



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2020

7:00 P.M.

A virtual, regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:11 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 (Remotely)
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes (Remotely)
Commissioner Yvette Colbourne
Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis

The following members of staff were present:

City Manager Vernon Hargray
City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks
City Attorney Norman Powell (late 8:45 p.m.)
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 #20-179, and further extended by Executive Order 20-246 issued by the Office of Governor Ron DeSantis on March 20th, July 29th, and September 30th, 2020, respectively, 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 technology, such as telephonic or video conferencing, as provided by section 120.54, subsection 5b(2), Florida Statutes. The members of the City Commission appearing remotely for this meeting are Commissioners Barnes and Vice Mayor Chambers. An opportunity was given to the public to register to participate or 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 three minutes on any proposition before the City Commission unless modified by the Chair. This meeting is being streamed live

at miramarfl.gov/commissionmeeting, and televised on Comcast channel 78 for the City of Miramar subscribers. As of October 7th at 2:30 p.m., four members from the public have registered to -- to view and listen only to this meeting. If, however, a registered participant would like to speak, they can raise their hand and, at the appropriate time -- and our IT staff will unmute their mic to allow them to speak. Please be sure to mention your name and address for the record prior to addressing the Commission. 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.

MAYOR MESSAM: Is Mr. Powell present?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: He has a call he's taking.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR MESSAM: Now 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, and I'd like to read the commemoration list for City of Miramar employees. City employee Allison Adams, Utilities Department, lost her grandfather, Todd James; Utilities Department, cousin; Ruby Harrera; Utilities Department, brother-in-law; and Mario Barise Green, Utilities Department, father. Let's keep our colleagues in our prayers, and the entire Miramar City, for any condolences that we may be experiencing. Thank you.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

A Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time -- is Assistant Fire Marshal Bruce Britton present? Yes. I'd like to call him forward to receive the Fire Prevention Week proclamation. Good evening. Mayor's proclamation, observance of Fire Prevention Week. And this year's theme: Serve up fire safety in the kitchen, October 4th through 10th, 2020:

Whereas, the City of Miramar is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Miramar; and, Whereas, fire is a serious public safety concern, both locally and nationally, and homes are -- and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and, Whereas, homes -- home fires killed more than 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and, Whereas, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States, where fire departments responded to more than 173,200 annually between 2013 and 2017; and, Whereas, two of every five home fires starts in the kitchen, with 31 percent of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and, Whereas, more than half of a reported non-fatal home cooking fire injures -- injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and, Whereas, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and, Whereas, Miramar's residents

should stay in kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas, and keep anything that can catch fire away from stovetops; Whereas, Miramar's residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared, and will, therefore, be more likely to survive a fire; Whereas, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires and have -- and Miramar's residents are responsive to public education measures, and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and, Whereas, Miramar's Fire Rescue Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and, Whereas, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme: Serve up fire safety in the kitchen effectively serves to remind us all to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires. Therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, do hereby proclaim October 4th to 10th, 2020, on behalf of the City Commission, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the State, and I urge all the people of Miramar, by checking their kitchens for fire hazards, using safe cooking practices, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Miramar Fire Rescue Department during Fire Prevention Week 2020.

MR. BRITTON: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you to our Fire Rescue Department for all that you do to keep our community safe, and our thoughts and prayers are with our friends in the west coast that are dealing with the forest fires out west. Thank you.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation is in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2020:

Whereas, October 2020 is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and, Whereas, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month educates women about early breast cancer detection, diagnosis, and treatment; and, Whereas, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer with national public service organizations, professional associations, and government agencies who all work together to ensure that the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month message is heard by thousands of women and their families; and, Whereas, October 16th, 2020, is National Mammography Day, and on this day or throughout the month, women are encouraged to make a mammography appointment; and, Whereas, mammograms are the best method to detect breast cancer early when easier to treat; and, Whereas, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, except for skin cancers; and, Whereas, the chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in a woman's life is about one in eight; and, Whereas, death rates from breast cancer have been declining, and this

change is believed to be the result of earlier detection through screening, increased awareness, and improved treatment; and, Whereas, the National Breast Cancer Awareness month recognizes that although many great strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, there remains much to be accomplished. And now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar and -- and behalf of -- on behalf of the City of Miramar Commission do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and October 16th as National Mammography Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: And as we make observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and October 16th as National Mammography day, we all either know someone in our families or in our communities that have either been impacted from a morbid standpoint, or maybe who have even lost their lives as a result of breast cancer, so there's a lot of fight to still do to find a cure, and that we ask everyone in the City of Miramar to wear your pink as loud and as proud as you can, and find a way to support the effort to defeat breast cancer. Thank you.

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

A Presentation: Reopen Miramar Taskforce update (Assistant City Manager Shaun Gayle)

MAYOR MESSAM: And now we'll have a COVID-19 and Emergency Management Update by Fire Rescue Emergency Management Planner Josh Green. All right, well we'll have Assistant City Manager, Shaun Gayle.

MS. GAYLE: Good evening, Mr. Mayor. I -- I thought you would have received the revised script of the presentation this afternoon, but I'll go ahead and I'll explain how we're moving forward with this.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MS. GAYLE: Yeah, okay. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Shaun Gayle, Assistant City Manager, on behalf of City administration and the Reopen Miramar Task Force. This evening's presentation will give an overview of task force activity, and will include a report from Fire Department and Police Department as part of one presentation. I'm going to go over a little bit of the COVID-19 timeline from March until where we are right now. So in March of 2020 COVID became a -- a global phenomenon, and closure of different facilities started around the country, and at that time, the City of Miramar went to virtual services, and offered resources to residents and businesses, as a result of COVID. In April of this year, we launched the Reopen Miramar Task Force at the direction of the City Manager when this task force was convened, and the purpose of it was just to do a comprehensive citywide plan to adjust city services and to procure PPEs, and to do the activities that we needed to do to ensure the safety of our employees

and our residents. In this same month, the food drive was launched at the Miramar Regional Park in partnership with Feeding South Florida, and we continue to do that food drive. In May of this year, the testing site at the Vernon E. Hargray Youth Enrichment Center was opened, and just a note that we were advised this afternoon that starting tomorrow that site will be closed indefinitely, due to some operational challenges that they're experiencing. In -- in month of May also we, through the Police Department, started a citywide campaign, educational campaign on the different executive orders, City executive orders, County executive orders. So many things were coming down, and so the Police Department started to do this educational campaign with the businesses, in addition to our marketing division of the City. In the month of June, we moved to a Phase 1 reopening, about June 22nd, which is why the phases split the month; if you see under the bottom, we have Phase 1, Phase 2, and Phase 2a. So in the Month of June we went to a Phase 2 reopening, and we realized that, you know, there was a spike, there was some -- there was some challenges with that, as we moved forward. We also entered into in an MOU with Broward County for the enforcement of executive orders for the mask wearing and -- and -- and so on that the Police Department championed. In July, we kind of -- when we saw this -- the -- the second surge -- went into a hybrid of a Phase 1 and Phase 2, understanding that some city services needed to continue. We had kind of a hybrid of Phase 1 and Phase 2. In August, Broward County Commission approved the distribution of \$102.3 million to Broward municipalities under the CARES Act and, for the most part, you know, all of the cities were dealing with that, and -- and how we go about implementing that ILA. In the month of September, we went to a Phase 2a, and at -- and that month also we launched an enhanced COVID-19 testing for employees. Here we are in the month of October, only seven days in. We have a continuation of virtual and in-person services. We have the fourth extension of the moratorium on water shutoffs, and also the implementation of a new COVID testing site at the Regional Park, and with the closure of the one at YEC, we have started a -- a -- to work with marketing, since we received the news this afternoon, to refer individuals to the west sites -- when they drive up to the east site, they will see that sign, that it is closed until further notice, but they will have information for the west side at the same time. So now we're in Phase 2a, and as we started Phase 2a, we had so many executive orders that have come down from the State and the County. From the State, we had Executive Order 20-46 that extended virtual meetings until November 1st, Executive Order 20-40 -- 20-244 reopened all businesses, including bars, nightclubs and other establishments, Executive Order 20-211, under that executive order, the mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief had expired, understanding that there's a CDC order that to take folks through to December 31st. Broward County gave us a couple of executive orders, and we are referring here to 26 and 27, that those had effects on city operations for parks, and we did submit a parks reopening plan last -- a few weeks -- two weeks ago. It also affected childcare services, because it removed the cap of the ten persons per room, and reverted to the square footage requirement that we had in childcare before COVID, and it also had an impact on the Police Department operations. And, at this time, I'm going to turn over to Major Shalida Smith to go through how -- how these orders affect PD operations.

MAJOR SMITH: Thank you, and good evening. So what you see before you are listed guidelines that still remain in effect. So one, facial coverings are still a requirement with certain exceptions; again, children under two years of age, they don't have to wear the facial coverings. If you have a medical condition, you don't have to wear them. And with the new executive order, facial coverings are not required if you're exercising outdoors and in gyms. Social distancing is also still required. The exception with social distancing is if you are with your family, then you don't have to maintain social distancing. All businesses should be providing hand-sanitizing stations, directional markings to the maximum extent possible; businesses should have those. The signage for restaurants and retail operations are still a requirement; they must be posted conspicuously in all three languages, and also on-premises dining and consumption of alcohol is prohibited between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. What's unique about the Executive Order 20-27, all businesses are now able to operate within Broward County. In the previous executive orders, bars, pubs, nightclubs, hookah bars, cigar bars, all of those were prohibited to operate in the County. With this executive order, they can now operate; their hours of operation must cease at 11:00 p.m., so their operational hours are only from 5:01 a.m. until 10:59 p.m. All businesses are allowed to have a minimum indoor occupancy of 50 percent. So that means that if a business has small -- is small in square footage, they can still have a minimum occupancy of 50 percent, which means that they don't necessarily have to abide by the social distancing guidelines to the maximum extent possible, but they still have to wear facial coverings, the patrons visiting the business. The total combined occupancy of indoor and outdoor cannot exceed the maximum occupancy of 100 percent. So if they have 50 percent inside, they can only have 50 percent outside; it cannot exceed the total maximum -- the maximum of 100 percent. In the previous executive orders, service at bar counters was prohibited; service is allowed at bar counters now. That's for food consumption and alcohol consumption. However, the bar counters must be separated by plexiglass, and, again, the social distancing still is applicable, and you cannot have any more than six people at a table dining together. So for commercial gyms and fitness centers, as I discussed earlier, facial coverings are no longer required while you're actively exercising, but if you're traversing throughout the establishment, entry, exit, going to the -- to the locker room or pick up your children from the childcare facility, you must wear the facial coverings. Occupancy is limited to 50 percent; hot tubs, steam rooms and etc., they still remain closed, and the businesses/gyms, they should be checking temperatures of all the patrons, and any children that may be participating in the childcare program. Social distancing of equipment, fitness classes, aquatic programs or any other programs that they may be offering still apply, and they should also be providing hand sanitizer and wipes. What's also new about Executive Order 20-27, ballrooms are also open and available now; that includes banquet halls, any type of catering facilities, they are allowed to -- they are allowed to operate. They must follow the same capacity requirements for establishments that serve food and/or alcohol. They also must abide by the requirements for facial coverings and social distancing. They have to have pre-assigned seating for those that are attending events at the function spaces, and consumption of food and beverage is limited to assigned tables, so buffets are completely out, so they have to have servers. And if they decide to have live entertainment, then they also -- the live entertainment must

be ten feet away from the guests. So, in terms of enforcement, our model has not changed. We are still partnering with Broward County. We are still conducting our business sweeps throughout the week, and also on the weekend. One thing that we can no longer do, we do not have the authority to order mandatory closures for businesses that are found to be in violation of the executive order, so if they are in violation, we will issue them a notice, and they will have to appear before a special magistrate to receive fines. Also, individuals that are in violation, they can still be issued a civil citation. However, we cannot collect on those right now, because of the moratorium. However, after the expiration of the Governor's order, we will be able to resume collection of those fines, so we will be citing those individuals. This particular slide is the dashboard for the 311 alert system, and it also coincides with the MOU that Assistant City Manager Gayle spoke on earlier. So, to date, we have given out a total of 71 warnings, and citations were issued for various violations throughout the City. As you can see, most violations are related to not following sanitary requirements, so that can include that they don't have hand sanitizer stations, as they should. We've had a total of 146 complaints since we partnered with Broward County, and 77 of those have not been substantiated, and we have also closed 12 businesses, but we can no longer order businesses shut for violations, as I indicated earlier. So, at this juncture, I will turn it over to Emergency Manager Josh Green.

