaking publicly about this, but internally they are. And it will come out in their budget process. So, Mr. Manager, I'm here, I'm available, and I know my colleagues are as well, for us to exhaust all resources to continue our path of ensuring that Miramar stays on top, that Miramar comes through this unprecedented climate of an invisible threat that has brought this globe to its knees. And I want you to know that. And I know that this will be possible with the collective work of this Commission, the collective work of administration, and the hard work of our employees. Now could this have been handled better? I'll be the first to say: yes. But I will stand firm to say that the City of -- of Miramar, this administration, this staff has been transparent. We have an open book. We are not broke. We are prepared to handle a very active hurricane season, we're prepared and have the cash to pay our bills, and to pay -- and make payroll. But to sit here and say that -- and deny the fact, and to hear rhetoric to state that COVID-19 has not had an impact on our city, as it is happening to other municipalities is not true, and I appreciate your presentation. It's available for the public, and it's available for inspection, and we will get through this together, the Commission, our City employees, and our City administration. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized, followed by Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. I would like to know how do you -- how do you tie your presentation today with the memorandum of April 24<sup>th</sup>. I see a different set of numbers, but I'm trying to figure out: are we getting to the same place in them. So on page three of four of that memorandum, you have vacancies that you're freezing to the tune of \$1.7 million. How is that reflected in your numbers today?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: So if you may go back to the first presentation that had the cash balances; they had the net. No, the one -- the one that I -- keep going. I'll tell you when, keep going. Right there. Thank you very much. Based on the -- and I think you need to go to the next one, I'm sorry. Go -- I'll tell you when to stop. Correct. Stay right there. So based on the memo that was issued April 24?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: April 24<sup>th</sup>.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: 24<sup>th</sup>? It indicated that the departments did a 15-percent cut, to the tune of \$4.9 million; vacancy was frozen; an estimated amount of \$1.7 million. So we actually -- in the -- in the net change, that 8.8, that has taken into account that what the City Manager implemented with the freezing of hiring, freezing of filling the vacancy, the 15-percent cut, that number has taken into account that the departments are holding true to that.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The \$8.8 million?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Yes, that's the net that they're holding true, and this will be our spend going forward.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So that estimate that you have there, it incorporates the \$1.7 million --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Yes. And the --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- on -- on page three of four. Okay. So -- then you have the operating expenses, and that adds up to 4.6.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: It also -- the change from May going forward, it also incorporates the freezing of 1.7, and it incorporates the department 15-percent cut of the 4.9. It takes all that into account. We looked at the payroll, we looked at the operating, and we make sure that what Budget Department have projected out, we took all of that when we looked at projecting out our cash balance. We took all of that, saying the City is going to hold firm, the City is going to wash their spending; and, again, I must emphasize, these are just projected numbers. I do not know, and the stronger and the longer we hold to our expenditures, you know, we will have less -- we will have a better cash balance at the end of each month.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So no page three of four of that memorandum, you had -- you had a column that said furlough, and you had \$16.9 million, rounded off to \$17 million. And then on page four of the April 24<sup>th</sup> memorandum, you have several -- several different funds that you were going to tap into to get to that \$17 million. But on your projection here, it only shows that when you get to September 30, you only turn red -- it - - September 30<sup>th</sup>, it's \$7.3 million, and this is \$17 million.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: So --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So am I understand that what we're going to need out of the fund balance or fund balances -- in fact, let me just rephrase that. Am I to understand that what you have listed here, these different areas that you were going to fund that deficit, you only need \$7.3 of that?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Right. Based -- yes, Commissioner. Based on our cash balances, because remember we have money in the bank, as we ended. Based on our cash balances, we will only be tapping in in September, and based on those different funds, those different --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Through September?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Yes. Those different levels of where the reserves are, or where we can get funds to help us through this, --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: -- you would only need 7.3.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You would only need \$7.3 of the reserves?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Exactly.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So here it talks about FEMA COVID-19 reimbursement. I'm not sure that I knew that we have a COVID-19 reimbursement, but it says FEMA COVID-19, \$2.3 million. Is that accounted in -- in the net change, the 2.3?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: So, on the memorandum that you have in front of you -- I'm sorry, the memo that you have in front of you that identified different funding sources. That was saying that if we do not receive all revenues, and we do not receive any other cash coming in, then the \$23 million, the City Manager and budget sit down with the Finance Department, and we came up with a plan: if no cash came in, if no more revenues came in, that is how we would take us to make sure that \$23 million lost in potential revenue would be covered.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So we no -- we no longer need to do what was presented to us in the memorandum on April 24<sup>th</sup>? We no longer need the FEMA's --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: You -- you no longer need --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- money at 2.3?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: If I may -- Commissioner, I'm sorry, I apologize.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: You no longer need the whole -- as we said, you will no longer need to go into your -- your reserve balance on that quantity. You only need to go into your reserve balance in September to the tune of 1.7, based on that --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: 1.7?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: I'm sorry, 7.5.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The 7.5?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Yes. Based on that -- that memo, it said unassigned fund balance of 8.5. If I can recommend -- and I would recommend, along with the budget, the first bucket of our reserves to tap into will be your unassigned. So, as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 7.5 of the fund balance reserve, that will be tapped from the unassigned fund balance of 8.5.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So we would not be -- currently, based on what you have demonstrated here, through the end of September, we do not need to use the \$3 million that's identified here from utility funds; is that correct?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: That is correct.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: We do not need to use the 1.7 from the Economic Development Fund, is that correct?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: -- that is correct.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- we will not be using the \$2.3 million from the FEMA reimbursement; that will not be part of this either.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: That is correct. The first recommendation of the reserve that I would put there will be the unassigned fund balance that I would -- and keep in mind, again, -- and that is my -- my finance director reminding me, and I've stated all throughout the presentation, that these are projection, and the projection have to hold through to -- that we will receive what we said we would receive, based on projection, and that's when we'll we get to fund balance. Say --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well that --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: It's projection --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I -- understood.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Understood.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: But on April 24<sup>th</sup>, you said we needed \$17 million. Today, of this \$17 million, you're telling me the only thing that we will need is \$7.5 million.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Cash balance, yes, --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: -- to -- to -- to -- to tap into your reserve to do that.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So -- so that would be the only update to this -- to this memorandum on 7:20 -- this 7:24 memorandum?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: The 7:24, memorandum, as we go forward, Commissioner, and I did make sure in all of the memorandum that was sent that the City Manager project that we will look at the actual -- each month, we will look at the act -- and we will give you an update each month regarding the actual and those projections.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well, I place an item on -- on this agenda, which has not been read into it, because the Mayor hasn't done so; it hasn't acknowledged that I have an item yet -- as of yet.

MAYOR MESSAM: That's not correct.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: But I --

MAYOR MESSAM: It's -- I --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It hasn't been read into the record --

MAYOR MESSAM: No. I --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- yet, and I do have the floor -- I don't -- I --

MAYOR MESSAM: Don't say I didn't acknowledge it. It --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: All right.

MAYOR MESSAM: It will come forward, as I acknowledged, earlier, when we get to that item, Commissioners.



COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well, it doesn't make sense for it to be at the end of it. I've asked for it to be moved up, and that hasn't been done.

MAYOR MESSAM: Again, it's the Manager's --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- action and resolution that precedes your reactive resolution, basically, to discuss the action is really a moot point when the resolution has been pulled by the Manager, and staff has given a presentation that shows a path forward that will not require a furlough, which was all of our goal to achieve. So you have every right to continue to ask questions regarding the new path, and the previously action, and the date to support the previous action. You have every right to -- to do that, but I just wanted to - to -- to clear and correct the record in terms of where we are in terms of the agenda. But item number 13 that you put on the agenda will be read into the record. We're not there yet, but it will be read into the record, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. As I was saying, I did put a resolution on -- on this agenda today, because -- because I knew that the City had the reserves necessary to carry us through. My res -- the intent of the resolution is to allow the use of emergency funds to avoid furloughing our employees. The City of -- the City Manager put out this memo on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and he explained very thoroughly where we were, and how he was going to deal with things. Today I'm being told that we're in a much better position than that, and that's -- and that is -- that is a good thing. And it's an even better thing that the City Manager has decided not to furlough employees, because we all know that the City has the adequate reserve funding to sustain us through this fiscal year. We budget for emergency reserves, specifically put aside for emergencies. COVID-19 is an emergency, and it qualifies to be used for those funds. The implementation by the City Manager after he has produced a document explaining to us exactly how intend to handle the COVID financial situation, the implementation of furlough at a stage in the middle of a pandemic is insensitive to the wellbeing of our employees. I understand that he has changed his mind about furloughs, but furloughs at this stage in our budgeting process for FY '21 is premature. What it has caused is a distraction. A discussion about furlough is a distraction to what we need to be focused on. It has been said that by Fourth of July, when we're celebrating Independence Day, it's estimated 100,000 would have died from this horrible disease. That's where our focus needs to be. This is not over, you know, this may just be the beginning. I'd like to think that we're in the middle, I'd like to think that we're -- we're half way, we're going out. We don't know. But this is not over. We need to fight this disease. Our attention needs to be on protecting the community; it needs to be on protecting our employees. We need to educate the community on how to survive this disease. We need to be explaining to these businesses what is it that they have to do in order to keep their customers safe. Our police and firefighters and all of our employees are members of this community, and they have been dealing with COVID-19 on a personal level and, at the same time, they have been assisting our community in various ways. And, frankly, our discussion here today should be thanking them. We

should be thanking our employees for putting their lives at risk, responding to emergency calls on a daily basis, and distributing food to support our community. Our employees have been active when our residents have been sheltered in. This Commission did not discuss furlough. We have had several commission meetings during this pandemic; not just one, I think we had about three commission meetings during this -- during this pandemic. We had a meeting two weeks ago, and not a single mention of furlough was made. This Commission did not discuss furlough, and I resent that, Mr. Manager, for you to -- for you to sit there and pretend that you brought an item to this Commission, and this Commission discussed furlough, because that did not happen. You provided us with a memorandum, and you told us different things that need to be looked at. You specifically stated: While many cities are considering furloughs as an option to contribute to the reduction of expenditure, I am determined to implement a solution which protects our valuable assets, our human capital. It has always been my goal to have the City in a position where we can leverage our assets. And it goes on: To obviate the need to resort to furlough, to account for the \$17 million, the resolution is to utilize reserves, as outlined in Table 2, which we just discussed. And this is what concerns me, okay. So, again, this is a wonderful thing that we are here today, and that you have -- you have -- you have since pulled your item. It's a wonderful thing that you are no longer consider furlough, because we have reserves, and we always knew that we had the reserves, because they were budgeted. But this has caused a major distraction. Okay. I don't expect -- I don't expect that we will have to go through something like this again. But at the appropriate time when my item comes up, I would like to make sure that that item is considered, because I do not want the Manager to decide in another two, three weeks that he wants to go into a different direction and furlough employees without bringing an item to this Commission, and having that discussion with us.

MAYOR MESSAM: That concludes your remarks? All right, Commissioner Colbourne. Commissioner Davis, you're recognized, and followed by Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, I appreciate that. A lot have already been covered. My -- my concern was the -- the several memos that we got. Again, one was -- that we were short \$17 million, the other one was we needed \$23 million, and now I'm hearing we only need seven, so I just want that to be explained. Were you projecting out past the budget, is that the issue?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Thank you, Commissioners. I am projecting only up to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So the \$23 million that you said you were going to be short -- that's what we said, right?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: At the -- to end of this fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Is going -- we're going to be short, --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: And I'm only projecting --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- but we have enough money to cover it. And the money is coming from where and where and where? Could you repeat where the money --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: What our revenue sources, you mean?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Where the \$23 million --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: You mean can we show it again? You need me to show the --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Where the \$23 million is coming from that you said we need.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Go back to the second one. If I understand you correctly, you want to know where -- how the \$23 million would be covered? That's pretty much it?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I just want you to show us -- you said we needed \$23 million by September, because we're going to be short.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: No. Okay.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: What are you saying?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Go back to the first slide. So this is the projected revenue shortfall that was included in the memo -- memos that you have received, okay. It's \$23 million, because the rev -- we estimated that the revenue would not come in the September 30<sup>th</sup> by this amount based on what is going on right now, in these different -- we told you how much we estimated that we were losing ad valorem.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: How much we estimated we were losing, all of that. All of those red represent the \$23 million shortfall that revenue possible may not be received.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So we're not trying to cover the \$23 million? We just need seven?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: The \$7 million, it gives you the cash balance as of September, based -- if everything holds true, revenues that we projected not coming in, cash -- I mean cash going out for payroll and our operating, that we will need to tap into our reserves September.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah. I get that.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: And obtrude that negative.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The -- there was a chart that showed us where you're going to get this \$23 million from, different places.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: There's a chart --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And I think that's what --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Oh, that was in your memo.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Huh?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: That was in the --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I think that's what Commissioner Col --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: That was in the April 24<sup>th</sup> memo. That's what you're talking about, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: There was a memo saying \$17 million, right, that was the one on the 24<sup>th</sup>. That we needed to get money from the FEMA money, Economic Development Fund, utility unassigned, and so on. Do you no -- you no longer need this money, is that --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Based on the current cash balance we have within the General Fund, we will not need the -- the FEMA, we will not need to get the money from utility, we will not need to tap into the -- the emergency yet. We will only need to tap into the unassigned up to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Everything I'm doing here is as of September. I have not moved into the new fiscal year. This is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and we will need to tap into reserves at that particular time in September to the tune of \$7 million.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But what I was asking, why give out this number if you don't need it?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: The \$23 million?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: The \$23 million memo -- if we -- if you read it correctly, it's stated that as of February 29<sup>th</sup>, when we closed our books, and everybody was going into this COVID, we sent out the memorandum saying these are the strategies. We projected that if this COVID continue into September, this is estimated what we will lose. It also stated that the City Manager will implement different strategy, as freezing, cutting, looking at our contract, and all of those things, so we can mitigate.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: So we can mitigate that. So it as prudent of the financial professional to put forth these memo, not wait until something happen to give you a red light, yellow light to say this could possibly happen if we do not receive what we projected. That's what those memo -- I think we want to -- going on, and telling you based on our best guess of how long this thing is going to last. The City has sent people home since March 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, whatever that day when we left the City Hall, coming back, and we are returning in a phased manner. So, therefore, the revenues are not coming in. We don't -- we don't see the revenues, and we are projecting to the best of our ability that we will be shortfall by that amount, so it was prudent of us to put forth a memorandum to the Commission to let you know. I think it will be unprofessional of us if we did not do anything to say: This is what is going on, and this is how it may affect us.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But right now you're saying it's going to affect us by the \$7 million?

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Looking at -- and, if you notice, looking at the cash balance, yes, ma'am, and if -- this is if everything holds true to my projection. Again, I don't know what June is going to bring in. June may bring me in a whopping \$10 million, and I don't -- I doubt that, but I'm just saying all of these numbers are projected. I want to make sure I'm very, very clear.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The only reason why I'm bringing this up -- the reason why --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Sorry?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The reason why I'm bringing some of this up is because I spoke with the -- the fire union president, and, you know, he brought forth some points. He called me, apparently he wasn't able to get in touch with the Manager, which I think, you know, we -- we do need to be in discussion with our union -- if the union president calls you, the union president ask for documents, we need to be giving them the stuff, right. Because if we're going to be working together, we need input from everybody. We can't just call one union, and not return calls of another; they may have some good points. And he had mentioned to me that other cities, such as ours, are predicting shortfalls of only \$5 million, maybe \$4 million; why are we predicting 23. And now it is, here we are at seven, which is more in line with places like Pembroke Pines and Hallandale, which he had researched. You know, so my -- my -- my -- my thought process is that when we're going through this, if we're saying we're talking to all stakeholders, we do need to engage the unions, not just now, but even into the new budget. You can't ignore them. I mean, occasionally, my phone calls get ignored by the Manager, but I don't expect that to happen when employees are trying to reach you. And so, if that was put out, it would have been more digestible. But throwing out \$23 million and saying nothing about the seven, and then when you compare 23 to somebody else that says, oh, they need four, they need

five, it just gives mixed messages. We're not accounting professionals; we just need the basic information, so we can make decisions. So --

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: So if I may make one comment, and this is -- I really cannot speak about the other municipalities when we speak on the City of Miramar. I do not know what union contract they have; I do not know what budget they have --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Neither do I. I'm just giving a general statement.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That they are saying they only need five and four, and we're putting out in the public we need 23, when, in fact, we need seven. What I would suggest also, moving forward, is that in order to bring in the community in our budget process, and I'd mentioned it before, to have a budget review committee. We do need to establish that -- it has been established in other administrations. Let's not wait for the community to hear secondhand what's going on, and to -- to formulate their own opinions. Bring them in into the process, so they know what is going on. You can get them from all over the community. There's people that are very much interested in -- in our budget process, and that way you include them, if you're saying you're all going to be inclusive. Don't wait until something like this happens, and you say: We really want the public's input. You want the public's input, form a budget review committee, and have their input, so they're part of the process, okay. That way we can say we're more inclusive. And please respond to our unions. We have, you know, other things going on for the new budget year. You're going to need to talk to them. You're going to need to have relations with them. And -- and we have a current issue going on, and -- and I'd like the Manager to -- to really get with -- with the fire unit, and sort it out. Let's not -- we -- we shouldn't have to go into arbitration. So that's just my two cents, and I -- I -- I -- I am very pleased, also, because I thought it was doom and gloom too. I mean I know what it's like -- I, myself, am furloughed right now from my main job, and it's not pretty. You have to make a certain amount of concessions, and you do it out of necessity when there's no other alternative. And when it was proposed that this is what we have to do, because it's doom and gloom, and then only to find out that we really don't have to do it, it -- it just doesn't look good. That's it from me.

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

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. I have always sought to see in some -- a particular perspective, especially from the perspective of the -- the big picture. Mention has been made earlier about cherry-picking data by person to support their positions. That is to be expected. This is what happens, especially in situations like ours. The reality is that democracy is never pretty. I think we have very little choice but to -- to seek the solutions that exist somewhere. I have a number of suggestions, but I would like to make a number of observations first. As I have indicated in no uncertain terms,

both in personal conversations and in response to media questions on the issue, I can in no way support the plan for furloughs, which has now been rescinded across our city, now or in the future, and the reasons are simple. At the end of our meetings a couple of weeks ago, it was my understanding that sitting in leadership, City management was going to present a proposal to the firefighters. I heard nothing about whether this was done or not. Further, I was not consulted on the matter, whether directly or indirectly, on the matter of furloughs and, subsequently, I was not consulted about making this decision public. I'd like to believe that we need to look at a plan, and that plan, I'm suggesting, includes a number of suggestions. On the Commission upward, we need to look at a review of our salaries. Nobody has mentioned this, and I really don't have a problem. In fact, one of the first things I comment on -- commented on once this decision was made is: I'm going to give up my salary for, maybe, a couple of months. As management and as overseers on the Commission, we have to lead by example. In addition, considerations and consultations have to be a part of the budget preparation process going forward, and I -- I -- very frankly, I'm -- I'm disappointed, as I said in our meeting last time, that certain positions were taken by a number of people. I do not think it makes for good governance if people who sit on the Commission hear about a plan and say: Maybe other people consulted. I know I was not consulted. It is less than, what's the word, facilitating, it's less than comfortable to hear about a decision to furlough staff through a memorandum, when one would think that this is something that you'd have a discussion on. When we ended that meeting two weeks ago, my only thought was: Hey, we're going to respond to the demands that were being made by the firefighters' union. Until now, I have no idea whether that was done or not. What I got, instead, was this note that we're doing furloughing. Commissioner Barnes is not going to support or would not have supported any furloughs. Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you -- thank -- thank you, Commissioner Barnes. Excuse me. Can I have the Clerk get Granicus up back for me, on the screen? Thank you. I don't see if anyone else -- Vice Mayor Chambers, did you have any comments? Everyone else has spoken? I don't see if you -- I don't -- I don't have Granicus up, so I'm not sure if you're if you're raising your hand, but I'll provide an opportunity.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I'm in the queue.