MR. GREEN: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager. Josh Green, Miramar Fire Rescue Department. So the trends in the numbers of cases and hospitalizations and positive -- positivity rates continue to decline. September 16th, we had a total of 4,783 total cases, and over the last three weeks, that has increased by only 226. This is the lowest 45-day period we have seen since tracking started on May 1st. Since Tuesday, May 19th, the City has been hosting a COVID-19 walkup-testing site at the Vernon Hargray Youth Enrichment Center. The numbers represent the number of daily exams. Next slide, please. The positivity rates shown are based on Florida state numbers for testing to include all positivity -- positive and negative rate as -- I'm sorry, positive and negative testing result rates, 14-day trend. Next slide, please. This slide shows new cases of positive -- of positivity rates shown are based on Florida residents testing positive for the first time, and who -- and exclude those who previously testing positive. Values subject to change after the facts -- fact as additional test results received. Positive rates shown on this side are based on Broward County numbers for testing, which include all positive and negative testing result rates as a 14-day trend. Next slide shows the new cases of positive -- positivity rates shown are based on Broward County's residents testing for the first time and exclude those who previously tested positive. Now these are subject to change after the fact as additional results received. The zip code data presented is an aggregate of Miramar that is -- and the surrounding cities, which is the furthest data can be drilled down due to limitations of both the postal service level, as well as the Florida Department of Health. The daily numbers are -- are -- the daily numbers show the difference in positive cases per day. You're still the fourth highest in COVID cases within the County. This piece is a new -- is a new slide. As we've seen in the incidents of COVID-19 continue to decrease, we note the instances -- instances of visits, as it relates to patients with flu-like symptoms has increased. Since the last

meeting, we have continued to approach this topic on our social media page, addressing different symptoms between COVID-19, the flu, seasonal allergies, and the common cold. We encourage individuals to get flu vaccines. We have continued campaigns to address this leading up to the National Flu Vaccine Week, which is December 6th through the 12th. ACM Gayle?

MS. GAYLE: Thank you. And so I'll continue with Phase 2a initiatives with the City. We continued virtual programming through the Miramar Cultural Center. The community garden will be reopening with restrictions. Our parks facilities, like we mentioned before, are reopening with restrictions. Learning pods were open at Fairway and Sunset Lakes. We really only had activity at Fairway. Just point of mention that we learned yesterday that those activities will be discontinued after October 16th with the reopening of Broward County schools, so the learning pods will no longer be a service that they're supporting. Distance learning continues through Community Services throughout our VPK program, yet for the adult daycare, we continue to provide caregiver support. Senior ser -- seniors continue to get reassurance calls and individual counseling, and they continue to receive meal deliveries on a weekly basis. We continue permitting services, which is linked to, also, finance for individuals who need to pay for permits. And I want to mention that inspections will be resuming with some restrictions also. We continue business and residential support through the Economic & Business Development Department. And for the COVID-19, we -- you know, there is a shortage of blood donation due to COVID-19, and so through our Human Resources Department, we are doing our part to raise that awareness. And, as a result, we're partnering with the One Blood and the -- the mobile bus will be -- the mobile unit will be here, tomorrow, at Town Center October 8th, and will also be here on October 22nd. This is not just a blood drive for employees, this is a blood drive to the entire community, just that the -- the bus will be located here at City Hall. Just want to reiterate some of the resources that we still have available in the City for our residents and businesses. We have our eMap program, which offers assistance to individuals under the age of 60, our MASH program for individuals over the age of 60. We are still offering EHEAP assistance, and this is assistance with electricity bills and other -- air conditioning, blankets, so on, depending on what season it is. We continue foreclosure prevention counseling through Housing Foundation of America. For rent and mortgage assistance up to \$10,000.00, we continue to our residents. We also, through the Community Develop -- Community Development Department, through the CDBG coronavirus funds, we are still offering microenterprise assistance to businesses in amounts up to \$10,000.00. We continue CARES Act funding activity. I just wanted to reiterate here the qualified expenditures: nursing home monitoring, PPE purchases, sanitation, public information, public safety payroll, facilitating compliance, economic development, and food distribution are the expenses that the City can be reimbursed for under this program. As it relates to Phase 3, we continue to monitor numbers, we continue to monitor city operations, and continue to be in communication with the City Manager, and when we feel that the -- the time is right, based on our environment, we will be proposing a Phase 3 reopening of the City what -- whenever that date is -- is feasible. And, lastly, we would like to continue to thank our employees who continue to make services possible during COVID, and during whatever stage of reopening we are. We

have our -- our first responders, and -- first responders in this case includes police, fire, but other departments like Utilities, who keep our water running 24 hours; we have to have employees. Our Public Works who are out there. The -- the Economic & Business Development Department, and Community Development, who continue to provide business assistance and residents assistance regardless of COVID-19. Our caregiver support, which is so critical. Food distribution in -- in -- in -- entails the participation of staff from every department, and we just want to highlight that, you know, everybody is playing their part. Compliance, through police, but internal compliance we have through the task force, the safety officer that goes across the City and does a sweep to make sure all departments are in compliance with our safety regulations. The COVID testing, we had, like we mentioned before, enhanced testing in the month of September. Employee wellness and support that continues to go out from HR. Virtual services through all of our departments wherever applicable, and in-person services whenever those are necessary to continue to provide services to the public with the safety precautions in place. Virtual programming, maintaining optimal service levels in all areas of the City, regardless of what phase of reopening we're in. The -- the PPE, making that available; we're making them available on buses. With the reopening of schools, you know, sanitation on buses, hand sanitizers pedal operated in the buses, all those things every single department come together to make it happen regardless of our stage of reopening. Public information, we continue to work with Marketing to make sure everything that we need to get out gets out. And with that, it concludes the presentation this afternoon, and we're available to field any questions that you may have.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Ms. Gayle and team for the presentation. I do see speakers -- Commissioner Davis, followed by Commissioner Colbourne. Commissioner Davis, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. Thank you so much for that presentation. It was a bit more thorough than we usually have it, which is good. Couple of questions though, and maybe I'll start with parks, because we didn't go into too much detail with parks, and we have, what, 31 parks, all types of programming, and there was enforcement, and -- and I guess there is no longer enforcement for outside with -- with -- with masks. But there's some other things that were mentioned, and maybe I'll let you just go -- let me know what's happening in the parks in terms of permitting and group play, and -- and things like that, what -- what is happening with soccer, and those types of things.

MS. VALERA: Okay. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney. Liz Valera, Parks Director. Right now we -- like ACM Gayle expressed, we've opened up our facilities for our fitness centers. We also have our parks open for regular, passive use. We have been working with organized leagues and the organized play, so that they can return and play on the fields. They've provided plans that we feel are very good, and in accordance with the precautions that should be taken. With the -- with the last emergency order that the County put in place, there are some less strict precautions, like now spectators can also attend, so parents can be on the bleachers. That's something that we're looking at, and we're also working with the leagues, because

although parents can be on the field, they still have to maintain that distancing. So we're working with them with that. We're also looking at one of the emergency orders also allows for playgrounds now to be reopened, as long as we're able to sanitize them. So we're looking at how we can do that, and we think that the safest way is to be able to do it in phases, and look at certain playgrounds, see how -- how we can keep them sanitized before we go ahead and open them all. Another area is restrooms. We understand, using a park, there's a need for the restrooms, so that's something else we're looking at. The emergency order calls for them to be sanitized hourly, if possible, so we're looking at what our limitations are before we make that step and just open them. The other thing would be event and function spaces, like you mentioned. The use of the pavilions, use of the ballroom, we're looking at that. It's -- I believe it's Exhibit 20 gives very strict uses of how the -- how those spaces should be used, so we're looking at that to see how we would be able to control it, and maintain the safety of not just the patrons, but the employees. And last is also events. So the drive through events can continue, as long as social distancing is maintained. They are allowing for food and beverage, as long as prepackaged items, so that's something else that we're also considering, and we're taking into consideration of how we would implement it. The emergency order that the County put through also mandates that for these type of events, you have a monitor that's going to assure this compliance, so that's something that we also have to take into consideration, of how that compliance will work, probably partnering with our police department, so that we can assure that these items are being met.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you for that update. I know that I was speaking to the swimming, synchronized swimming folks; are they back swimming now?

MS. VALERA: Yes, they are, they are.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So you do have --

MS. VALERA: We actually extend the half an hour in the evening, so that she would have enough time that the girls could use every other lane. So we want to make it safe, but give them enough time, so they can do a full hour of practice.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. So you have -- swimming is up and running a safe way, that means they provided a plan, and I know -- you -- there was a mention of taking temperature checks?

MS. VALERA: Yes, we're doing temperature checks at all the facilities, and we also have it at the pool, for the employees, as well as the -- the participants.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And so you're working on a plan with the Manager, and you're -- I'm -- I'm assuming you're going to phase -- do this in phases. You've got swimming going. I would like to know how the other phases are going to be implemented, and, you know, if -- if there are resources available to these folks that they want to start back their soccer, or they want to start back whatever it they're doing, that you can meet with them

or whatever to -- to get that going. And I'm sure there is some benefit to the City, in terms of -- we -- you know, we -- we're not getting money if we're not issuing permits, I'm assuming. Right?

MS. VALERA: At the -- at the present time we're not, because any play that's not organized, it still maintains -- like groups that want to do fitness with their coach on the park, that's still -- it has to meet the social distancing, but it's not considered organized play. So a coach could go out with one person, as long as they have social distancing, but we can't have a coach with the whole class going on with more than ten people. It has to be the coach or less than ten, so that's something that's still -- even in the Broward County ordinance, they -- they are strict about that not occurring, not as of yet.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you for that. And I -- as I said, I know we'll get more updates at these Commission meetings, if we could get specific updates about parks, I'd appreciate that.

MS. VALERA: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.

MS. VALERA: I mean our goal is to have everybody in our parks, that's our -- we -- we love to see everybody enjoying them, so we're -- we're also -- we having the anxiousness to get them back out.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Perfect, thank you. To the -- the Fire Department, and I know I've spoken -- and I think I've heard it on this dais already with regards to masks, and who's going to -- so we've had donations of masks, and that's been very helpful. And I do believe the Manager has purchased masks. But I know other cities have given everybody an opportunity to obtain a cloth mask. The cloth mask is reusable, can be washed, and it wouldn't be such that you have to constantly give out these disposables. At least everybody would have had a cloth mask. Are there plans afoot to use some of that CARE Act money to provide everybody who wants a cloth mask, or even to mail it out to -- to every resident?