MAYOR MESSAM: You're recognized, Vice Mayor. Go ahead and -- you're -- you're recognized, Vice Mayor.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: -- hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Can you hear me, Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. We can hear you, Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you so much. The challenge that the City is facing is twofold, and these are the cold facts. There's a reduction -- there's going to be a reduction in revenue; on the flipside of that is that there's a increase need by resident for our support. This -- the case that the City have is to look for ways to manage its long-term obligation, and that's the fact. We have to look for ways, moving forward, and that's something we have been addressing over the last couple of years, so that's our obligation; we have to really meet those. The Manager, under the Charter, give emergency power to make those decision -- to make the decision to furlough. That was not discussed or voted on by the Commission, so I want to make that clear, that the Commission have the power to make their decision, so we did not voted on that, and I'm quite sure that's clear by now. Though it may discuss with staff or some other elected official, but there was no action taken, not that I've been aware of. And we have not got to the type of support, or just support funding we would have hoped from the federal government, so we have to look at sustainable, managing our finance. One of the increased cost we have is the doubling of the fire payment under the emergency act, so that's something we really have to address. And I -- I want to think that those who have agreed that this contract envision a short-term duration, state of public emergency, maybe one or two weeks at the most. I mean who could have seen COVID-19 coming, and the length in which it would take us to this point. This might go on for several months. As they mentioned earlier, there's an uptake in more cases, and so with the -- the additional cost to -- per month to cover the fire department, I -- I think that's something the City Manager, the attorney, and the fire department maybe take a look at. I mean this is -- I mean pretty much an increase of two times that was paid during this pandemic, and -- and that's -- that's an issue for the attorney to look at the contract and see if we can mitigate the loss of revenue, and to make some changes going -- in agreement with the fire department to address that. I mean this, realistically, could go on for some time, you know, for the foreseeable future. It -- it's a way that would have to take a look at everything, and as we can see so far, we have done as much as we can to put the City on a sustainable pathway. We've done incredibly well with the -- all unions, all three unions, making concession, and shoring up the budget, shoring up the pension, and -- and so forth. So where we are today, as the Mayor mentioned earlier, as you can see, sometime you want to be first, and it's not always good to be first. And for us to be out there with the furlough, pretend we're first, that was not a good thing. And I must say there is one municipality out of the 31 in Broward County that have a strong mayor, one out of 31, and there's a reason for that. I think we have to get back to the Commission to -- to have us do our job the way it need to be done, and I -- personally, I feel like the Mayor -- I step out on a limb with the Mayor, with the City Manager, and put us at risk, and -- and -- and cause harm to the City of Miramar, the Commission, and -- and -- and that's not a good thing; it's definitely not a good thing. So, Mr. City Manager, I'm asking to sit down with all the union, go back to the drawing board, and the attorney, and myself or all of the Commission, and see how we can address some of the issue with the coming shortfall with the COVID-19. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor Chambers. Since you directly invoked my name in regards to your sentiments, which you have every right to do, I think you're



comments are off base, misguided and uninformed. I didn't jump out with the City Manager. I received the same communication that each of us on the Commission received via memos. The City Manager issued the memo, taking action to furlough. I was at City Hall. The news media received the memo, asked me a question. In their edited reporting, as they do, I informed that my first priority is to address these challenges, while preserving the status of our employees. That has always been my statement. In addition, I also stated that his action would have to be ratified by the Commission. We have not discussed furloughs as an agenda item on this Commission, but we have received several memos and updates regarding some of the concerns; all of us were communicated of that. So to insinuate that there was this -- that I'm the strong mayor, I didn't make this action. You got the same memo that I did. So when I say that your comments are uninformed and misguided, that is the basis of my comment. I just choose to resolve issues at the dais, because we're one Miramar. We're one community. We make decisions as a commission. My mode of communication may be different from yours. If I'm asked by the media if I think that our city is unsafe, my response is: Our city is not unsafe. Besides being the mayor, I am an employer. I know what it is to employ, not individuals, but families, because every person, adult, represents a family, they have dependents. I'm consistent with my remarks. As the mayor, I don't have the liberty to throw grenades and sit back and watch the residual. I have to ensure that there's confidence in the City. I have to ensure that everyone has a seat at the table, and we abide by our Charter. The City Manager put forth an action to furlough. I didn't agree with furloughing, but I don't throw the City manager under the bus; I say this has to be decided by the Commission, and that's why he had an item on the agenda. Commissioner Colbourne also put an item on the -- on the -- on the agenda, item 13, because it must be ratified by the Commission, where we then discuss it. The realities are this. Our first responders are putting their lives on the line every day, not just putting their lives on the line to normal crimes and incidents, and helping to save lives, but on top of that, now they're faced with dealing with this invisible killer. No one wants to see them impacted. This is not about the Manager, this is not about me, this is not about any individual commissioner, it's about all of us. The City Manager's action didn't say I'm furloughing only first responders, he said all City employees, all. It became a matter about first responders because of the obvious. But it's about all of our community. That is why I also stated that if this action was ratified, I would be the first in line to furlough my salary, and my assistant's salary, regardless of the decision of the Commission on what they would do, because the Manager can't furlough the Commission. The Commission sets its own salaries. Our employees come first, as it relates to serving our bosses, the community. And I've tried to be as objective and as reassuring as possible throughout this process, despite the rhetoric, despite the misguided criticisms, and even the uninformed comments coming from a member of this Commission. But I think what is -- is clear, in terms of as we weather the storm, we will work together. And I know the Vice Mayor has an item on 13, which she would like to have some action on, and I will offer her a friendly amendment. I don't think it can pass as it's written, because it's specific to an item that has been pulled, that no longer exists. So in whichever terms Commissioner Colbourne would like to address her item to ensure that, as we go through this process, that the Manager comes to the Commission first, because I think that's what the goal is -

- to achieve that it be presented as such. I'm not sure if it -- it's done this meeting, or if it has to be rewritten, but -- so that we have to probably get legal counsel to -- and -- and to give us guidance, but the resolution is written -- it's specific to the specific memo, actions that has been -- has been pulled, so I don't know how we solve that. It doesn't really matter. I think the goal is that the Commission and the City Manager works together, if this issue ever has to come forward or even considered. That is my goal. We will get through this, but I think everyone is on notice that we must work together as a city. There's going to have to be some give and take, starting with the Commission. We have to set the example. From initiatives, to events, salaries, because we can't act like everything is just okay, because, yes, we can pay the shortfall or meet the shortfall with the reserves, because we prepared ourselves for that, but that's a onetime fix. We don't know what this economy is going to look like months and a year out from now. We don't know what our revenue projections will look until after we go through the storm. The Manager has -- across the board, 15 percent departmental reductions, immediate; hiring freezes, promotion freezes. But we, as the Commission, got to set the example. If we're going to have faith and confidence from the community in us, our actions have to be in line as such. So I'll continue to work with my colleagues, I'll continue to work with the City Manager, I'll continue to work with our employees, so that we can get through this together. As I stated before, I know all of the energy regarding the support of our first responders is expected, it's deserved, and the support for our other employees are expected and deserved. In working together, we will rise beyond this; that is my commitment. That is my commitment to the residents, to our employees, our first responders, and to this Commission. Commissioner Colbourne, followed by Vice Mayor Chambers.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Manager, you -- Mr. -- Mr. Mayor, you did call me vice mayor, so --

MAYOR MESSAM: I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- equal to -- you men -- you mentioned amendment to --

MAYOR MESSAM: Not amendment, but how we reach the goal, because the resolution speaks to --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: How we -- right. You -- you talked about the -- and you mention amendment, a possible amendment to it, and how do we accomplish that. It hasn't been read into the record yet, so I -- I guess we'll do -- we'll deal with that when -- when it's -- when it's read into the record, in terms of how do we change it, because we haven't -- you haven't called up yet, but I would like to speak to that at that point.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thanks, Commissioner, and the item, always – always supportive.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: We can't hear you.

MAYOR MESSAM: We can't hear you, Vice Mayor. We can't hear you. You have to speak so -- speak -- try to speak again.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Hear me now?

MAYOR MESSAM: Faintly.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Very low.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. We can hear you now.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you. As I was saying, it's that your action tonight regarding your fellow commissioner item is, tonight and always, it's -- speak for itself. And I think we all on this commission -- and I think you have to be courtesy to your fellow commission, and I didn't see that this day tonight, and tonight is the only night. But I'm going to rest my case right there, thank you.\

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. And for clarity for the public and, perhaps, the Vice Mayor, Commissioner Colbourne's item is written to stop furloughs per the memos presented or sent to the Commission for an action to furlough all employees. Since the Manager rescinded or pulled the action item, then as the item and resolution presented by Commissioner Colbourne is written, it's calling for a action against something that no longer exists. So what I suggested in my prior comment that, in anticipation of Commissioner Colbourne's item that's coming up on number 13, which I acknowledged in the beginning that we will get to, that because the resolution speaks to an action that no longer exists, and recognizing from comments from the Commission, that there is desire for the Commission to have any dis -- any consideration of furlough that the Manager may be considering, that it must come through the Commission. I brought that point up for later discussion in the item, so that that goal can be addressed, since Commissioner Colbourne had the item to stop furloughs on the agenda. So as the chair of the Commission, I'm working to achieve a goal or a solution based on comments from this Commission, and based on the intent of Commissioner Colbourne's item. So to say that I'm not extending courtesy, I'm not extending an opportunity to voice, I don't think that is true, and we will discuss the item and how we move forward, in an effort for us to work together. So it's as plain as I can put it, and we'll work together, and we'll get through this. Seeing no other comments, we'll put -- the Manager's item has been pulled. We received a report. I think the objective of the community and this Commission was met.

Everyone understands the series of events that took place that led us to this, and we will move forward.

**RESCINDED**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Manager -- Mr. Mayor, again, one more time, I ask, before we go to Consent Agenda, that you move item 13 up, so that we can discuss it now, when we're on the issue.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So granted.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 13.

- 13.** Temp. Reso. #R7183 **opposing** the implementation of **employee furloughs**; supporting the recommendations of the City Manager's Memorandum to the City Commission dated April 24, 2020. *(Commissioner Yvette Colbourne)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, opposing the implementation of employee furloughs; supporting the recommendations of the City Manager's Memorandum to the City Commission dated April 24, 2020, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. So I guess the question, Madam Attorney, is based on the resolution as written, and the events or prior events of the City Manager pulling his -- his resolution to -- to furlough City employees, what is our next step?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: The Mayor --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: May I speak to the -- may I speak to the item before -- before you go there, since it is my item? I appreciate it, thank you. This item was written because a series of emails implementing furlough without it coming to the Commission. The City Manager had a memorandum that clearly states his plan. Tonight, he has reserve -- reversed his decision about furlough, and he has amended that plan. The item that I have before you, it says that I'm opposed to what was done, the implementation that he put forward in his memorandum on May 13 and in June 11<sup>th</sup> -- I'm sorry, on May 13<sup>th</sup>. I'm still opposed to that. It's no longer taking place, but this item states my opposition to that, and I think everyone on this Commission agreed that they're opposed to that. So maybe the City Man -- the City Attorney may think that the language need to be tweaked somewhat, but it still stands the same. I am opposed to the implementation memorandum of the Manager that was put forward. I am in support of a plan. What I have here is the

plan that he submitted to us on April 24<sup>th</sup>, dated April 24<sup>th</sup>. I would like to see that amended to be the plan that he has put forth today. I am in support of that. And I'm also in support of him bringing it back to this Commission for our approval. So the question to the attorney -- I can see that we can -- we can amend this and move forward with it today with that language. So the attorney can now speak to that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are you on mute, Madam Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: I -- yes, I was. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Through the Mayor, based on your intent as to what you would like to have the Manager do in the future, in terms of having him not implement the previous recommendations of the April 24<sup>th</sup> letter, but, instead, the -- I'm sorry -- of the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, memorandum, but, instead, consider the alternatives that were set forth in the April 24<sup>th</sup> memorandum. There is no need to amend this item. The issues are still relevant, and I think you mentioned previously that it's your intent that these -- that you are -- are -- if this were passed, that it would apply to future events, and not necessarily be related to the Manager's previous pull of the ratification item.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So we can move forward with this email the way it is?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: It -- it does stand alone.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: With this resolution the way it's written?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: It does stand along, Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. And the City Manager would still have to bring it -- would still have to bring it back to us, to this Commission?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: You all have made that clear, that you would like for him to proceed in that manner.

MAYOR MESSAM: I would say for clarity that that is included in the resolution, if it's not already written.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Is it --

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: That specifically -- that specifically is not written, but we can -- we can certainly add the language to the supporting item, and -- and add a sentence at the end of section three in requiring the matter -- the Manager to report that to the Commission or seek the approval of -- of the Commission's -- of any future actions. We'll -- we'll have some language added to the section three of the -- if that's the intent of the Commission, of the item upon amendment.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah, because that was the comments from all of the -- from the Commission, that the Manager should consult the Commission, and knowing that was not written in the resolution was the -- was the concern of mine, so.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I would -- I would accept that amendment to it, and I would move the item.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, before we can move the item, Commissioner, we have to allow the public, if there's anyone online, to comment or ask questions. Do we have anyone on the line in regards to item number 13? Have we received an update from IT?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mr. Mayor, I don't -- I don't believe we have -- there is no one that requested to speak on that item.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Back to the dais. Are there any comments or questions? I don't see any speakers, but if there are any comments or questions on this item; if not, can I have a motion on this item 12?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I make a motion on this item with the amendment that we discussed.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second the motion.

MAYOR MESSAM: It was moved by Commissioner Colbourne, second by Commissioner Davis; 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 #R7183 as amended, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 20-123**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. The Clerk received no requests to speak on the Consent Agenda. Are there any items from the Commission that wish to be pulled? Please state so -- please state so if there are any items wishing to be pulled. Hearing none, may I have a motion on the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I already touched that -- pressed it.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Who -- who motioned, who second for the Clerk?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I did.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne motioned.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Motioned by Commissioner Colbourne, second by 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 Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, the Commission voted:

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

1. Minutes from the Commission Workshop of March 18, 2020.

**Approved**

2. Temp. Reso. #R7160 authorizing the purchase of **Fire-Rescue Station Alerting Systems**, including all necessary hardware, software, installation, and product support from **KeyLite Power and Lighting, Corp.**, utilizing Broward County Master Agreement No. R1426611P21, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$258,927.00, for **Fiscal Year 2020**. (*Fire-Rescue Chief Robert Palmer*)

**Resolution No. 20-117**

3. Temp. Reso. #R7163 accepting a grant from the **FY2019 Urban Area Security Initiative ("UASI") Grant Program** in the amount of \$132,311.00; authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Miami, as "Sponsoring Agency", and the City of Miramar, as a "Participating Agency", along with any future amendments to same and other Memorandums of Agreement related to the 2019 Grant Program deemed appropriate. (*Fire-Rescue Chief Robert Palmer*)

**Resolution No. 20-118**



4. Temp. Reso. #R7164 approving the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for the provision of cost share support of a **NatureScape Irrigation Service** to be performed by Broward County, and authorization for Broward County to conduct specific technical activities required as part of landscape and irrigation system evaluations, at a total cost of \$42,473.00 over a five-year term of the agreement. *(Public Works Director Anthony Collins and Utilities Director Dr. Roy Virgin)*

**Resolution No. 20-119**

5. Temp. Reso. #R7171 supporting applications for funding from Broward County Transportation Surtax Mobility Advancement Program (Cycle 1) for **2020 Surtax Maintenance and Rehabilitation Projects**. *(Public Works Director Anthony Collins)*

**Resolution No. 20-120**

6. Temp. Reso. #R7180 approving the award of Invitation for Bid No. 20-007 entitled **"Miramar Cultural Arts Banquet Hall Ceiling Tile Project"** to Dekora, LLC, in the amount of \$92,320.00. *(Public Works Director Anthony Collins)*

**Resolution No. 20-121**

***End of Consent Agenda***

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

7. Temp. Reso. #R7128 approving **appointments to various Advisory Boards**. *(City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes, Mr. Mayor. Item number seven, a -- a resolution -- a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving appointments to various Advisory Boards; providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Madam Attorney. We have four advisory boards that has vacancies. First, the Blasting Citizen Advisory Committee, we have one at-large position for a Miramar business; there are no applications on file. Our next advisory board is Civil Service Advisory Board. The City Manager has one appointment, and there's -- there's one applicant, James Hepburn. Do you have an appointment, or will you accept Mr. Hepburn?

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I will accept Mr. James Hepburn. Outstanding board.

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next advisory board is the Education Advisory Board, and we heard from our Education Advisory Board this afternoon awarding scholarships to Miramar area or Miramar seniors, and there's a Miramar High School Innovation Zone at-large position that's open. We have two applicants, Wilburn Harbin and Karen-Vanessa Wright. Do we have a nomination for the at-large Miramar High School Innovation Zone at-large seat? You all ready to make a recommendation, or you want to -- for the next meeting? Okay. It's been requested to make this appointment at the next meeting. Okay. Each of us have a vacancy for the Historic Miramar Advisory Board, in addition to two at-large seats. I'd like to recommend Ms. Norma Martin for my vacancy. Commissioner Barnes, do you have an appointment to the Historic Miramar Advisory Board? Commissioner Barnes? Can you repeat that, Commissioner Barnes; you were breaking up.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I prefer to that at -- at our next meeting.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Vice Mayor Chambers, do you have an appointment? Vice Mayor Chambers?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Next meeting, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Commissioner Davis, are you ready to make an appointment?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No, I'm not ready.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. So we have two -- what's that?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm ready for my appointment.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, I thought you said -- oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner Colbourne, are you ready for your appointment?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: For that one, Mervis Watson.

MAYOR MESSAM: Mervis -- oh, it's not on the sheet?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: No, it's not on the sheet.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. What's the -- spell the name.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: M-E-R-V-I-S.

MAYOR MESSAM: The last name?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: W-A-T-S-O-N.

MAYOR MESSAM: Mervis Watson, Commissioner Colbourne. Okay, so may I have a motion for the appointment to the Civil Services Advisory Board for City Manager, James Hepburn, and to the Historic Miramar Advisory Board, Commissioner Colbourne appoints Mervis Watson, Mayor Messam appoints Norma Martin. May I have a motion, please?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mr. Mayor, you skipped categories non-Historic Miramar resident, as well as Historic Miramar business owner.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, those will be pushed to --

CITY CLERK GIBBS: To the next --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. Because no one is ready for --

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- those appointments, so we'll do all -- all vacancies will be brought to the next Commission meeting. May I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

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 Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve Resolution #R7128, the Commission voted:

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

### **Resolution No. 20-122**

## **ORDINANCES**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number eight, please.

8. **FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1745 amending Section 2-151 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miramar relating to the Legal Department; **increasing the City Attorney's authority** to settle claims with approval of the City Manager; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. (*Human Resources Director Randy Cross*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending Section 2-151 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miramar relating to the Legal Department; increasing the City's Attorney's authority to settle claims with approval of the City Manager; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Is this item being -- Mr. Cross. I was looking to see if it was being continued. I didn't see any movement.

MR. CROSS: It sets a timer, clicking. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam -- Mr. Vice Mayor, members of the Commission, Randy Cross. This item is to request that the Commission consider amending the level that is in place of \$5,000.00 for approving settlements without coming to the City Commission. The code currently has that set at \$5,000.00. Slide, please. So the City has a third party administrator, Gallagher Bassett, that helps to mitigate the claims and assess the claim values. We're self-funded for our property and casualty insurance, and since 1997, the City's had a level of \$5,000.00 for settlements that can be awarded at the city manager and city attorney level. What that's done over the years is created -- it's decreased the value of the settlement. It's -- it makes it more difficult to settle low-cost claims, and the City is looking to request an increase to \$25,000.00 in that amount. We did a brief survey, and we found that we -- we reached out to about 15 cities, seven of them replied back to us. The majority of the cities have a limit of \$25,000.00. To give you some perspective, over the last five years, about 15

percent of our claims, 21, have been over \$25,000.00. The majority of our claims are under \$25,000.00, 126 claims over the last five years. This is the first reading of the ordinance, so if there's any questions or information you'd like us to provide, we can do that between now and the next meeting.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any questions from the Commission on this -- actually, any members from the public? I don't think anyone is on the line, right? Just let me know if there's anyone on hold on the line, and I can just move the discussion.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: There is no one on the line to speak.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Seeing there's no one on the line, back to the Commission. This is first reading. Are there any questions for staff on this item? Hearing and seeing none, may I have a motion on the first reading of item number eight, please?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

MAYOR MESSAM: I don't think he heard you.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: He made -- he made his vote though.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: He 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 Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve Ordinance #O1745, the Commission voted:

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

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for June 17, 2020

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number nine, please.

9. **FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1746 considering an **Expedited State Review Comprehensive Plan Amendment** to Part 1: Goals, Objectives and Policies of the City of Miramar adopted Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to Sections 163.3167, 163.3174, 163.3177 and 163.3184, Florida Statutes (2019), and Section 303 of the City of Miramar adopted Land Development Code; specifically by amending: (1) Policies 6F.1 and 6F.2 of the Future Land Use Element to repeal the adoption by reference of the City's 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and ensure coordination with other municipalities in the update of the Broward County Population Forecasting Model; (2) Policies 1.1 and 1.2 of the Potable Water/Aquifer Recharge Sub-Element **to update the City's and Broward County's 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plans** as currently adopted by reference therein, in furtherance of the November 2018 Update of the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan by the South Florida Water Management District; Policy 1.4 of the Sanitary Sewer Sub-Element to reflect the increased capacity of the City's Wastewater Reclamation Facility; and (4) Policies 1.11 and 1.12 of the Capital Improvements Element to tie the issuance of Certificate of Occupancy for new development to the availability of adequate water facilities and to incorporate the water supply projects identified in the Work Plan into the Capital Improvements Plan on an annual basis; providing definitions; making findings; providing for adoption; providing for transmittal; providing for severability; providing for interpretation; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; and providing for an effective date. *(Community Development Director Eric Silva and Utilities Director Dr. Roy Virgin)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, considering an Expedited State Review Comprehensive Plan

Amendment to Part 1: Goals, Objectives and Policies of the City of Miramar adopted Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to Sections 163.3167, 163.3174, 163.3117 -- 177 and 163.3184, Florida Statutes (2019), and Section 303 of the City of Miramar adopted Land Development Code; specifically by amending: (1) Policies 6F.1 and 6F.2 of the Future Land Use Element to repeal the adoption by reference of the City's 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and ensure coordination with other municipalities in the update of the Broward County Population Forecasting Model; (2) Policies 1.1 and 1.2 of the Potable Water/Aquifer Recharge Sub-Element to update the City's and Broward County's 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plans as currently adopted by reference therein, in furtherance of the November 2018 Update of the Lower East Coast (LEC) Regional Water Supply Plan by the South Florida Water Management District; Policy 1.4 of the Sanitary Sewer Sub-Element to reflect the increased capacity of the City's Wastewater Reclamation Facility; and (4) Policies 1.11 and 1.12 of the Capital Improvements Element of the issuance of Certificate of Occupancy for new development to the availability of adequate water -- water facilities and the incor -- and to incorporate the water supply projects identified in the Work Plan into the Capital Improvements Plan on an annual basis; providing definitions; providing for findings; providing for adoption; providing for transmittal; providing for severability; providing for interpretation; and providing for correction of scrivener's errors; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, Mr. Silva.