FIRE CHIEF PALMER: Evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager. Yes, we're -- that's one of the things that we're -- new thing that we're kind of looking into. Right now, we do have the cloth ones that we provide for -- for PD, for the -- for the residents, for the Parks & Rec, because they're all the ones that -- that we -- we continually give out, but that's one of the things that we'll have to look into and providing for the -- the residents, one of those cloth ones, because they're very durable, and they definitely do last a long time, and they're cleaner too, because you're going to have to wash them. So that's one thing that we'll -- we'll look into and have a -- have a report back to you on that, and see what we can do to -- to make that happen. I'll -- I'll make sure I talk with staff and see what we can do.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. And -- and finally, for the Fire Department, I -- I know you mentioned flu shots, and -- especially now, it's the time that we should be really pushing and encour -- encouraging our residents, as well as employees, to -- to go ahead and -- and -- and get the flu shot. So I know you mentioned there's a week in December, but, you know, the earlier you get the flu shot -- kind of better, like -- so October, November, from what I was understanding. So if we could work -- if the Manager would have the Marketing Department work with you in marketing some information regards the flu shot, because I haven't seen that yet. We -- we do want folks to know that this is a vaccine that -- it's safe, there's a lot of folks that don't want to take it, but I think if we educate them, that will help us bring down the virus, in terms of all the viruses that are out there, the flu virus, and whatever. At least it will help to narrow that down. If you get called out to someone's home, the chances are, hopefully, it's not confused with COVID, that they have the flu. So I think there needs to be some kind of education campaign on the flu if you've never done it before, but particularly now. With COVID also out there.

FIRE CHIEF PALMER: Right. Because we've been -- we've been actually putting stuff out on our social media, so we can definitely step up that -- the campaign, make it a little bit more -- the County has been putting out things, our social media has been putting out stuff. We can definitely step that up a little -- little stronger.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. So social media, but also our eBlasts that we do. The eBlasts and -- Shaun, you over that? Sorry. Are you able to have the flu shot information, or at least an ad campaign about flu shots, --

MS. GAYLE: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- and how important it is in our frequent eBlasts.

MS. GAYLE: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right, perfect. Thank you. That was all for the fire. And then, finally, for the Police Department, --

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Dexter Williams, Police Chief. Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good evening. Since we last met, of course, there's been a new emergency order, and there was some confusion, initially, but I believe that's been cleared up now, and we've -- we've seen the presentation. But in terms of the bars, restaurants and banquet halls in -- in the City of Miramar, you have a count of the number of those types of facilities, and -- and -- and what you've done since this new emergency order in visiting those establishments and letting them know the new guidelines. And being able to visit these establishments while they're in operation to see if they are in compliance. So, specifically, the bars, the restaurants and the banquet halls.

MAJOR SMITH: I -- we do have a list of the bars, the night clubs and the restaurants. I -
- I don't have an accurate number for each of them for you this evening. But we have
been in communication with quite a few, because they have been closed for such a long
time, and they've been actively calling us and asking what the guidelines are. So we
have been educating them on the guidelines, as well as emailing them the attachment
that's applicable in explaining. We will be going out, I believe, this weekend on the
business sweep to start visiting -- revisiting some of these businesses to make sure that
they are complying with the current executive order, in terms of how they're operating, if
they are having their -- their guests seated at the appropriate tables with the social
distancing, only six to a table. And if they do have the bars open, that they also have the
partitions as required as well. So we will be going out and doing those check. I -- I would
just like to add that because this is new, I think that it's only appropriate for us to -- to
really try to work with them and educate them first before we actually give them -- give
them a citation, but we will be documenting it as we go along, and any repeat offenders,
we will move forward with the enforcement process.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, that's -- that's precisely what I would like for you to do.
We -- we do need -- we've had, what, a week now? A lot -- some of these establishments
are open weekly, some of them on the weekends. We do need to have an accurate count
of what they are and where they are, so these can be visited. It needs to be, basically, a
sweep that they get the information they need, they are able to put in the appropriate -- if
it's plexiglass or whatever. We can't wait until we have an issue, because we didn't get
around to visiting. And that brings me to the point of do you have enough staff, and what
-- you know, how are you getting this done, especially since some of these places are
open at night.

MAJOR SMITH: So we continue to utilize our police officers during the week. They are -
- they know that these businesses should be closed between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and
5:00 a.m., so if they find the business to be operational after those hours, they will go in
and speak to management, or have management come out and -- and educate them that
they should be closed. And then they follow up with a communication with code
compliance, and then we follow up and make sure that they are clear, they understand
what the operational guidelines are. Again, with the MOU that we have in place with the
County, we're still partnering with Broward County Code Enforcement, so they are coming
out with --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.

MAJOR SMITH: -- us as well on Thursday, Friday night, and Saturday night, and we are
dividing the City in quadrants, and we are going out to all of the businesses at this point
just to make sure that they are in compliance. And they also provide a report to us,
because sometimes they're out during the week, and we're not able to do the sweep on
other nights, Monday night, Tuesday night and Wednesday night, and they will provide us
a report on the next business day, identifying what businesses they visited, and any

violations that they found. And then it's incumbent upon us to follow up on those with the appropriate enforcement action.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Perfect. And I know you mentioned about businesses, they can go before the magistrate if they are found in violation and given a citation, and that's the same for the individuals, correct?

MAJOR SMITH: So with individuals, we will be giving them a -- a civil citation with -- which actually has a -- a -- a predetermined dollar amount based on the offense and, basically, they just have the option of paying it, but if they decide that they want to appeal it, they - they do have that option as well, but they have to pay for that appeal. So the difference is -- is with the businesses, a fine is not assigned immediately. They have to appear before the special magistrate, and then based on our code, special magistrate can decide what the appropriate fine is for the particular violation.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you very much. And then one last department. I believe I had spoken to folks in Community Development. Hope I'm in the right department. I think it's Community Development, or could it be -- no, it could Anita, which is Business Development. She here? Anybody?

MS. GAYLE: She may be connecting virtually, Vice -- Commissioner Davis, so if you have a question, maybe you could go ahead and ask it, and if Anita is not on, then we can take the question and get an answer for you.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. Anita's boss is? All right. So one of the things I had mentioned, and I believe it was to Anita, that I had traveled outside of the area and gone to Chicago, and they've been very innovative in Chicago. What they have done, they've been able to have a lot of outdoor dining. I mean that was -- you know, they don't -- they tend not to do too much indoor, because outdoor is always better. As the winter is coming around in Chicago, it's a little bit more challenging for them and places like New York. However, we have the ability here in South Florida to dine out all day long, should we choose to. I wanted to look at ways that we can possibly look at some of where our restaurants are, and somehow provide a plan for more outdoor dining. So, for example, in -- in Chicago, they blocked off some areas of the streets, maybe it could be a -- a parking area, so that you have more foot traffic, and that folks can have their businesses, their tables and chairs set outside on the plaza. And I'm -- I'm -- I'm foreseeing places like where, say, B & M is, and D & G restaurant, and where the ice cream parlor is. And even though it's a private plaza, that maybe talks can be had where they could put some of their seating or get seating outside on the plaza, and then the traffic maybe would not come so close to the business. There could be a partition there. But, somehow, I think we need to start thinking outside the box. This virus is going to be with us for a while, and I think if we allow for some more outdoor dining where it didn't exist before, that I think we should look at something like that.

MR. BAKER : Good -- good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney. We will provide a report. We've had some discussion as it relates to -- to that. The -- the particular establishment you made reference to, we did take a look at that, the -- the -- the -- the -- the actual space, and the walkway/breezeway really makes it very tight if we put a table there. But we will provide a report as to all of the locations that we've looked at, and -- and the ones that could possibly work, because I -- I do -- do agree it does provide the business with a greater opportunity to serve -- serve more people in a safe environment.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. And even if it means less of a parking availability -- again, it -- it's not like you are going to just use the plaza area itself. You'd have to have a certain area as well that's not accessible to traffic. But, again, there are other restaurants that could also probably benefit from that, and so if I could get a report on -- on something like that, where you've seen in -- in the City that we can accommodate such an outdoor environment for dining, that would be helpful.

MR. BAKER : Will do, Madam; thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. That's it for me.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. That concludes -- Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. Commissioner Davis asked all my questions. But I -- I do have one question in terms of the phases. We are currently in Phase 2; what's the next phase? Is three -- is three the last phase or -- how are -- how are the -- how do you describe the future phases?

MS. GAYLE: We -- we anticipate that, maybe, Phase 3, when we go to Phase 3, that that would look like, you know, full blown operations, to the extent that it can be still existing with COVID-19. But, at this point, we don't have a date set, so, like I said, we continue to watch the numbers, continue to talk with the Manager about what's going on, what our environment is, what our operations are looking like. And then, you know, when we think that's feasible, then we'll -- we'll go to Phase 3.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. The other thing is our utility payment. When do we foresee changing that -- the model that we're currently using? I think now they have to knock on -- they cannot go in the offices. How is that working with utility payments?

MS. GAYLE: They -- do you mean for -- that -- the -- Finance is still open. We encourage everyone to do online activity, which is why we did waive the two-percent convenience fee to encourage more individuals to -- to do online activity. To pay their water bills online, to register for eBilling to get their water bills electronically, so they don't, you know, have to handle the paper. But they are still able to come into our cashier location, this one and the one in Historic Miramar. The one in Historic Miramar has a drive-through window, so

that's purely a drive through service, and that's been working very well when I have weekly meetings with Finance; they say it's going very well. Residents are really taking advantage of that. At this location, the drive through is not conducive, because, of course, we don't have a drive through window, but it is open. We -- we -- we just ask that individuals press the -- the buzzer, and they're buzzed in, because it's a small lobby area, so you can't really have a lot of people. So we have the social distancing signs outside on the -- on the -- the ground, that they can wait to be served, but they can come in, if they -- if they don't do the online activity. But the waiving of the two-percent convenience fee was to encourage that online activity.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. So they can -- they -- they do go into the offices, and -- and pay? They --

MS. GAYLE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- just have to be buzzed in?

MS. GAYLE: They just have to be buzzed in, and -- and if we -- and just so we don't have too many people in the lobby at the same time for everybody's safety.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: What about the Multi-Service Complex? I do believe that folks go there for -- for different services, other than -- other than the payment of utility bills. Is that correct? Do they go there for the pantry or --

MS. GAYLE: Yes, they do.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- or is it -- is it open to the community?

MS. GAYLE: Limited hours, but -- but, yes, they still -- outreach still -- outreach still functions.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: They are open daily?

MS. GAYLE: Yeah. Katrina, could you come tell me what hours they are -- they are open?

MS. DAVENPORT: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commission, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney. Katrina Davenport, Community Services. The Multi-Service Complex is not open to the public. We have been able to provide services virtually. In the event a client needs a service that cannot be provided virtually, we will allow them into the building utilizing the social distancing, the temperature taking and whatnot, so that we can facilitate. As an example, would be pantry, if they need food from our dry goods pantry. We would have to admit them to the building. Another thing we try to do, though, if we can, is facilitate the assessment and do the intake virtually. They show up for the food, and we can actually take it to them without them entering the building, so we do try to keep the traffic to a minimum.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So if someone shows up to the Multi-Service Complex, are they going -- is the door going to be open? Are they going to be taken care of, or is there a sign on the door telling them what to do?

MS. DAVENPORT: They will be taken care of. Staff will go outside to find out what their need is, and then, from there, determine what would be the best course to provide the service.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Very well. Is that the same thing at -- at our western location as well, Sunset Lakes?

MS. DAVENPORT: Sunset Lakes is not open for senior services at all, so anyone that does need service, they would come to the Multi-Service Complex.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. They're not open for any services?