MR. SILVA: Good evening to you, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor and Commissioners. Eric Silva, Community Development Department. This application before you is for an update to the Comprehensive Plan; it's to adopt our Ten-Year Water Supply Plan. It's a joint presentation with Community Development and the Utilities Department. The South Florida Water Management District is a state agency responsible for water supply planning, and the lower east coast water supplied area, which includes all Broward County and the City of Miramar. The last LEC plan was adopted in 2018 by the Water Management District. The Florida Statute section 163.3177 requires that each local government within the LEC planning area adopt their respective water supply facilities work plan consistent with the 2018 LEC plan update. We do this every five years. City staff sent a draft copy of the Water Supply Plan to the Water Management District staff for their review in March 2020. We received a couple comments, and those comments are incorporated. As part of the formal review process, which we're going through now, this is first reading, it'll be sent back to them for a formal review, as well as the other State and regional agencies for their formal review. There's two things that we're doing. We're changing some policies in the Comprehensive Plan, and they're going to adopt the water supply plan by reference, so the document that's in your backup will be adopted by reference into the Comprehensive Plan, and this is how we do it. We update the Future Land Use Element to reference to the Ten-Year Water Supply Plan, and we also have an update to all policies that require coordination with Broward County on population projections. We need to also update the potable water and aquifer recharge sub-element reference the new water supply plan, and update the permitting capacity of the Wastewater Reclamation facility, and the capital improvement element to also reference

the Ten-Year Water Supply Plan. The water supply service area; we wanted to highlight this, because it's a little bit different than what we typically have for the City's population projections, and that's because there are a couple of areas: Country Club Ranches, and over in the east corner, the northeast corner of the City, there are residents there that are serviced by Broward County. So we had to take those areas out, and these are the projections that are being used for the water supply plan. And now I'll turn it over to Utilities to go through the rest of the slides. Ronnie Navarro.

MR. NAVARRO: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, my name is Ronnie Navarro. I'm the assistant director of the Utilities, and -- yeah, this work plan was prepared with the following three objectives: to meet the existing and projected needs for at least the next ten years; to identify capital improvements that will be needed to develop -- treat and develop those supplies; and to identify conservation measures and reuse supplies that can be used to offset demand for new water. So in preparing this update, the Utilities Department coordinated with the South Florida Water Management District regarding demand projections, the use of appropriate water sources to meet projected demands, and the use of water conservation and reuse strategies through permitting efforts. The Utilities Department also coordinated with the Community Development Department to incorporate the latest water supply statutory requirements into the appropriate elements and provisions of the City's Comprehensive Plan. So for areas in the City under the service area of Broward County water and wastewater services, the City will continually coordinate with the County for adequate service provided to their customers. This graphics helps us to identify the projections, where it's a water supply and demand projection, so the -- the -- the lines that you see there, the one on top, that's the water allocations; that's the water we take from the aquifer. The ones in red, those are -- when treatment capacity for our water plans needs to be increased, and we have two milestone years there: 2025 and 2030, meaning that for us, in order to meet the demand, we need to expand our wastewater treatment facility by about 2.25 million gallons. Slide, please. Yeah. So in order to meet the demand for the next ten years, as I mentioned, the treatment capacity of the wastewater treatment plant needs to be expanded by at least 2.25 million gallons per day to meet the water demand from 2025 onwards. This it takes about three to four years to design and construct the water supply facility. Due diligence studies being undertaken now so that by the following year, we can start with engineering. All recommended action by the City Commission are as follows: one is to find the proposed amendment in compliance with State law, and consistent with the City's Comprehensive plan; and, number two, to authorize the transmittal of the amendment, along with the Ten-Year Water Supply Plan to State and regional reviewing agencies. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. Just checking in with IT if there's anyone online, but in the interim, I'll ask the Commission if there are any comments or questions on this item? Hearing none, and just waiting just to make sure. I see staff is typing something. I just need yes or no. Okay, there's no one on the line. May I have a motion on the first reading of item number nine, please?



COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: 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 Barnes, to approve Ordinance #O1746, the Commission voted:

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

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for June 17, 2020

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number ten, please, first reading.

- 10. FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1748 **amending** the **Code of Ordinances** by amending portions of Article XII, **Procurement**, Section 2-405, Definitions, Section 2-407, Authorization for the Use of Electronic Transmissions, Section 2-412(a), Award Authority, City Commission Approval, Section 2-413, Procurement Authority

Exemptions, Section 2-420, Bid Thresholds, Section 2-421(e), Competitive Sealed Bidding; Section 2-422(f), Competitive Sealed Proposals, Section 2-423, Small Purchases, 2-426, Other Procurements, Section 2-436(c), Contract Clauses and their Administration, Section 2-454, Definitions of Terms Used in this division, providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing that Officials are authorized to take action; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. (*Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending portions of Article XII, Procurement, Section 2-405, Definitions, Section 2-407, Authorization for the Use of Electronic Transmissions, Section 2-412(a), Award Authority, City -- City Commission Approval, Section 2-413, Procurement Authority Exemptions, Section 2-420, Bid Thresholds, Section 2-421(e), Competitive Sealed Bidding; Section 2-422(f), Competitive Sealed Proposals, Section 2-423, Small Purchases, 2-426, Other Procurements, Section 2-436(c), Contract Clauses and their Administration, Section 2-454, Definitions of Terms Used in this division, providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing that Officials are authorized to take action; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MS. AYUM: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk, Alicia Ayum, Procurement. So this is the first reading of the amendment of Article 12 of Chapter Two, Procurement. This Chapter Two of the Code of Ordinances provides for how procurement matters are handles, evaluated, and awarded. The City Code was last updated in August 2018, which amended the small dollar threshold under the City Manager's authority from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00, and allowed for the delegation of contract approvals by the City Manager to his senior staff. Since then, we feel that it's necessary to, of course, evaluate the code, revisit and amend to ensure the procurements with the City's goods and services are consistent with new trends, City growth, while maintaining, of course, an intact procurement process. City Commission approval is required for amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, and that's why we're bringing this first reading to you guys tonight. We've highlighted some of the proposed changes. For example, 2-405 adds the definition of best and final offer, and revises the term local business. The best and final offer was in our policy; just so you know, we brought it to the code, because we felt like it was important to be codified. 2-407 allows for authorization for the use of electronic transmission, and allows for the use of electronic signature, which has become very important now in the times that we're in. 2-412(a), the award authority; we're updating some requirements for approval of the Commission for single and multiple department use. 2-413, the procurement authority exemptions; we've updated those. Some of it was housekeeping, but also some of that -- some of it is to add services that, typically, are very hard to compete, for example, a vet. Section 2-420, bid thresholds; we're increasing the bid thresholds for up to \$5,000.00 without competition. However, we still would handle and manage all our procurement rules.

Section 2-421, competitive sealed bidding; we're updating the cone of silence just to protect the integrity of the process. In -- in the code now, the way that it reads is that the cone of silence is in effect from -- not from the period that it's advertised, and we wanted to make sure that it was from the period it was advertised. Competitive sealed proposals, we're clarifying the time and use of the best and final offer. 2-423, small purchases; we're -- we're recommending updating those thresholds for up to \$5,000.00, and \$7,500.00 from local businesses. We did a quick market survey when we made this recommendation, and at least four agencies, similar in size, that have that \$5,000.00 limit. Section 2-426, other procurements; we revised that to be called special procurements, and added unsolicited proposals as a method of procurement to include details on how we manage that, and including an application fee for such proposals. Section 2-436, contract clauses and administration; just adding that to the code. It was previously in policy, and we felt it was important to be codified. Section 2-454 adds definitions about disadvantaged businesses and local businesses. So this is the first reading and, you know, if -- if you guys have any comments, recommended changes, we'd be happy to include those for second reading.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. We have not received any requests to speak on this item. Any questions from the dais? Hearing none -- just making sure -- may I have a motion on the first reading of item number ten, please?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: 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.

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 Ordinance #O1748, the Commission voted:

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

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for June 17, 2020

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 11, please, first reading.

11. **FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1741 **amending** portions of the **Land Development Code and City Code of Ordinances**; making findings; creating new Subsections regarding Landscaping Requirements and General Development Standards; making findings; repealing Chapter 9, Landscaping Requirements and Tree Conservation; creating new Chapter 5, Standards, including Article 1, General Standards for Site Development, specifically Section 501, General Provisions, and Article 3, Landscaping, Section 506, Landscaping Standards; revising Chapter 2, Definitions, creating Subsection 202.5, Landscaping Definitions; revising Chapter 3, Processes, specifically Sections 315, Variances, Appeals, and Zoning Relief, and Section 320, Zoning Permits and Planning Services; revising portions of Chapter 7, Use Regulations, specifically Section 714, Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) District and Section 715, Transit Oriented Corridor District Code; revising portions of Chapter 8, Development Standards of General Applicability, specifically Section 801, Development Standards, Section 806, Wetlands Preservation Standards, Section 807, Surface Water Management Standards, Section 810, Compliance with Comprehensive Plan, Section 811, Miramar Parkway Scenic Corridor, Section 812, Development Advertising Requirements, Section 813, Community Appearance Board; and amending City Code of Ordinances Chapter 10, Health, Sanitation and Nuisances (specifically Sections 10-92 Weeds and Debris and 10-126 Landscaping) and Chapter 25, Vegetation; providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing that Officials are authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date. ***(Continued from the meeting of 04/15/20) (Principal Planner Michael Alpert and Landscape Inspector Sue-Ling Rosario)***

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of

Miramar, Florida, amending portions of the Land Development Code and City Code of Ordinances; making findings; creating new subsections regarding landscaping requirements and general development standards; making findings; repealing section -- repealing Chapter 9, Landscaping Requirements and Tree Conservation; creating new Chapter 5, Standards, including Article 1, General Standards for Site Development, specifically Section 501, General Provisions, and Article 3, Landscaping, Section 506, Landscaping Standards; revising Chapter 2, Definitions, creating Subsection 202.5, Landscaping Definitions; providing Chapter 3, Processes, but specifically Sections 315, Variances, Appeals, and Zoning Relief, and Section 320, Zoning Permits and Planning Services; revising portions of Chapter 7, Use Regulations, specifically Section 714, Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) District and Section 715, Transit Oriented Corridor District Code; revising portions of Chapter 8, Development Standards of General Applicability, specifically Section 801, Development Standards, Section 806, Wetlands Preservation Standards, Section 807, Surface Water Management Standards, Section 810, Compliance with Comprehensive Plan, Section 811, Miramar Parkway Scenic Corridor, Section 812, Development Advertising Requirements, Section 813, Community Appearance Board; and amending code -- City Code of Ordinances Chapter 10, Health, Sanitation and Nuisances (specifically Sections 10-92 Weeds and Debris and 10-126 Landscaping) and Chapter 25, Vegetation; providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing that Officials are authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Mr. Alpert.