MS. DAVENPORT: No, they're not. Well, Parks, I know they're open, and our childcare is going to be opening up next week, but the senior center is closed, as well as the social worker that, typically, would be there is not at that location.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. All right. Thank you very much. That will be all. Appreciate it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank -- thank you, Commissioner Colbourne. In the spirit of brevity on this pre -- presentation, I'll just work with the Manager's office in regards some questions I have regarding Phase 3, and considerations we're taking, as it relates to Economic Development, Parks & Recs, and code enforcement, so my office will be in touch. All right. Moving the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and a recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately. The Clerk received no requests to speak from the public on the Consent Agenda. Are there any mem -- any items that wish to be pulled, or may I have a motion on the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'd like to pull item number two.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other items that wish to be pulled? If none, I'll take a motion on the --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Item number four.

MAYOR MESSAM: Excuse me?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Item number four.

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number four, Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yeah.

MAYOR MESSAM: Now may I have motion on the balance of the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: 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: 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 Consent Agenda Items 1, 3, 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 Workshops of August 20, 2020 and September 10, 2020, and the Fiscal Year 2021 Fire Protection Assessment & Budget Public Hearing of September 15, 2020

Approved

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number two, please.

2. Temp. Reso. #R7233 approving a highway maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Commitment **2040 Complete Streets/Localized Initiatives** Program Project No. 441579-1. (*Assistant City Engineer Salvador Zuniga*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving a highway maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Commitment 2040 Complete Streets/Localized Initiatives Program Project No. 441579-1, authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Commissioner Colbourne, do you have a question for staff? Are you requesting a presentation?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I request a presentation.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. You may proceed, sir.

MR. ZUNIGA: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. Sal Zuniga, Assistant City Engineer. This item is to approve a highway maintenance agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation. Next slide. So a little project overview/background. The City obtained federal funds from the Broward MPO Complete Streets Localized Initiatives Program. The FDOT program this fund in their Five-Year Work Plan, and they will be responsible for the design, construction of the project. The project falls within the City's right of way along 178th Avenue, between 52nd Avenue and Bass Creek Road. City Commission had previously supported this project back in 2015 through Resolution No. 16-01. Current status of the project; the project's under design and anticipated for construction in fiscal year '22. Next slide. So this project is part of a series of projects that was approved for funding for the MPO in the last five years. Prior to -- prior to 2015, the City never really took advantage of these funding programs through MPO. Starting in 2015, the City started pursuing these funds with the assistance of and support from Commissioner Colbourne, who sits on the Broward MPO. And in the past five years, we have been approved for almost \$19 million

through several projects starting in 2015 through 2019. So the project on this agenda actually falls in the group under 2016, which is actually the first project on the list, not the third highlighted in red. The highlight should be on the first one, it should be 148th Avenue, not 184th; just backwards. So there -- so this -- this item is for the pro -- the first project on the -- on the group under 2016. So this just gives an overview of -- of all the projects that we have been able to get approved for funding in the past five years. Next slide. So this project is located on 148th Avenue between Bass Creek Road and SW 152nd Avenue; that's the entrance of the Coral Cove Elementary, Huntington. The scope of the project includes modifying the intersection of Bass Creek Road and 148th Avenue to convert to a roundabout to assist with the traffic movement. We had a lot of safety concerns, especially during school hours at this intersection, so this was one of the approaches to better control the movements through the intersection. It will also provide a -- a walkway that will connect to the entrance of the school on the -- on the south side, since a lot of parents seem to come and drop kids off just before the entrance to the school, and the kids just walk to the school. So this will provide a safer path for the kids to walk to school. So this project -- FDOT is managing the project, the design and construction. In order for FDOT to manage and design, the City has to enter into a highway maintenance agreement with FDOT for any project that is constructed in City's right of way on behalf of -- of the City. The agreement, essentially, just indicates that the City will be responsible to maintain the improvements once the construction is completed. The City Manager recommends approval. I'll be happy to take any questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. And, as previously stated, there were no requests from the public to speak on any items on the Consent Agenda. Back to the dais. Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. I pulled this item for the presentation, so that the Commission, as well as the public, can see some of the things that we are doing at the MPO -- at the MPO level. Since I've been working with the MPO and staff, we have -- you know, we have really been able to get a number of projects into the community. Some of these -- these projects in -- includes a lot of sidewalks that are needed on the east side. Some of them are bicycle lane or -- or -- or lighting and -- and different things like that that makes a difference within the neighborhoods. On the -- on some scales, they are small projects, but they're meaningful to the neighbor -- the neighborhoods, and I just wanted you guys to know that although these come before us one at a time -- just so you can see the overall, what we have accomplished so far. I think almost \$19 million is -- is a good thing for the City of Miramar, and our employees really do a really good job with the grants in -- you know, writing them in a way to make sure that -- that we do get funding for them, because not every city gets this funding. It is always a limited amount, but we've been able to get funding every year, and every cycle, so thank you to staff.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. May I have a motion on the item?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

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

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 #R7233, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-01

3. Temp. Reso. #R7269 authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement between Broward County and the City of Miramar providing for cooperative participation in a **regional public safety intranet**. (*Police Chief Dexter Williams*)

Resolution No. 21-02

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number four, please.

4. Temp. Reso. #R7270 authorizing the 2020/2021 agreement with Broward County School District to continue to provide **School Resource Officer services** to the seventeen public schools within the City of Miramar. (*Police Chief Dexter Williams*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS : A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, authorizing the '20/'21 agreement with Broward County School District to continue to provide School Resource Officer services to the 17 public schools within the City of Miramar, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, do you request a full presentation, or do you just have a inquiry for staff?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just a single question for Chief.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Good evening, sir, I'm here.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Schools have become completely different from they were a year ago, even a term ago. What does the SRO do these days in this changed environment?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: I apologize. I -- part of your conversation I missed. Say that -- do you mind repeating it one more time for me?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: With the change -- with the change on campuses across our -- our entire country, how have the duties of our SROs changed during this pandemic?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you. Thank you. I've -- I've heard you now. What I -- what I did, I allowed -- I would like to bring forward Major James Dunkelberger. He is the major who runs all of our school programming, all of the school SRO programs as well. He was going to present the item this evening, so I'll allow him to take the opportunity to tell you exactly what he -- he has his staff doing at each and every school.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Thank you. Thanks.

MAJOR DUNKELBERGER: Good evening, --

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MAJOR DUNKELBERGER: -- Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager. Major Jim Dunkelberger, Special Operations. So when school campuses opened this year, and teachers and staff were on campus, our SROs were deployed to each one of those schools, and they've been providing security at those schools. As we've been ramping up for students to return to campus, beginning just this -- this Friday, with pre-K up to second grade, our school resource officers, along with our -- our traffic division, have done a canvas outside the school areas to make sure that it's a safe environment for

students to walk and ride their bicycles. We've been working in conjunction with the Broward County Department of Transportation to make sure the school zone flashing lights and signage are up and so forth to prepare for students on campus. This morning I visited Annabel C Perry, and I did a walk through with the principal and the SRO, as well as the division captain to see the preparations that the School Board has made at the individual schools, with signage and PPE equipment, isolation areas, and so forth. They are preparing for students, so -- like I said, to return to campus beginning Friday, as well as next week. So to answer your questions, Commissioner Barnes, the SROs will continue to do the same duties that they have done to provide security at the campus, to be -- providing mentorship to the students; they will be interacting with the students, and we will wait to see for our S.O.A.R. program from the School Board for direction about those different safety-type programs that they provide in lessons to them.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Thanks so much. In fact, what we're saying here is that some of the duties that they have performed over time have become even more essential, as -- as we try to protect our children going to school.

MAJOR DUNKELBERGER: Yes. Yes, they have.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: That's it, thanks.

MAJOR DUNKELBERGER: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: And, as stated -- as stated previously, there was no public request to speak on this item. If there are no other questions, may I have a motion on this item, please?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice Mayor Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7270, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-03

5. Temp. Reso. #R7271 approving the first one-year renewal option with Acordis International Corp for multi-function copier equipment, which includes **printer management services**, in an amount not-to-exceed \$134,263.00. (*Information Technology Director Clayton Jenkins*)

Resolution No. 21-04

6. Temp. Reso. #R7276 ratification of the purchase of **emergency repair services** for Floridan Well F1 at West Water Treatment Plant from Carter & Verplanck, Inc. in an amount of \$108,086.00. (*Utilities Director Roy Virgin and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

Resolution No. 21-05

End of Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number seven, please.

7. Temp. Reso. #R7284 amending Resolution 20-185 Schedule of Fees, adding an additional **discount** to the regular **tuition fees** for the Miramarvels Early Childhood Academy; City of Miramar employees seeking childcare services as private-pay clients will receive a 25% discount off the regular tuition fees. (***Requested by***

Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis (Financial Services Administrator Winsome Freeman)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending Resolution 20-185 Schedule of Fees, adding an additional discount to the regular tuition fees for the Miramarvels Early Childhood Academy; City of Miramar employees seeking childcare services as private-pay clients will receive a 2-percent discount off of the regular tuition fees, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MS. FREEMAN: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Commission, City Manager, City Attorneys. Winsome Freeman, Financial Services Administrator. This item is an amendment to the fiscal -- FY 2021 Schedule of Fees brought by Commissioner Davis. City Commission approval is required in order to amend changes to the adopted FY '21 Schedule of Fees. On September 16th of 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution 21-85, approving the Schedule of Fees for fiscal year 2021. On September 23rd, 2020, Commissioner Alexandra Davis requested additional options be explored for reduction in childcare fees for City of Miramar employees. That -- the number of City of Miramar employees currently utilizing our childcare services for school year 2028 and 20 -- 2018 to 2019 was 33, and for school year 2019 to 2020 is 27. Here is some of the services that are provided for childcare services. We have voluntary pre-K, aftercare, preschool, summer camp, jumpstart to kindergarten, winter camp, and spring camp. The next slide shows the fees that were approved; regular rates, the resident rate, and now the proposed employee rate, which includes the 25-percent discount. City Manager recommends approval, and staff is available for questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. The Clerk received no request to speak on this item, so back on the dais. Commissioner Davis?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. Thank you. I'd like to thank the City Manager and staff for entertaining this proposal to give some relief to our City employees. It's important that with all the programmings that you have; for example, you have aftercare, you have summer programs, that our employees are able to receive some sort of discount that's better than just being a Miramar resident, which a lot of them are, some of them are not. And -- and I do hope that this, in some way, will assist them, as far as some people have two or three kids that are of the age that need assistance. And I -- I really appreciate you working on this, and allowing it to be a part of the new fee schedule, and also thanks to the City Manager for working with staff on that. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Davis. May I have a motion on item -- if there are no other discussion?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: 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 Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R7284, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-06

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number nine, please.

8. Temp. Reso. #R7277 approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 20-014, entitled **“Regional Park Amphitheater Covered Walkway Project (Option A - Fabric Walkway/Awning Structure)”**, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Industrial Shadeports, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed agreement with Industrial Shadeports, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$321,458.00, and allocating a contingency allowance of \$25,000.00, for a total project cost of \$346,458.00. *(Support Services Construction Administrator Daryll Johnson and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 20-014, entitled "Regional Park Amphitheater Covered Walkway Project (Option A - Fabric Walkway/Awning Structure)", to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Industrial Shadeports, Inc. -- Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed agreement with Industrial Shadeport -- ports, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$321,458.00, and allocating a contingency allowance of \$25,000.00, for a total project cost of \$346,458.00, and providing for an effective date.

MR. JOHNSON: Good evening, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. JOHNSON: Vice Mayor, Commissioners, members of the Dais, Daryll Johnson, Construction Administrator. I'm here before you to present the award for the Regional Park Amphitheater Covered Walkways Project. Issue; the City desires to procure the services of a vendor / contractor for the construction services to build covered walkway canopy system, which will provide cover from the elements for patrons at the Regional Park Amphitheater. City Commission is approval is required for expenditures that exceed \$75,000.00. Next slide, please. Little background history on this project. In September of 2018, the City Commission approved the fiscal year '19 budget, which included design and construction services of the Regional Park Amphitheater Concessions and Walkway -- Walkways Project. In June of 2020, Commission approved fiscal year 22nd budget amendment request in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the Regional Park Amphitheater Walkways Cover Project. Next slide, please. Scope of work includes approximately 9,000 square feet of eight-foot high covered walkway areas. To the left of the screen, you'll see a site plan view of the proposed covered walkway location; it's highlight in -- in yellow. To the right, you'll see a -- a picture of what the canopy -- walkway canopy structures will look like. Next slide, please. The procurement process. January 20 -- 2020, the City Procurement Department advertised invitation to bid in a newspaper of general circulation and DemandStar. In August of 2020, the City received electronic bids from three contracting firms. City staff evaluated the bids, and found that Industrial Shadeports was the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$321,458.00, and also allocating a contingency allowance of \$25,000.00 for a total construction cost of \$346,458.00. City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item. Back to the dais. Are there any questions or comments on this item? Hearing none. May I have --

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I have a question.

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

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yeah. I was trying to follow the -- the canopy -- is -- is this canopy going to support the patron walking to the bathrooms, the --

MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Men and women?

MR. JOHNSON: If you could go to the -- yes, sir. If you could go to slide -- I believe it's slide number --

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I couldn't see the slide to --

MR. JOHNSON: Okay. Yes, the slide is --

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I see it that.

MR. JOHNSON: I'm sorry?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Right. But -- I've -- I've seen that. But where is -- where is the -- the restroom located?

MR. JOHNSON: Yes. On the left-hand side of the screen, you'll see the -- this is the layout. Towards the upper corners, you'll see where the existing three bathroom structures are, and you'll see highlighted in yellow is the actual walkway path in which the -- the structure -- can -- the canopy-covered walkways will -- will cover the sidewalks. And it leads to those bathrooms in the upper portion of that layout.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Great. Thank you.

MR. JOHNSON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Just a question on the -- the timeframe.

MR. JOHNSON: Timeframe. Once this is approved, right now we're looking at about six months fabrication and construction, so we're looking to start this, possibly, next month in November, because the contractor is ready to start the fabrication.

MAYOR MESSAM: That concludes your questions? All right. May I have a motion on the item, if there are no further questions?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No.

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 Vice Mayor Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7277, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-07

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number nine, please.

9. Temp. Reso. #R7285 approving the negotiated three (3) year agreement with two (2), one (1) year renewal options, with Aetna, Inc. for the provision of **self-funded health insurance programs** for City employees, dependents and retirees; establishing premium equivalent rates for insurance premiums for **Calendar Year 2021** to include 100% of expected claims in an amount of \$14,249,975.00; a contingency amount of 5% of claims in an amount of \$712,499.00; administration and stop loss fees in an amount \$1,231,016.00; totaling a not-to-exceed amount of \$16,193,490.00. *(Human Resources Director Randy Cross)*

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, a -- approving the negotiated three (3) year agreement with two (2), one (1) year

renewal options, with Aetna, Inc., for the provision of self-funded health insurance programs for City employees, dependents and retirees; establishing premium equivalent rates for insurance premiums for Calendar Year 2021 to include 100% of the expected claims in an amount of \$14,249,975.00; a contingency amount of 5% of claims in an amount of \$712,499.00; administration and stop loss fees in an amount \$1,231,016.00; totaling a not-to-exceed amount of \$16,193,493 -- 193,493.00, authorizing the City Manager and the Human Resources Director to authorize all appropriate contract documents, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. CROSS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, Members of the Commission. Randy Cross, Human Resources Director. The next slide, please. So the background on this item. The City provides health insurance to approximately 1,800 employees, retirees, and their dependents; we do that through several different health -- health plan options. We included HMO, POS, and a high deductible health -- healthcare plan. We currently provide insurance, and we've done this since 2005 using a fully insured model. What happens in that model works similar to how your car insurance works; your risk is assessed based on something called your medical loss ratio. That's how much money the carrier has to pay out services against the premium that you pay in. You're supposed to be around 80 to 85 percent; that's the ratio that they like to be at. In that model, the carrier assumes the responsibilities, the financial responsibilities. They -- they hold the risk, not us, and then we pay a premium that's negotiated for that year, for a 12-month period. The employees pay a deductible and/or copays, and then everything above those limits are covered by the -- by the insurance. Next slide, please. So we face increasing costs. You hear this all the time in the news. We're no different. The City is facing with increasing health insurance costs; as a -- as a healthcare provider for our employees, we have an obligation to make sure that we're covering them in a rate that's financially manageable, but also provides them with a benefit. We've had -- up until this calendar year, we -- historically, we've had a rate over the last six, seven years that was over 90 percent of our medical loss ratio. Remember, I said we want to be in that 80 to 85-percent range. So here's a sample of what our medical loss ratio has been; it's third column from the right. It shows you going back from 2015 until 2019 that we've been above 90 -- we've been above 90 percent. This year, we're expected to stay under that for the first time in many years, at around 88 percent. Did a little regression on the numbers to come up with the projection for next year if things stayed constantly, maybe we'd come in at around the same 88 percent. What that does -- what I really want to draw your attention to, though, is the column all the way over on the right, which is the renewal increase. So as we've stayed fully insured each year, from 2015 through now, we've had rate increases that range ten to 14, 15 percent, and those were the negotiated rates. You know, when the carrier first came back each year and looked at our -- our medical loss ratio versus how much their -- the plan is costing them in their book of business, they came in much higher, sometimes in the 20s, maybe one time even in the 30s, as far as our rate. And through a lot of -- sometimes modifications of the plan design, but mostly through negotiations and wanting to keep the business, they came down to a rate increase that was more

manageable. The last year or two, dealing especially with our -- our improving trends on our medical loss ratio, and we'll get into some of those reasons in a little bit. Our rates have been coming down to the point where this year coming up, if we go forward with this contract as presented, it's a 5.4 percent increase, which we haven't seen a rate increase that low in -- in many, many years. Next slide. So what we're recommending in this contract -- what's different about this contract, and all of the other contracts since 2005 that we've approved here, this is a self-funded model. So for the employees, as far as the employees concerned, there's really no difference. The employee is going to get the same insurance card from Aetna, who's the number one ranked firm -- this process. Their -- nothing's changing in the plan design for calendar year 2021; so, to be clear, nothing is changing, the rates are staying the same, the deductibles are staying the same, the copays are staying the same; all of that's staying the same. What changes is the business model. How we actually go about managing the health insurance product that we have. So doing fully insured, like I said, the carrier assumes the risk, and then they base our premium based on what our utilization is. This is a different model. And this model looks more like a pay as you go. We're actually going to pay the claims as they come in. We're renting the network from the insurance carrier, so that the employees and their dependents and retirees still get the benefit of the discounted pricing that's on the network, copays the costs for services and providers that are covered under the network. But we're actually absorbing the risk. The City is taking on that risk. So there's a tradeoff there. We save money that -- past due costs on taxes and fees, and other things like that that save us a lot of money. We get some of the rebates on prescriptions and some of the other things. But we, basically, look at this and say, as an organization of our size, we feel that we can do a better job of managing the money ourselves, and having the carrier act as a third-party administrator to manage the claims, instead -- but we can absorb the risk and assume risk. And there's too many things that are helping us with that. There's a stop/loss coverage, and I won't get too deep into the weeds, but those two stop/loss coverages, one is on the total amount of money that we could expend over the course of the year, and one is on a per claim amount. Those two things provide caps for us that help protect us, and make sure that the amount of money that we've put into the budget won't be exceeded by this, because that's when the insurance carriers kick in the full amount. Next slide, please. We did a comparison with some of the other cities, and Broward County agencies in the County that have self-funded. It's -- it's usual for agencies our size to be self-funded, so this gives you a snapshot of the agencies within Broward County that are self-funded; most of those are the larger municipalities within the County, as well as all of the County agencies: BSO, Broward Health, Broward County, Broward Schools; most of the major cities: Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Pembroke Pines, if we're with this, us. So the top five, six cities are self-funded. But it gives you a snapshot that most of the cities with populations of around 80,000 have moved to a self-funded model or have always been on a self-funded model. Next slide. So the procurement process, how we're here this evening. We went out with an RFP last year. We had a committee that was made up of members from the unions, as well as management and budget office, and the Human Resources office. We had a lot of support from our consultant, Mr. Mike Gellan, and we went through a very, very rigorous procurement process. That process took a lot of months to go through that; there was a lot of material

to go through. When we were done with that, we brought that to the City Commission; Aetna was the number one ranked firm, and the Commission approved us to enter into negotiations with Aetna. So we've completed that negotiation -- go to the next slide, please. We've completed that negotiations process a couple weeks ago. It's a 5.4-percent increase. We did ask, because we wanted to see where we would be if we were staying fully insured, what that would look like. The rate that they originally gave us was 18 percent, and then through conversations with them, and some developments on the - on the numbers, it came down to a little over eight percent. The self-funded rate is 5.4 percent, so that's a pretty substantial savings from where we've been in the past. So highlights of the contract. It's a three-year contract; there's two one-year renewal options. The amount we're requesting in the amount not to exceed this year for calendar -- fiscal -- well, for calendar year 2021 is 100 percent of the expected claims, plus a five-percent contingency. So what that means is the stop/loss that I talked about, the total aggregate stop/loss kicks in at 125 percent of our expenses. So, God forbid, we hit that level, that means that we're no longer paying the claims; the carrier pays the claims. That kicks in at about \$17 and a half million; that's about 125 percent of our anticipated claims. So what we've done in this item is we're asking for authorizing to pay up to 105 percent of the claims. That way if we look like we're trending towards having to get higher than 105 percent, we would have to come back to the Commission and have conversations and get authorization from the Commission on how we would move forward with that. But it gives us a little bit of a cushion there with the five percent contingency. So all -- the contract's also paying for the third-party administrator's services, so that's the services that Aetna is going to provide to handle claims management day to day, their adjudication process, the care management, the wellness program; they're giving us a full-time wellness employee, they're giving us dollars for wellness. The EAP program, virtual care services that we currently have through Aetna. The HSA program, they're going to handle all of our retiring COBRA administration; that continues as it is today. So those services, currently, would be in this contract. In future years, if we stay self-funded, and there's better opportunities to carve out some of those other products, we can do that, because we're -- we would be self-funded, where we actually have the ability to do that; you're not buying a turnkey. Next slide. So in some of the one-on-ones, it was suggested that I do a -- try to tie this all together. We've been talking about this moving to a self-funded model for the last two plus years. So we've also brought in other things that tie into this, like our -- we talk about our wellness program, our onsite healthcare clinic. So how does all this work? How does all this tie together? Why is this so important for us to make this move to self-funded? Number one, there's many things that are involved in the industry that we can't control: regulations, new laws, case law, the market; South Florida is a very different type of in -- of an insurance market than other areas in the country. We can't really control that stuff. But the things we can control, we have to get our -- our arms around those, and try to make the best of those. So on the employee level that's health, you know, the wellness and health of our employees. So making sure employees are getting their annual physicals; making sure employees that have chronic conditions are getting those treated; there are -- if they're on prescriptions, the prescriptions are followed up. Having employees know they're numbers, know what's going on with their health, knowing what's going on with their spouse's health, with their children's health. Those are all important