MR. ALPERT: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Mr. City Manager, City Attorneys, City Clerk. Michael Alpert, principal planner. City Commission consideration is required for the approval of amendments to the Land Development Code and the City Code of Ordinances. This is the first reading of this ordinance. The ordinance streamlines and improves upon landscaping regulations that affect redevelopment in Historic Miramar, as well as homeowners and businesses citywide. It incorporates sustainable horticultural practices. These amendments were endorsed by the Economic Development Advisory Board on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A workshop was held on March 5<sup>th</sup> in these chambers; about two dozen people were in attendance. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and made a finding that these amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. This ordinance proposes to repeal existing Chapter Nine, Landscaping Requirements and Tree Preservation, and replace it with a new section of the final chapter of the Land Development Code in Chapter Five. Specifically, the ordinance includes creation of the new Chapter Five, implementing new sections 501 and 506, amending and adding definitions into Chapter Two, amending provisions in Chapter three, Processes, consolidating all landscaping requirements into section 506 from references in all other chapters in sections of both codes, and amending two sections of the City code that pertain to landscaping. As you all know, there are many benefits to trees, and they include social, communal, and environmental and economic benefits. Some of the primary goals of this ordinance are to follow the "Right Tree, Right Place" policy to allow a lot more

flexibility in plantings, to help conserve water, provide habitat and food for wildlife, to encourage more species diversification, and to decrease the use of fertilizers and pesticides. I wanted to highlight another specific goal, which was to create more flexibility in perimeter landscaping and buffers, particular for commercial properties, and so this ordinance includes elements to -- to provide distinct view corridors, windows if you will, to help -- increase the space between trees to allow more visibility of buildings. City Manager recommends approval; be happy to answer any questions you may have.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Alpert. We have received no request to speak on this item. Are there any questions from the dais?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Is that Vice Mayor --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Commissioner Barnes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just a question for Michael. Those of us who live in homeowners' association controlled situations, how will this piece of legislation would impact on -- on their rules that govern trees, plantings and so on?

MR. ALPERT: Could you repeat the question, I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Homeowners' associations have their own separate rules regarding trees, plantings, debris, weeds, and so on. How would this new item affect that -- those kind of controls that they have, or is it congruent on them?

MR. ALPERT: Okay. Homeowner association documents usually are more restrictive than the City code. Homeowners will have to comply with their homeowners' association, as well as City code, and a lot of the subdivisions that were approved in the last two decades, actually, their landscaping restrictions are fairly consistent with the land -- the landscaping code that we've been using, so -- and including tree removal permits and street tree planting requirements and things like that. So there's a lot of similarity between many of those restrictions and the City's code, so -- a lot of what went into this ordinance took into consideration a lot of what we've heard from homeowners' associations and residents over the years, and we hope that this allows some more flexibility, and it's a lot more cooperation between the City and the residents.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Thanks, Michael.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other questions or comments for staff on the first reading for item number 11? Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: I didn't get a seconder, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well just count -- both Commissioner Colbourne and Barnes moved, so --

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Okay.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers. 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 Barnes, to approve Ordinance #O1741, the Commission voted:

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

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for June 17, 2020

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 12, please.

- 12. FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1750 **amending proposed Land Development Code Chapter 5 Standards**, Section 506.16 Tree Trust Fund; making findings; providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing that Officials are authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date. ***(Requested by Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis)***  
***(Community Development Director Eric Silva)***

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending proposed Land Development Code Chapter 5 Standards, Section 506.16 Tree Trust Fund; making findings; providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing that Officials are authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Welcome back, Mr. Silva.

MR. SILVA: Good evening again, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor and Commissioners, Eric Silva, Community Development Department. This is an amendment to Land Development Code to provide funding for a tree-trimming program. As trees grow, they mature, and trees may conflict with above ground and underground infrastructure, pavement and homes. City Commission approval is required for amendments to Land Development Code. This ordinance was requested by Commission Davers -- Davis, and last week, this one is the Planning & Zoning Board, we had a virtual meeting, and this item was recommended for approval, the Planning & Zoning Board. So currently, we have a Tree Trust Fund, and the City collects money when a developer, for example, ask for a variance of landscaping, and they can't meet that requirement. So they come pay money to the Tree Trust Fund, or if a -- a homeowner wants to relocate their trees, or take down some trees, they can pay money into the Tree Trust Fund, or if they're penalties for illegally cutting the trees; someone could pay money into the Tree Trust Fund. So right now the code says that all this money collected has to be used on public property to -- to plant trees, basically. So what this amendment would do is it was to provide an exception. It would allow for that funding that we collect -- it would allow for that money to be used to preserve, maintain and restore tree ecosystems on owner-occupied, single-family residential properties and right of way within the City that meet the criteria of the Tree Trimming Program. The purpose of the Tree Trimming Program is to assist residents with maintaining potentially hazardous trees and roots encroaching on infrastructure, power lines, homes and pavement. Well, that's what the code amendment will be, but we're also working on an application and guidelines, so this would not be part of the code amendment, but just to give you a brief description of some of those highlights of the program. So we're projecting a maximum allocation from the Tree Trust Fund of \$40,000.00 per year, and the maximum award per application will be \$750.00 per tree. This will only apply to owner-occupied homes, and City staff would have gone for two inspections. They make an application to the City, we go out and inspect to determine if



it's hazardous, and then after the contractor did the work, City staff would go out and confirm that they did the tree trimming properly. This is first reading, and it's recommended for approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Silva. The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item. This is a pretty -- I think this a -- a very beneficial program, because we know the prevalence of hazardous or troublesome trees in regards to roots in many communities. I think this will be a welcomed opportunity for -- for -- for residents. Are there any comments? I have two speakers, Commissioner Davis followed by Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'd first like to thank Assistant City Manager Kelvin Baker, and also Mr. Silva for your engagement in getting this to where it is today. It's been a long time coming, but it's going to prove very beneficial to our residents. As you know, a lot of the trees that are planted on the right of ways are not the type of trees that should have been planted there, and they're causing a nuisance problem. And a lot of the times, it's so expensive for the residents to have them trimmed down, especially during hurricane season, and other times when it's just a hazard to have it close to the home. So there was always that question as to: How will the City help me with these trees? And the answer would always: Well, you know, it's on your right of way; you are responsible. And so it was a recurring question, and I figured we could try some way with the Tree Trust Fund to help these residents who really can't afford to trim a tree, even to -- to the levels where it's not hazardous anymore; it can be quite expensive, and the roots as well that can damage their -- the foundation. So I'm -- I'm very pleased that it's come to this point now that we're almost ready -- this is the first reading, and that we'll work on the policies, where folks know they can apply for this grant. I -- I am pleased to also note that, on speaking with Public Works Director in the past, Anthony Collins, is that we -- we also had residents complaining about the trees by their canals, and the shrubbery encroaching the canal. And he has worked with South Florida Water Management District, and also with Utilities, and I believe Whittingham Gordon has been a part of that as well, so that residents will have those problems, which end up causing a mess in the canal, they can get those trees trimmed also. And I -- and I think this is just another additional program that we can use, and -- and I'm certainly grateful for both of those: the canals and -- and this one that's going forward today. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good item, Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Barnes, you're -- you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Thanks. As -- as Commissioner Davis said, this is a recurring problem, and a very timely solution for it. And I think the historic section of our city has dread a little easier than central Miramar and west Miramar, in part because as development headed westwards, there was less what I call Full- Ground a -- as -- as they move westward, developers were actually creating land space, because of the demands of the ways in which they should construct homes on lots, and the -- the inclusion of lakes and so on. So what happen in that in -- in central area and headed west, there wasn't

deep dirt, are my terms, to -- to receive and accept the roots. So what did the roots do? They traveled laterally instead of horiz -- it travelled horizontally instead of vertically. So what you find happening is that instead of going into the earth itself, the roots were actually stretching across sidewalks, land space, and so and so. Homeowners have been extremely frustrated for a long time and this, I think, as I said, is a very timely suggestion and solution to the problem, and one, I think, that will be well received by our -- our homeowners across the City.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Barnes. If no other comments, may I have a motion on this first reading of this item?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers. 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 Davis, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve Ordinance #O1750, the Commission voted:

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

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for June 17, 2020

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Reports and Comments:**

**Commissioner Reports:**

**This item was considered and voted on just prior to the Consent Agenda item.**

- 13.** Temp. Reso. #R7183 **opposing** the implementation of **employee furloughs**; supporting the recommendations of the City Manager's Memorandum to the City Commission dated April 24, 2020. (*Commissioner Yvette Colbourne*)

**Resolution No. 20-123**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 14 please .

- 14.** Temp. Reso. #R7184 recognizing that the City is essential and in support of fair, direct **Federal emergency support** to reopen and rebuild local American economies. (*Mayor Wayne M. Messam*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, recognizing that the City is essential and in support of fair, direct Federal emergency support to reopen and rebuild local American economies, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Madam Attorney. This item was requested by the National League of Cities for muni -- member municipalities to show the support for direct funding from the federal government to municipalities, as we phase to reopen our cities and our economies, and I'm requesting authorization and approval from the Commission to show our support on this initiative. If there are any questions, I'll take them at the time, or I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Tell me again what does it do? What does it do?