things, because those things, it's worth spending that money on that, and giving incentives to have the employees do that, because it can significantly reduce the potential that they'd have more expensive costs on the network down the road. So what we did is we put together a strategic healthcare commitment. So that sounds big, but it really is big. I mean that was a lot of input from senior management, from -- from Mr. Mike Gellan, from the union leadership, and they've been all in lock step with us, not always during the process, but at the end we get there, where we're working together as a team to try to figure out a solution that works for all of our employees. So we've had a lot of participation and cooperation from the unions and our City employees. We're bringing in the healthcare centers. So what the healthcare center does, how that ties in monetarily, which is important, is -- for example, the mod -- the -- the healthcare clinic is going to have a capacity. You know, the doctor can see so many employees or dependents in a particular day. If we're self-funded, those visits to the doctor would be happening on the network: going to your primary care doctor, going to a walk-in clinic, going to the emergency room. So those are costs that we would incur on the network, so when that bill comes every month, those -- those -- those visits are going to be there. The advantage -- one of the advantages is when you're talking just the financial numbers on having the onsite healthcare clinic is we pay a fixed fee for having the doctor. It's kind of like having a doctor's office under retainer. So what happens is the more visits you get per day at the doctor, the less cost per visit it is. There's a -- there's a tipping point. When you get to around 70 percent capacity in the clinic on a daily basis, where those visits weren't happening on the network, they're happening at the doctor, the cost is shifting from the network to the doctor. The doctor is, basically, paying for itself. When you get above the capacity requirements, if we can do that on a regular basis, then -- then the doctor's office actually saves money compared to what the costs could potentially be on the network. And there's incentives baked into the contract to do that. There's costs for the carrier -- I'm sorry, for CareATC, who's the healthcare provider, or if they don't hit certain milestones that they -- they forfeit some money. And there's benefits for us to have that: making sure that our capacity is up, having a strong wellness program. If you don't know, we -- we do a lot of pushing. It's a little harder as -- through COVID, but we try to get a lot of communication out to employees to make sure that they're aware of the options and the opportunities. The numbers that I showed you before, I really, strongly believe that one of the reasons why our medical loss ratio has been going down is we put such a concerted effort with the unions, and -- and with HR pushing to try and get health -- making that a priority. That's there. And -- and at the end of this, you don't get the benefit of all that stuff if you're not self-funded. You really don't realize those benefits. If you're self-funded, you get the benefit of that, because you're kind of paying as you go, so if your costs are down on the network, you realize those savings right away. Next slide. So that -- that's, in summary, everything that we've gone over with it. We have Aetna there on the line. We also have Mr. Mike Gellan, if there's any specific questions about the contract or the -- or the contract that was negotiated, or anything with policy. I'd also really, really like to just thank Naima, our benefits manager and her team, they're amazing, the union folks who are here, Jay and GAME. I know Tom was talking about being here, but he might not be able to be here from PBA; they've been like huge partners with us in trying to make this happen. So, with that, any questions that you might have.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. The Clerk received no requests from the public to speak on this item. I do see two speakers. First starting with Commissioner Davis, followed by Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you so much. I did meet with staff today, and the meeting was very fruitful. I -- I got to understand in really layman's terms as to what is being done, and how there are cost savings. I -- I really want to say thank you to Randy Cross and his staff for the amount of work they've been doing. Really, there's a lot of things that have come forth between this project, the clinic, the early outs, the -- the pay disparities. I mean there's so much going on in that HR Department. At first I didn't think there was a need for the amount of employees that are over there, to be honest, but now I see where you really need the work to be done, and there is a lot. And I have to say kudos to you, because -- especially in this environment, there's a lot of things we have to do for cost savings, a lot of innovation we need. And, you know, you might do yourself an injustice by -- you know, we -- we can't do without in you in HR, I mean -- you know, I hope you have a succession plan in place, because -- I mean I work at Delta Airlines and folks know. And I -- I've seen a lot of work in the private sector and what they do as far as employees and -- and health cost, and things like that, and -- and we're right up there, I must say. And I -- I'd like to say thank you. I don't do too much of that, but -- so when it comes to your work, I must say I am -- I am quite impressed. Thank you.

MR. CROSS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized. Commissioner Barnes, you're -- you're mute.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Mayor, I step away for a minute.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. I'll -- I'll recognize you in a second, Vice Mayor. I'm trying to get into Commissioner Barnes. Commissioner Barnes, can you hear us? Okay, we'll -- we lost him. We'll come back. Vice Mayor Chambers, did you have a comment or question?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yeah. I just want to congratulate staff, especially HR Director for working on this project. So great job. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. I think we have some connection issues with Commissioner Barnes. We'll see if he can come back in during this item. A couple of comments regarding this -- this item. As was stated in the presentation, this whole initiative in regards to restructuring our benefits package, specifically our healthcare cost, it's two year, basically, in the waiting, and a lot has been accomplished over the last two years. And to our residents who may be watching on line, this is where the rubber meets the road. We just completed our passage of our budget, and during the presentation, you saw our budget director talk about some of the threats to our General Fund, which is our

salaries and benefits line item, and health care costs, and escalating healthcare costs due to many factors. Due to our employee population, due to regulation, due to market uncertainty, and just the general cost of providing healthcare. And I just would like to give kudos to our staff for bringing forth a credible solution that really takes head on the threat of our escalating healthcare costs. And -- and I -- I've had several meetings with staff regarding this issue, over the last two years regarding this item, and to see where we are today have me in a very optimistic position. And I'm in -- and one of my challenges during the preparation for this item for today -- for today's meeting was to challenge staff for us to maximize those opportunities to -- to realize all of our -- our savings. And -- and, in closing, what I really appreciate about this entire effort is that the inclusion of our bargaining units to get their buy in, to get their input to address their concerns, and that's what's really important. Because, at the end of the day, it's our staff that is receiving these benefits, and if they are not happy, and if they do not see their values interwoven into this solution, then we won't be in a position to maximize and realize the savings that we desperately need to reduce the threat of the escalating healthcare costs. So thanks, staff, thanks everyone who have been involved -- who has been involved in this process up to this point. I do not see Commissioner -- I think Commissioner Barnes has just logged back in. Can you hear us, Commissioner Barnes? All right. Can you unmute yourself now? We see you. You just need to unmute. Okay. Speak -- you can speak now. There you go. We hear you now.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yeah. My new computer still does not like me, so see with me. Just -- it just went away. Just wanted to comment on the presentation by Randy, following our meeting yesterday. Just incredible work that has been done by the department, as usual. And what impresses me the most is -- is what makes this so comprehensive, this whole thing about self-funded coverage is that it dovetails with the setting up of our staff health clinic, and -- and through that, some of the savings are going to be realized. The one thing I'd love to do though is to call on our employees, all staff members to utilize the staff health clinic, and get us up that 75, I'm hoping more like 85. So that it not only becomes beneficial for our staff members who don't want to take time off from their -- their job, and go to a -- a different situation, but also to keep the level at that place where we continue -- we begin and continue to -- to make savings going forward. And, again, congratulations to staff on the incredible job that has been done on this particular situation.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank you. May I have a motion on this item?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: 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 #R7285, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-08

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Public Hearing. Item number ten, please.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 10. SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1763 amending Chapter 2, Article III of the City of Miramar Code of Ordinances; establishing new Division 4.6 to create a **Commission on the status of Women**; providing for membership; providing for term of office; providing for duties and powers; providing for adoption of representations; providing for a severability clause; providing for inclusion in Code; and providing for an effective date. ***(Passed 1st Reading on 09/16/20)***
(Commissioner Yvette Colbourne)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Article III of the City of Miramar Code of Ordinances; establishing new Division 4.6 to create a commission on the status of

Women; providing for membership; providing for term of office; providing for duties and powers; providing for adoption of representations; providing for a severability; providing for inclusion in Code; and providing for an effective date. This is sponsored by Commissioner Colbourne.

MM. Thank you. Have there been any changes since the first reading?

MS. DECOSTE: This is just a presentation --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MS. DECOSTE: -- to go more into depth about the Commission on the status of women.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. You may proceed.

MS. DECOSTE: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commission. Tennille Decoste --

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Can you see the bank code from here?

MS. DECOSTE: I'm sorry?

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers -- Vice Mayor Chambers, can you mute your mic? Thank you. You can proceed, Ms. --

MS. DECOSTE: Tennille Decoste, Division Director of Civil Rights and Employee Labor Relations. Commissioner Yvette Colbourne desires to create a commission on the status of women to inspire and encourage women in community affairs and leadership roles within the City of Miramar. The Commission on Status of Women shall be dedicated to identifying and resolving economic, health, social and all other issues concerning women's lives through education and advocacy. What's the composition of the commission? The Commission of Status of Women shall comprise of five members, who shall be appointed by the City Commission. The City Manager shall appoint a City staff member -- member to serve as a staff liaison. The term of the office of the members shall be two-year terms, each member serving until his or her successor is appointed. Members may serve consecutive terms. Duties and responsibilities: the Status of Women will serve in an advisory role to perform studies and create reports, including but not limited to: fair and equal treatment of women; insure policy and practices are in place that do not discriminate against women; review working and living conditions of women; deliver of public and private services to women; education and training for women; public accommodations afforded to women. They'll also review other City agencies, facilities, boards, services, and programs dealing with or affecting women. They'll also make recommended changes to the City ordinances, monitor, which is very important, the City's pay scale to ensure equal pay for women performing the same work as men. Perform any other functions as directed by the commission. The commission will operate and

conduct within the City -- excuse me, within the Division of Civil Rights and Employee Labor Relations of the Human Resources Department. Ordinance No. 1763 shall be effective and adopted immediately upon the second reading.

MAYOR MESSAM: There is no request from the public to speak on this item. Going back to the dais, Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you very much. I want to thank this Commission, first of all, for approving this item on the first reading. Only two days after we approved this, we heard of the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Gins -- Ginsburg, who had left a legacy of fighting for human rights, especially for the rights of women. I think it is fitting that we pass and approve the Commission on the Status of Women in the honor of Justice Ruth Bader Gons -- Ginsburg. So I ask this Commission to approve this item, but I would like to -- to get this item amended just to add that it is in legacy of the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Colbourne. I have two speakers. Commissioner Barnes, followed by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. This -- this -- first of all, I want to congratulate Commissioner Colbourne for bringing this to us originally. But this -- this -- the very fact that we have had to resort to this is -- is a part of a major disappointment for me, considering that women -- women's suffragette came into light only 100 years ago in this country. And for us, in the 21st century, to have to bring this kind of resolution to -- to seek a semblance of equality between -- between the work that women do, the compensation for this work -- for me -- for me it's -- it's -- it's -- it's shameful, but I -- for that reason, I congratulate this Commission and Commissioner Colbourne for bringing it to the fore. And -- and this is something I don't know that we have a choice but to wholeheartedly support.

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

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. I'd like to thank Commissioner Colbourne for bringing this forward. Just a question. I don't know if there is a health and wellness component, if that is part of it or could be part of it. And you -- I do know that a lot of times women, especially in terms of the pregnancies, childcare, some of the instances where even now with healthcare, Obamacare actually on the line, I was surprised to learn that there are some instances where women get charged more for the same type of services as men do in the healthcare industry. So I'm -- I'm not sure if that would be part of it or could be, but I do believe this is a great -- a commission on women is -- is a great item to be brought forward by Commissioner Colbourne, and I think that it will be great for our community, great for our employees. And I -- I totally support this -- this commission.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Davis. A couple of points and observations on this item. I, too, would like to ditto my colleagues' remarks regarding Commissioner Colbourne bringing this item forward to -- not only to recognize women, but to ensure that in all of our practices in the City of Miramar, that we are inclusive, and that we are treating every person with the dignity and the respect that they deserve, regardless of gender. I think we all would be naïve to state that in all of our operations that there has never been any instance of either discrimination, disparity, or mistreatment to -- to women who are employed by the City of -- of Miramar. And with the passage of this item, it is my hope that the phenomenal women that will be appointed to this board, this Commission for the Status of Women will not only uncover any injustices where they may exist in the City, but will bring forth recommendations, and then police recommendations and administrative procedures to address those disparities. So I am in 100 percent support of this item, and look forward to its passage.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I just want to thank Commissioner Colbourne for -- once again, for bringing this item forward. It's very important for us to always being supportive of item like this. And, you know, someone who have -- my mom who work so hard over the years and just to be a caregiver and, you know, help my sisters; and a father of three girls, and I do know here at the City of Miramar so many wonderful ladies work here, have a great relationship from ever since I've been here, and it's just a tremendous pleasure to support this item. And -- and I -- it's a great pleasure to work with Commissioner Colbourne and Commissioner Davis, and everyone else here. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: The City Clerk received no request to speak on this item from the public. And, on that note, may I have a motion on this item, please.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I make a motion -- do I have to do anything concerning the amendment?

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, your motion would be a motion to approve this item as amended.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve this item as amended. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: 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: 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 #O1763 as amended, the Commission voted:

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

Ordinance No. 21-01

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

Commissioner Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: On to other business. And going to Commission reports. I'll try to be as brief as possible. I know we all -- many of us want to get home to the debates. One, a couple of updates and announ -- updates and announcements. First, had an opportunity to go out with Boy Scout Troop 441 for Adopt-A-Street effort with Team Messam. We cleaned Island Drive south of Miramar Parkway to Pembroke Road. For those of you who may not know, Boy Scout Troop 441 is based right here in the City of Miramar. They're always serving in our Community, and it's been great to see so many of the young boys grow to young men, and young men matriculate on to serve our country in the military, or go off to college, or enter in the workforce. And afterwards, we cleaned

the streets, the last, perhaps, ten, 15 minutes actually was in the rain, and there were great spirits, and -- and -- and I'd like to thank our Public Works staff who came out to support our effort, particularly Deputy City Manager Gordon, Public Works Director Mullings, and -- and the team, Public Works team that made it very easy, and they always make it easy to making sure everyone is safe and well equipped. And -- and it was great to continue to -- to serve -- serve our community. One note I would ask quick -- add to this is that oftentimes we may see some debris and trash on our streets, but -- but our streets are really -- code -- between code enforcement, Public Works, we really are doing a good job in our community. You really don't see a lot of excess trash throughout the City of Miramar, and I just commend our community, and commend our City staff in -- in helping to keep our community clean. The next Conversations with Mayor Messam, the topic is Broward UP, which is featuring the Broward College Broward UP program; it's an initiative that I've been working with -- with Broward College to come to the City of Miramar to provide free technical training to our residents. And it will be brought to the heart of the community. This very important discussion will take place on Wednesday, October 14th, 2020, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Joining me will be no other -- none other than President of Broward College, Gregory Haile, our Assistant City Manager, Kelvin Baker, and our moderator, Assistant City Manager, Shaun Gayle. We look forward to a spirited discussion, and ask -- answering the questions to our residents that are already coming in excited and -- and curious about the benefits of this program. My next announcement is -- I'm pleased to announce the opening of the City of Miramar's Paws Central Dog Park. We're asking residents to register now to participate in the opening of the park, which will take place October 20th, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. This park -- this park came to life upon the request of residents to my office to see if a park could be put at Regional Park, and it's a long time coming, and it's a beautiful park. And our furry friends are looking forward to participating in the park. And for our residents, there's two sides to the park; one side is for large dogs, and this other side is for our smaller friends, so come on out. You can register by going to the Regional Park office; bring proof of ID and your dog's vaccinations. Proof of ID of resident -- proof of residency for the City of Miramar, and for -- and their dog's vaccination records. Next we will have the State of the City Address on Thursday, October 29th, from 6:30 to 8:00. It will be a virtual State of the City. It will be broadcast over our City's platforms on the City's Facebook page, as well as through our cable channel and online. You can register for the event at miramarevents.webex.com, and we look forward to giving you an update on the accomplishments of our city, and where we've come over the last fiscal year, the impacts of COVID-19 on our community, what the City has done to respond to COVID-19, as well as where we're going on -- as a community. And you'll have an opportunity to hear from your City of Miramar elected officials as well. We are asking all residents to remember that your -- your vote matters. Hopefully everyone has registered to vote by last Monday. If you have not registered, you will not be able to vote in the upcoming November 3rd elections, but for those who are registered to vote, mark your calendars to ensure that you vote either early or on election day. Early vote -- voting begins on October 19th. The City of Miramar traditionally has an early voting site located right behind us in City Hall at the Miramar Regional Library branch that is right behind City Hall. And we're reminding residents to continue to go to the many locations to get your COVID-19 testing. Our City sites are at Vernon E. Hargray Youth Enrichment

Center at 7000 Miramar Parkway located just east of the Turnpike overpass. There are additional sites at the CVS Pharmacy drive through in Miramar located at 12401 Miramar Parkway at the CVS Pharmacy drive through. You can register in advance at cvs.com. Tests will be sent to an independent third party lab for processing, and you will receive your results from CVS. And I'm sure Vice Mayor Chambers will talk about the third site that's opened at the Miramar Regional Park. And, finally, tomorrow, there will be a food distribution, our continued efforts with Feeding South Florida to provide food for the community; will take place at Miramar Regional Park. We're encouraging our residents to try to come as early as possible. It states 9:00, but individuals begin lining up, actually, before sunrise in some cases, so we look forward to continuing to do what we can to meet the needs of our community. Thank you so much, staff, for all that you do; you are really appreciated. I know that's not stated enough. You do a great job for our city in very tough circumstances, and we appreciate all of your work. Thank you. I'll start from -- I'll start with Vice Mayor Chambers and work -- work our way down. Vice Mayor Chambers, do you have a report?

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: We're going to skip for right now, Mayor. I'm not quite ready yet; I'm trying to put some things together real quick.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I'll come back at the end.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. We'll come back. Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. I'll start off with US Census. Since we last met, the deadline has been extended to October 31st by a U.S. District judge, so the good news is that it's not too late. We still have a few days left that if you have not completed your census, you can do it online, you can do it by phone, or you can mail in the information that they sent you. The number in English is 844-330-2020; for Spanish speaking: 884-6 -- 884-468-2020, and in Creole, it's 844-477-2020. Miramar census rate, as of today, is 72.3 percent. We continue to hold our seventh position in Broward County amongst municipalities' response, and that is seven out of 31 municipalities. We continue to encourage the residents to go ahead and -- in various ways, to go ahead and complete the census. We also received a congratulation note from Broward County for surpassing our 2010 census rate of 70 percent, since we are at 72.3. Our staff has been working real hard on this, and I do want to say thank you so much. They'll continue pushing this to the end of the month. Seniors hot meal program; we continue to deliver meals to our seniors every Friday. Anyone who is interested -- any senior that is interested can contact my office at 954-602-3143 to receive a hot lunch. We do have -- I have a -- an email that I received from -- from one our seniors, and I wanted to go ahead and -- and share that with you, concerning the lunches that received: I live in Miramar, and I am very grateful to receive the lunch each Friday. I called regarding Fourth of July lunch, because it was a traditional and so nice to have a lunch with a barbeque feel that we missed this year because of the pandemic. I'm will -- I'm writing today to tell you how happy I was with

lunch this past Friday. I know it is Hispanic Heritage Month, and I love the traditional black beans and rice, pork, plantains -- black beans, rice -- black beans and rice, pork and plantains with lime slices, etc. I am not Hispanic, but the lunch was a true tradition, and not spicy, just right. I think you put a lot of thought into the lunches, especially around a special occasion or holiday time, and I, myself, really do appreciate it as a senior on my own with no family nearby. Again, I appreciate every lunch, but some definitely stand out, and I just wanted you to know that I, myself, do appreciate the thought that goes into those special lunches. I wanted to share that with you, and I wanted to say thank you to staff and all of the efforts and everything that we do put into it, and I will respond to the email and share it with staff as well. We continue to distribute masks; again, if anyone in our city is in need of masks, they can call my office that's 954-602-3143. This coming weekend on Friday, October 9th, between 6:00 and 8:00, and again on Sunday, October 11 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., I will be hosting the art show over at the Multi-Cultural -- I'm sorry, over at the Miramar Cultural Center. We have an amazing art -- amazing event, where you will meet the artist. We will take a tour through our gallery; everything is being -- being provided safely with spacing. Everyone must wear masks. It is a short tour through the gallery, and then we'll go out to the outside of the gallery, where we have several murals newly painted on our windows. And you'll have an opportunity to see that as well, as well as walk away with a package in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month as well. So anyone is interested in attending, and I do encourage it; I will be there, and it will be a fabulous event, so I ask you to do -- register through Eventbrite. You can call my office, 954-602-3143. You can also visit City of Miramar website. We are also getting ready for our annual Halloween event. However, this year it will not be anything like it has been in previous years. We will be having a drive through event, so that we can comply with the CDC requirements. We invite everyone. It will be on October 31st between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m., and it will be at River Run Park. And, lastly, I just want to remind everyone -- you know, folks are already voting, because many have received absentee ballots. If -- you can mail your absentee ballots or you can drop them off during early voting at the early voting sites, and there are also -- you can also take it to the Supervisor of Elections. And the election is on November 3rd, whichever way you choose, I do encourage everyone to please go out and exercise your right to vote. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. Thank you. Just a couple of points before I start the presentation. One was, I had requested and we've been getting updates with regards to the relocation of the billboard by the I-75. I don't know if Mr. Baker has anymore updates on that. The -- the billboard relocation, I believe, we were supposed to have some updates at this meeting and, if not, if you'll have it at the next meeting, so we know where we're going with the relocation. So that's going to be at the next meeting? All right. So if we could get that, I'd appreciate that for our next Commission meeting, as far as that relocation, and the plans on that. Secondly, in terms of our internal auditors, I really haven't seen anything brought to my attention, whether they meet with us or give us an update as to what they're doing. The major audits, we do have those meetings at least once, you know, whenever it comes up, but I -- I would like to see where we are given