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, there's a initiative to seek direct funding from the federal government --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: From the -- from the League itself, or are you saying for --

MAYOR MESSAM: No, no, no. Most congressional fundings go to the state, then trickle down, where by the time it gets to us, if it even gets to us -- like, for example, the first CARES Act only funded municipalities, including cities and governments that had a population over 500,000, so Broward County received funding, the State received funding, but yet we're here hoping -- it's at the discretion of the County on how they spend those qualified funds, to meet those -- those funds for qualified expenditures, as well as the State. So this is an initiative for -- for fair and direct federal emergency support to reopen and rebuild local municipalities.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well, I would certainly -- I would certainly go along with that. If -- if we had that then, we would have gotten our fair share of that CARE package. All right. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other questions or comments? If none, I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: 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 Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R7184, the Commission voted:

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

## **Resolution No. 20-124**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Commission reports. A couple of -- a couple of items. First item was the opening of the Miramar COVID-19 walkup testing site at the Vernie Hargray Youth Enrichment Center that took place yesterday. I'd like to thank all of our com -- colleagues for -- for being present at the event yesterday, which opened today, and it -- it will be open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. The testing site has capacity to test 200 individuals. You can be asymptomatic or symptomatic. The test is absolutely free, and it is in conjunction with the State Department of Health. Minors are also avail -- are able to be tested with a guardian, and you must bring a birth certificate and proof of guardianship, and adults must have a valid ID for identification purposes. Results are, typically, available between 48 to 72 hours, and it's a quick nasal swab to learn your results. And I'd just like to thank our staff for working with the State Department of Health and the Florida National Guard in setting up this site in a very quick period of time. The request went in from my office to the State for a testing site in east Miramar, in light of the news and reports of the disparities of COVID-19 on people of color, and there had been discussions on the lack of testing -- accessible testing sites. The closest sites to Miramar were located at Hard Rock Stadium, which is pretty much central off to University to the south, and Miami Gardens, and off of Flamingo at CB Smith Park, but nothing on the 441 east of the Turnpike corridor. So this is a walkup site, no appointments are needed, and we're encouraging the community to go out and to get tested. I'd like to personally thank my colleagues for not just coming and going to the event, but actually getting tested themselves to show and demonstrate the example of the importance of getting tested, so I'd like to thank each of you for -- for being a part of that process. Because it really does go a long way when -- when the residents see that we're willing to do that, then they're encouraged to do it as well. The next item is -- when it -- they say when it rains, it pours. There's a private test site with CVS Health that's opening up on Friday. It'll be announced on Friday, so we're getting it hot off the press. The initial request to the State of Florida for our test site was to be in partnership with the CVS rapid testing program that they're doing nationally. And -- as for those of you, if you didn't know the -- all testing sites have to get approval by the Governor's Office, the Division of Emergency Management that approves all test sites. And we received notification yesterday afternoon, ironically, that -- that they finally got an approval. The State decided to set up their own State of Department of Health testing site for Miramar, as opposed to the requested CVS Healthcare, but also granted CVS an opportunity to do their own privately funded testing site. This test site will be located off of Miramar Parkway and Flamingo, the CVS right on that corner -- corner where the new Publix is being built, just southeast of Monarch Lakes. And the process there -- you would contact -- register in advance at cvs.com; once you

get your appointment, you drive through the drive through. They have a nurse there that will provide you the -- the kit. It's a -- it's a test kit -- it's a self-test kit, and you submit it, and you'll get your results in a couple of days. So stay tune. So we'll have additional resources in the City of Miramar, a cross section of accessible sites. And the reason why this is so important is because, as we as a region and a city begin to phase our openings, it's important for us to know who has the virus, especially those of us who may be asymptomatic, and may be passing on this virus and not even knowing it. So you can get your status at either of these testing sites.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question for you, Mr. Mayor. So this is a private -- it takes insurance or --

MAYOR MESSAM: It is -- it's -- it's -- this is -- it's private, but it's by appointment and, to my understanding, there's no cost for this test.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oh, yeah?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good.

MAYOR MESSAM: So, to my understanding, there's no cost to this -- to this test. And your -- your test sample will be sent to an independent lab, and you'll have your results within three days. All right, number three -- and the next item, we just -- I'd like to thank my colleagues for passing the National League of Cities initiative seeking COVID-19 federal aid, the resolution that we just passed. I'd like to thank the Commission for your support on that item. And announcing our weekly food distribution, which will take place in the morning at 9:00 a.m. at Regional Park. We are helping well over 12, 13,000 families every week, and I'd just like to thank all the volunteers, the City staff, the Commission, everyone for their efforts in ensuring that we can provide a meal to our community and surrounding areas. Next item. The -- on Mother's Day, the Mother's Day Mask, Rose and -- and Hot Meal Giveaway, I'd like to thank Strictly Wings, which is a new restaurant that's opening up off of Hiatus and Flamingo in that Publix shopping center, donated food for mothers on Mother's Day, and mothers were given roses, a mask and a hot meal on Mother's Day. And we were able to provide that to 200 mothers. It was raining that day, and the -- the mothers still came out with their families, and it was just heartwarming to - - to see the -- the smiles on the mothers' faces who -- who typically -- probably would go to dinner with their families, but couldn't because of the -- the stay home order at the time. The next Conversations with Mayor Messam series continues on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 6:30, and the topic would be on the business community. In light of the City reopening, there are a lot of questions regarding resources, informing and educating our business community on how they can safely open up their establishments. Those resources and information will be provided on this day, and look I forward to having an engaging conversation with our business community in regards to how they can get resources, and how to properly reopen in the City of Miramar. And whether your

business, right now, may not be allowed to be open, this is a great time now to review some of the CDC recommendations that were released today, which talks about how cities, organizations, individuals and businesses should be preparing and should be doing when it is time to reopen, so that they can be prepared, as we enter into Phase II. Other sessions will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>. I will announce those topics leading up to those dates. And, finally, the Mayor's Technology Boot Camp scheduled for June 15 to 26<sup>th</sup>, still taking reservations, and we're looking at doing sessions virtually, so reg -- register now, so that you can be a part of this annual technology boot camp for our youth. You can get more information at [fvi.edu/summerbootcamp](http://fvi.edu/summerbootcamp), and it's a great session to get STEM and IT skills for those demanding career opportunities moving forward. That concludes my announcements. And -- and in conclusion, I think when we talk about what we talked about this afternoon regarding our first responders and dealing with our challenges, I know, as a community, that we will rise above all of this, as stated before. And I know that working together as a commission, as a city, and city staff, that we'll continue to do what's best for this community, do what's best for our employees, and do what's best for Miramar. Take care and everyone have a blessed evening. So I'll start with our virtual attendees first. Commissioner Barnes, do you have a report?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just some comments. You mentioned the food giveaway at Regional Park tomorrow. Again, my task force, under the supervision of my assistant, Shari Covington, will, again, be at the park to collect -- so that we can distribute to a number of residents we've have -- had on a list. Our task force made up of a number of people from our church. And I mentioned here two weeks ago that I'd adopted a family. As of now, I've adopted a second family, which is close to home. The first one, I go and visit on Thursday. They are both shut-ins, they are stroke victims, and they are so grateful. But we'll be going down the list that we've compiled over the last few weeks, and, again, we'll be out helping our residents come tomorrow.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Vice Mayor Chambers, you have a report?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you so much. Once again, tomorrow, my task force will be out, trying to make sure we deliver as much meals to our residents right here in Miramar. And quite a few folks in the -- is in the task force. Mr. Abel, Ms. Anna, and so forth. There's a number of people; Ms. Abdin and so forth. Disperse delivering meals to the community from Miramar United Methodist Church. As you know, it goes without saying that mother -- mothers have one of the toughest job, and -- and May 9<sup>th</sup>, in association with the Donneth radio show; we were able to celebrate Mother's Day by giving back to 150 mothers. All the partners in the group had the opportunity of selecting 20 mothers, and we were trying to do 100, we got up to 150, and there were several mothers that were able to come -- drive through and pick up the meal, and we were able to disburse and deliver those meals. We had a few folks who also came back with stuff for the mothers that were on the list, and I'm grateful that we were able to do some additional mothers. So this is a wonderful thing. I don't know about anyone else but with my mother, every day is Mother's Day, so I hope we can all appreciate mothers and

celebrate them every day, not just that one day. As you can see, we had a wonderful volunteer team, even our Broward County Judge Jackie Powell was there, to give us a lending hand, our assistant city manager. Kelvin Baker stopped by. I want to thank him so much. And thank Judge Powell. I want to thank my partner, Barnett Winterbourne who did a excellent job for those one -- 150 mothers. Next year, we hope to do more mothers, and we got help. Can we move onto the next slide. This was a really heartfelt celebration for Officer Willie Jones. I couldn't help but be a part of this parade to -- to celebrate this wonderful retirement. I want to thank Chief Dexter Williams, for allowing me to partake. Thanks to all the officers and the fire department, and this was a wonderful, wonderful retirement for a wonderful person and his family, and we wish them well, wish them all the best. We couldn't thank Officer Jones enough, and you can see he's still a young man, and with the -- have time to spend with his grandchildren, his wife, and enjoy life. And he left a legacy here for us to follow and to carry on in the City of Miramar. And it's -- it's -- it's just a tremendous testament to this Miramar Police Department and our Fire Department; great men and women we have here. We're so lucky and so grateful, all that they've done for us here in Miramar. I must say a special thanks to STUF United Fund member the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce, and the Taiwan Junior Chamber of Commerce. The donation of masks that was given to us in my office to distribute to our residents in Miramar, I can't tell them enough. That will go a long way to assist many of our seniors. I know we're trying to do mask deliver -- we running late with some, and we're going to package these and try to get them out as quickly as we can to our resident here in Miramar. This was a great team, and they were really, really grateful to deliver that mask to us, and we're very pleased and very happy, and I thank them so much. Thank Mr. Martin for his effort to assist, make that connection for those masks for our resident. The Fourth Annual Prestigious Women of Excellence, it was their award ceremony that should have been held earlier this year and was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and -- and I must say I'm honored to be on the company, and to be a part of this celebration with our longtime resident, Mr. Jimmy Maurice. You know, he's a person who always bridging the gap with arts and culture, and the community here. He -- for years, have done a wonderful job, connecting with people of all nationality around the arts. And my co-host Sandra Justice. It was a honor to host with women of excellence award this year. And I must say we have eight lovely ladies that -- that contribute to our wonderful community here, and Elizabeth Guerin, Nancy Dumay, I know she's doing cultural business, and Naya Fanfan, and Daphne Campbell, and also Lody Jean, Ashira Mohammed, who is the Mayor of Pembroke Park, and also Maya Asha, and Rita Wilburn. These wonderful lady and -- contribute so much to our community, and we just want to thank them and honor them for their contribution. As the Mayor mentioned earlier, we open up a COVID-19 center at the Vernon E. Hargray -- Hargray Community Center, Youth Enrichment Center, 7000 Miramar Parkway. I did participate in the test, and it went by quickly, and I would encourage everyone to get tested, so that we can know right away if we're COVID free. And that's what I'm hoping, that when we get tested, we are COVID free, so. The good thing about this site, children are welcome, just make sure they're accompanied by adult, parents or guardian, and you have your ID, and get ready to show proof. It's a wonderful thing in our community here. I must say I'm -- move to the next slide. Okay. Last week Wednesday, we -- last week