information on our internal auditors, especially now we're looking to save costs, and there may be ways that we could do things better, and we need to know what exactly they are looking at, and what recommendations they have brought forward. So if I could have the City Manager arrange for some kind of updates, and the way forward, as far as these internal audits, what have they done, what are they planning to do, and how have they been giving us guidance, in terms of cost savings, and the way we can operate better internally. Mr. Manager, do you have anything on that, or are you able to put that together for members of the Commission who would like to know? Mr. City Manager.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: You'll get a report from Finance on that. We -- we constantly are working with the internal auditors to -- we'll -- we'll give you an update on that there, because we also have the auditors looking at our CAFR as well, so I'm -- I'm sure that we will have something to give to you probably sometime this week.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I just want to make sure that we are utilizing them to the best of our ability to seek these cost savings and -- and -- and -- and measures that, you know, we would like them to look at. So, again, I would love to that report as to what they're doing, what their plans are, and how we're utilizing that firm appropriately.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: If I may add to that. Since you are doing a report, I just want to make sure that in the report, if you can just specify what is the plan, specifically, what would be the plan for this year, what's the plan for next year, in terms of auditing.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. And then moving forward to the report. Of course, we continue to do our drop and go deliveries on Thursdays; thank you to staff who participate, those that bring the food items to us there at the Multi-Service Complex, and the folks who volunteer with us. We have Cindy, Aaron and Chantal that do a great job as staff that assist us, and my volunteers, and my -- my own staffers also. We're getting good response; folks look out for that package, those that can't go to the food distribution site. They may be disabled seniors or with small children, and it's really helping a lot of folks in the community. I think we've delivered close to several thousand now, maybe close to six or 7,000 deliveries. As was mentioned, it's Hispanic Heritage Month. We've been doing flavors, Latin flavors throughout the City. The last one was held right here at the Town Center, and previously -- last week Tuesday, it was held at Sunset Lakes. We'd like to thank our sponsors, La Carreta, Tribeca and Bravo. The next event will take place next Tuesday at our Multi-Service Complex, again, Latin flavors. For more information, you can contact my office: 954-602-3155, and you can register on Eventbrite. Let's see here. The actual Eventbrite handle is hispanicheritagemiramar.eventbrite.com. I know the Mayor mentioned a new testing site. I'd like to thank Vice Mayor Chambers for his effort in bringing that site. Little did we know that we would need that, since the other site has been closed, and we certainly appreciate that effort bringing it to our western area of the City. We can just continue on that one to the next slide for -- we could just continue to the next. I was going to go over it, but I'm sure Vice Mayor Chambers will come up with what was done over there. Moving along. As I mentioned the next Hispanic Heritage Latin flavors will take place on next Tuesday, September 13th. You can RSVP at

hispanicheritagemiramra.eventbrite.com, and it will be at 6700 Miramar Parkway, where you can pick up your meal from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The dog park will be opening, which was an effort that I brought forward to this Commission back in 2014. I'm very pleased to see that it is now a reality. The dog park will be a great place for both small and large dogs to be able to run around and not having to take our dogs -- as a dog owner, to another park to another city. We actually have one in our own city, and I'm really grateful to see this particular project come alive, and thank staff for the work that they've done there over at Paws Central. At the same time that I proposed the dog park, I did propose a skate park, and we are really getting to the area where that skate park is going to also be a reality. I certainly appreciate, again, the work done by our Parks Department. This will be coming in the spring of 2021, where we'll be able to have our -- especially our middle school students, which -- those, as I taught middle school, are the ones that really utilize skateboarding, but at -- it will be for everybody and anyone who -- who wants to do skateboarding, as well as other activities at our skate park. So I'm looking forward to this being a reality. It will be our first skate park in the City. Other cities do have them and, hopefully, this will be a great addition for our young people. Here I'm just showing off my -- I'm an alumni for Wolmer's Girls High School. Age Quod Agis means "Whatever you do, do it well." There's also a quote here from Theodore Roosevelt, "Do what you can with all you have where you are." Can contact me through my email: apdavis@miramarfl.gov, and some of my social media handles -- handles: Twitter @4alexandradavis, the same thing for Facebook and Instagram. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yeah. Just -- just, first of all, to say a special congratulations to Captain Dunkelberger for being featured on -- on TV6 just recently for giving plasma not once, but twice. And I think it -- it only goes to show the kind of service and the attitude that our police department has to do what he did. Kudos to -- to our Captain Dunkelberger. I'm also urging our residents not to just plan on voting. I'm urging that we prepare to vote. Take a look at your voter ID card; it's actually called your voter information card, and acknowledge and understand that you're going to be asked to use your ID when you go to the polling station. And also like to put on notice our residents -- I have an upcoming virtual citizenship drive late next week. The information should be on our website any time after this evening; look out for it. We've done a number of citizenship drives over the years. This time we're doing it virtual, and we're also preparing a virtual city tour for residents to join us, as they did in the past, not this time, However, able to do it on the bus. Look at our website for information regarding the citizenship drive, it's next week. And that's my contribution.

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

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. you're rec --

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: I just want to touch on a few things before the presentation. Just to piggyback on Commissioner Davis presentation in regards to the -- the internal audit. I know the -- it's been three years now since they sign on with us, and I've -- have not gotten a report or anything, so I'm hoping that we could move that forward for the 2021 year, and make sure we get a report from the internal auditor. And I -- and I just want to touch back on Commissioner Colbourne item, number ten, in regards to women. I would hope that here at the City of Miramar, if someone, a female has been mistreated or abused, they would make a report right here at the Miramar PD, and anyone that put a woman in danger, they should be investigated and locked up and thrown in jail. I just want to make sure any abuse of women should not be tolerated here at the City of Miramar, none whatsoever. So I just want to reiterate that. Also -- I just want to shed something -- last week Saturday, I had a privilege of attending the Halloween Horror Night at the Miramar Regional Park. I know I don't have a slide on that, but this was a great idea. I was able to add some input to it, and it's a really -- a wonderful event. It was lovely; I'm going to do it again, and I want to encourage everyone to support the Halloween Horror Night at the -- at the Miramar Regional Park. Everything is need to be register at Eventbrite, and it's per cars, and you could -- they could accommodate up to six person in -- in -- per car, so it's -- it's very reasonable. So for those of you who listening and watching, please support the Horror Land drive through haunted attraction safe and risk-free event by drive through and wearing a mask if you decide to roll the window down. And I think I'm ready for my presentation. I want to apologize to our resident. I have two flyer that I'm promoting; one is the MASH and the eMap -- eMap program for seniors and non-seniors, and the other one is the face mask giveaway for businesses. Apparently, the number of them flyer were not being answered, and I just want to apologize to my resident. I did have a meeting with my Deputy City Manager yesterday, and ACM Shaun Gayle, so staff is working to correct the situation, whatever it is to make sure that before we put out these flyers, we have someone answering the phone, so our resident can get the service they wanted and they deserve, especially our seniors. And we could move onto the next slide, please. Thursday is a very busy day here in the City of Miramar at Miramar Regional Park, where we serve over 2,500 families per week. I also facilitate -- facilitate another at two additional site: Miramar United Methodist Church, there's a drive through distribution there where we're able to serve over 200 to 250 families per week from this site. Thanks to Pastor David Range for making sure we can do this there, and facilitating the distribution. Ms. Ina and Mr. Roland Abel work tirelessly alongside Pastor and myself and other volunteer who make this possible every week here at the Miramar United Methodist Church. Also my second site is Holiness Born Again Church; at Holiness, we package and deliver to our Miramar seniors, sick, shut-in, and those without transportation. Volunteers deliver another 200 meal -- another -- deliver another 200 family throughout Miramar. We also support some drive up cars as well, not too many, but we mainly distribute from this site. Again, thank you to all the volunteers that comes out week in and week out to make sure these families get their -- their food in their homes. And, as we move on to October 6th, we held a press conference at Miramar Regional Park to announce the opening of this new COVID-19 testing site right here at the Miramar

Regional Park, 16801 Miramar Parkway, Florida 33027. This site is now open to the general public as of today. I am pleased to be a part of this partnership that offer everyone convenient and free -- free, I want to reiterate that, free COVID-19 test. Our goal is to keep our residents of Miramar and the surrounding communities healthy and safe. Testing will -- testing will be done by a supervised, self-administered -- administered saliva test with a 48 hours turnaround time result. This test is 97 percent accurate, and we could test up to 2,000 patrons per day. The testing site will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Wednesday, and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Thursday -- I'm sorry. Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Individual can schedule an appointment in advance, which is the best way for us to make this site efficient is through the preregistration, so I want to encourage folks to register ahead of time before they shows up, and that's what make it very fast. So I want to go ahead and give out the 1-800 number; it's 1-800-935-9505, 1-800-935-9505. Also, we do have a -- a app. Homesafe1st not only administer the test, but follow you to recovery and make sure if you need food in your home, they can provide you with -- by doing some shopping for you, or whatever assistance you need, you know. So I want individual to understand that -- that there are -- there are not helpless or alone after testing positive, and those -- those -- and -- and those of you who are negative are not given valuable information to continue to protect -- are given valuable information to protect themselves and others. So if you're on the screen, we have that barcode, we could scan that. Once you scan that barcode, it's opened up into the application process where you would type in all your information and -- and submit that, and it will go straight to the testing center. And when you shows up, then it's all real quick. It literally takes two minutes if you preregister, and the -- the test only take 30 seconds to deposit your saliva into the container, which given to you. So, please, if you're not able scan the barcode or -- and register that way, call the 1-800 number, and it's 1-800-935-9505, and I'm really, really happy and pleased that we were able to open this site, in light of the site on the eastern portion of the City not being opened. It's -- might be a coincident. I had not been aware of that, but here we are with this new site in western Miramar, and it's something that -- kids friendly, and for the adult who afraid to get swabbed, a nasal swab or finger blood test, this is the alternative to those other testing opportunity. And I just want to thank Ms. Assistant -- I want to thank the City Manager, Mr. Vernon Hargray, Deputy City Manager, Mr. Gordon, Mr. -- ACM Kelvin Baker, ACM Gayle, Elizabeth Valera, Dr. Bryan, and my associate who -- everyone who worked on this to make it happen. It took some time. It's been four months since I'm working on this, but it finally come to fruition, and I'm looking forward to everyone having a safe test, and stay safe and be healthy. And just a wonderful opportunity to work with everyone to get this done. Thank you and good night, and happy Hispanic Heritage Month again. And I look forward to seeing some of you next week at Halloween Horror Night at Miramar Regional Park for Everglade -- for Glade Middle School. Thank you so much.

City Attorney Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Attorney, do you have a report? See, I promised I wasn't going to skip -- you're up.

11. Temp. Reso. #R7291 authorizing the City Attorney to take any legal action necessary, including initiating litigation, to **recover remediation costs** from James B. Pirtle Construction Company, Inc., and or any other necessary or indispensable party. *(City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, we do have a -- a resolution to read to read into the record; we're asking for your approval. A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, authorizing the City Attorney to take any legal action necessary, including initiating litigation, to recover remediation costs from James P. -- B. Pirtle Construction Company, Inc., and or any other necessary or indispensable party, and providing for an effective date. And if I may, Mr. Mayor. The backup is very detailed, Commissioners, as to why we're asking for this resolution at this time, and we'd ask for your support of -- of this resolution.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Are there any objections to the -- or comments regarding the resolution, or may I have a motion on the resolution?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: 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: 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 #R7291, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-09

City Manager Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. City Manager, any reports?

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I'm going to try to do this real quick, because I want -- I don't want to miss the show. First of all, I'd like to say until you, as a man, recognize what breast cancer is, you don't know until you have a member of your family. And it's shocking when my niece told the family that she had breast cancer, and she went for her first treatment and came back bald, and that's when I realized that I didn't understand what was going on. So I want to go back and say, you know, I -- I apologize for being ignorant of understanding what ladies go through and the challenges, and now it's home, and I can see it. It is my intentions, real quickly, to have a -- a workshop about the internal auditor that function in here, and the reason being is the one thing that I'm going to leave with the City to understand: internal auditing and compliance. And what happens with many cities, they forget about compliance, and the -- the requirements that each one of the departments have to do. And when you fail compliance, the city goes under. So I want to make sure that we have a workshop to talk about auditing and compliance for the City. That's it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Manager. I know we've had conversations regarding the importance of maximizing the auditors' value that they can bring to the City, especially during these financial challenges. So --

FUTURE WORKSHOP

Date	Time	Subject	Location
10/13/20	3:00 p.m.	Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) - Virtual	Commission Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. On this note, everyone have a good evening, and this meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, CMC
City Clerk
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