Wednesday was a sad morning. Mark Scott, Jamaican Miramar resident and a student pilot crash right here on Pembroke Road. Sadly, Mark did not make it. The instructor was taken to the hospital in critical condition. Last night is -- is a -- we had a memorial and it was in -- in celebration of Mark life right here at the location. His fellow student, family and friends all was at the crash site last night to celebrate Mark life. He's a wonderful young man who had touch so many lives, and I must say thanks to our Police Chief, Dexter Williams, for being there, for his assistance. He had to show so much help and respect and condolence to the family. That's why, Chief Williams, I want to thank you so much for your support and your presence. Also we have the Honorable Consul General Oliver Mair from Jamaica was there to lend his condolences and his support, so everyone that was there last night, we want to thank them so much for all your outpouring of support for this family. You know, he had a young wife, and it's a big loss to her and, especially to the parents, which has to flew up here from Jamaica. They did such a good job raising their son, and they missed him dearly. So we want to wish them the best, and it's going to take a while to heal, but we want to assure them that we love them, and we hope they continue to celebrate Mark Scott life. Next slide, please. Today, I'll be honoring -- the honor of celebrating one of our resident here this morning -- and it's COVID-19, that requirement. That's what we been doing lately. And Ms. Beverly Chisolm, a resident of Miramar who had taught at OJ Elementary in Miami. We salute -- we salute her for her teaching and inspiring student for over 40 years and, finally, she took retirement. I know she didn't want to retire, but she finally giving it up. Still full of life, and she have a great spirit and lovely family. We want to thank her for teaching students. She had made so many student who they are today, elected official, doctors, pilots, you name it, so we want to thank her for her contribution to society. I want to thank Ms. Rose Brown for inviting me. I believe she was the main organizer for this event. Apparently they work together for years in the school system. I want to thank her so much for inviting me, and to be a part of this procession. It was over more than 50 coworker, family and friends that join in this cele -- drive-by celebration. Next slide, please. On any day when I can get out and assist one of my resident, it's always a good day. And resident are here for us, so we have to be there for them. And it's a wonderful thing when I can use my skill to assist all my resident. This is a job that I finish up today by giving back to our community. They needed the floor done, and a call came in, and I went ahead and give my service to assist this Miramar resident to get this floor one. It's a good way of trying out my new chop saw, and it worked well, and they really appreciate the job, so I would encourage all youngsters to get a skill, learn a skill, learn a trade. When you have a trade, no one can take it away from you. And if all else fail, you can fall back on that. So that's something we got to celebrate and push in our community. It doesn't matter what it is; as long as you have a skill, you learn it well and can do it well. It will stay with you, and you can always -- always help others. I know we all have a different way of helping, but I feel good when I can have the health and strength to go and take my performance skill to help one of my resident. And, finally, I must say, you know, we can fool some people, but we can't fool all the people all the time. Thank you, God bless, and have a wonderful rest of the week.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Vice Mayor Chambers, I have a problem. I have some of those yellow tools and you refuse to call on me when you need help. You talk to me, okay.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: That's a brand new one. It's a brand one, but now I know, I will call on you, Commissioner Barnes. I -- I know you're always willing to help, and I know we work well together.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I got the tools too, that's what is important.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Now that I know --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. Now you know.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I give you all the referrals.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay, sir.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you so much, Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: All right.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I appreciate it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor -- Vice Mayor, thank you for your report. Commissioner Davis, you have a report?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I have a report that, hopefully, will go quickly. There are a couple videos in there, but they're only one minute. So keep going, yeah. We're going to start with the Drop and Go deliveries that are still happening. We -- we certainly appreciate the efforts from Assistant City Manager Kelvin Baker, who oversees the distribution site, and enables me to get these items, so that my team of volunteers can deliver them to the residents. (Video shown)

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis, before you go to your next item, it's 10:59. We have to take a vote to extend the meeting, and I know the attorneys have a announcement for the -- for a special session; executive session needs to be announced. May I have a motion, please -- until -- to extend the meeting until 11:15.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So motioned.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a second.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers. 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 Davos, to approve extending the meeting to 11:15 p.m., the Commission voted:

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

**Approved**

MAYOR MESSAM: You may continue, Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So the next slide. This was our event, the Culinary Flavors of Haiti, which we've done for the last two Mondays. This last Monday -- first that was May 11<sup>th</sup>, and this last Monday was Haitian Flag Day, so we had a real good time, and we'd like to thank our Father from over there, St. Bartholomew's for allowing us to be on his grounds during Haitian Flag Day. And, also, the Father at St. Stephen's for the 11<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup> event. These events, we celebrate Haitian Heritage, and we also support our Haitian restaurants in the region, and provide over 100 meals to area residents that can taste the flavors of Haiti. (Video shown) Sorry, as has already mentioned by Mayor Messam and

Commissioner Chambers, we all went to the opening of the new COVID testing site in our historic neighborhoods, and we're so pleased that it's actually in the 33023 zip code, because that is the area that has more COVID concerns than other areas, and so we want to make sure the folks go get tested, and know their status. So this was a great -- great event, and we're so pleased that the National Guard is over there helping us with this endeavor. (Video shown) And, of course, we still celebrating Haitian Heritage Month, and Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, the month of May. Upcoming events; as was mentioned, the drive through distribution center is open again this Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. -- sorry, 11:00 a.m., not all day, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Miramar Regional Park. And, from what I understand, the lines are not that long, and they seem to go very quickly, so for those of you who can go by -- it's not what it was when it first opened up, where the lines were wrapped around many blocks, so please don't shy away from going and getting your grocery items. The drop and go food delivery, we're still doing that as well, as long as we have volunteers and we have food, we'll be dropping off at residents homes, contactless. I have one more Flavors of Haiti coming up on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at our Multi-Service Complex from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. And, as I mentioned earlier about the COVID-19 walkup testing site, that's open and available for folks to just go in and get themselves tested. That's it for me.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Colbourne. And we have nine minutes remaining.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm going to try to do this really quickly, because we don't want to have to vote again, so the attorney can speak. But I -- I do want to acknowledge Haitian Heritage Month, and Haitian Flag Day, and there were several nominations that I received in the community, in order to honor individuals of Haitian descent here in the City of Miramar. And they will be receiving their award. We'll have pictures of that at a later date, but we're not going to meet again before the end of the month, so I did want to acknowledge and congratulate them. The first one is Mythro Valcin in recognition of our Haitian community leader, I would like to recognize Mythro for 30 years -- 30-year resident in the City of Miramar, and an advocate. I actually requested from a couple of our -- our pastors here in the City, and I ended up getting three individuals, who actually attend the same church. So Mythro attends St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, and she's very instrumental in collecting stuff that she sends to Haiti, Christmas events for the kids, and probably more than I could ever mention. I was actually told she was the queen of St. Bartholomew, so congratulations, and thank you so very much to Mythro Valcin. Next we have Magaly Prezeau. Magaly Prezeau is very known in our community; she's been very active with the City of Miramar. She -- she is in charge of Community Access Center, but she's also been a leader in the Haitian community, and even with the City of Miramar, in terms of -- of assisting us in -- in recognizing and honoring Flag Day for the Haitian community. So thank you, and congratulations to Magaly Prezeau. And, finally, we have France Martine Alcena. Alcena is also a resident for the City of Miramar, very active in the catholic community, St. Bartholomew church, as well as St. Stephen's, and Catholic charities and the Archdiocese. A lot of charity work, a lot of community work. So congratulations, and

thank you to France Martine Alcena. I won't go over COVID-19, because staff would just die. I'll spare you. That's been acknowledged before. We continue to deliver our meals -- our hot meals once a week to seniors. We do about 300 a week, and we're up to about 2,000 meals. I -- do I have a video? Is there a video? I think there may be a short video on there, if we can go ahead and -- and show that. (Video shown). Okay. And --

MAYOR MESSAM: Three minutes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. And finally, I just want to say, probably the next slide, okay. We're up to 63.2 percent on -- on our census response rate. We're still -- we're still short to get to that 100 percent, so we're asking everyone in the City of Miramar, if you have not responded, to please, please do so. Please ask a family member: hey, by the way, did you respond to the census? Absolutely important. And, actually, one more thing I do definitely want to mention is Ramadan's greeting to our Muslim community; they are celebrating. They're going through Ramadan right now, and I -- I pray for their strength as they go through Ramadan season. And that's it. I can wait until -- other than that, Happy Memorial Day to everyone.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner.

### **City Manager Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Manager.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: If anyone thought that the Commission won't correct me and get me straight, I think that ended that tonight. But I would be remiss not to say that Deputy Gordon, Assistant City Manager Shaun Gayle, Assistant Kelvin Baker, they have really been true warriors during this whole period, ever since February of -- actually, longer than that. I have to acknowledge the -- the Police and the Fire Chief and the staff that -- the great job they've been doing, because it's been a very difficult time, running from one situation to another. So I just want to take the time to say thank you. As the -- the leader of this team in here, I know that I all let you all in here. I will assure you that I will do better, but the biggest thing is I just want to let you all know that I care about you all and what you all have been doing for the City, because it's all about you all, and you're the future of this city, not me. So I want to -- again, I want to thank all the employees, I want to thank the leaders that's in this room here, and those that may want to be in this room. Don't give up. Don't give up. There's always going to be obstacles, there's always going to be mistakes, but just count it. It's not all about the mistakes, it's about that you're going forward. So, again, I just want to say thank you to all of you all for what you have given to me every day, a reason. I -- I came in negative at the Center, so the greatest gift I got today is being part -- of being negative, be able to see my granddaughter, and that's what life is about, family, and that's what I believe about Miramar and me coming back here. It's about family. All right. And sometimes people have to get you straight to get you back on that course, and God will do that to you. So, again, thank you. Good night.

15. Temp. Reso. #R7189 ratifying the actions of the City Manager to **implement employee furloughs** for City staff. *(City Manager Vernon E. Hargray)*

**This item was taken immediately after the Public Participation agenda item. It was rescinded.**

**RESCINDED**

**City Attorney Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Attorney, you have an announcement before we adjourn?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes, I do, Mr. Mayor. An announcement -- a notice of an executive close-door session on the City of Miramar at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June the 17<sup>th</sup> or as soon thereafter, as maybe heard. The City Commission shall meet privately to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to section 286.0118, Florida Statutes for the following case, Bernadine Thane Mullings versus the City of Miramar, Case No. CACA 18-026377. This executive, close-door session will take place virtually. Present at the attorney/client session will be Mayor Messam, Vice Mayor Chambers, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Colbourne, City Manager Hargray, City Attorneys Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Michelle Austin Pamies, Norman Powell, Samour Suckram, an on-the-record court reporter. The estimated length of the attorney/client session is expected to be 30 minutes. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

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NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. This meeting is adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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Denise A. Gibbs, CMC  
City Clerk  
DG/cp