



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 7, 2021

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:12 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
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes (Remote)
Commissioner Yvette Colbourne
Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis

The following members of staff were present:

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening everyone. The meeting of the Miramar City Commission is now called to order. Commissioner Barnes will be appearing remotely for this meeting. 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 and concerns on items we will hear on this evening's agenda. Any person may be heard by the City Commission through the Chair, and upon registering pursuant to the published notice for not more than three minutes on any proposition before the Commission, unless modified by the Chair. This meeting is being streamed live at miramar.gov/commissionmeeting web addressed, and televised on Comcast channel 78 for Miramar subscribers. As of April 7th, at 2:00 p.m., five members from the public have registered 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, our IT staff will unmute their mic to allow them speak. Please be sure to mention your name and address for the record prior to addressing the Commission. For all comments submitted

-- excuse me. All comments submitted will be included as part of the record for this meeting, and will be considered by the City Commission prior to any action being taken. Madam Clerk, at this time, please call the roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Manager Hargray.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Norris-Weeks

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Powell.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Here.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, let us all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we will observe a moment of silence for all the condolences we are experiencing in the community, and our commemoration list is as follows: obviously, by now, everyone has heard of the sad news of the passing of our very own Congressman Alcee Hastings, representing Florida's 20th Congressional District; Miramar City staff Maureen Gocoul, Finance Department lost sister-in-law; Eric Dodge, Fire Rescue, brother; Louise Entiago, Fire Rescue, father; Mike Robinson, Fire Rescue, cousin; Rohan Whyte, IT Department, aunt; Rose Ellman, Public Works, niece; Jorge Zuniga, Public Works, mother. At this time, let us all observe a moment of silence for the condolences we are experiencing in our community. Thank you.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

A Presentation: Legislative Update (State Representative Marie Woodson)

MAYOR MESSAM: And now for our presentations. First presentation will be a legislative update. Can we confirm if we have State Representative Marie Woodson on the line? Representative Woodson?

MS. WOODSON: Yes, I'm on. Can --

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening -- good evening, Madam Woodson.

MS. WOODSON: Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Good evening, Commissioners, and also attendees, staff and attendees. It's a pleasure for me to be here talking to you. And although I'm in Tallahassee, just got out of session two minutes ago, and I have two other meetings after that, so I'm going to try to use the time wisely in order to give you an update. As you know, I represent -- proudly represent District 101, which is parts of Hollywood, Pembroke Pines, Miramar, Hallandale, and then West Park and Pembroke Park. It's a privilege and an opportunity for me to be in Tallahassee to represent this district. And also I'm sending greetings to all of you, my fellow colleagues, Commissioners, and my two good friends as well, Commissioner Alexandra Davis and Commissioner Yvette Colbourne, because I've worked with both of them in Miami-Dade County, and I know they are also just like every single one of you; they're doing a great job for the City of Miramar. So tonight I want to tell you a little bit about what's going on in Tallahassee. As you know, we all are dealing with a pandemic and, tell you the truth, this year in Tallahassee is like no other year; even though it's my first year here, but all my colleagues will tell you that it's completely different here, because the budget is not what it is. As a matter of fact, we just left the chambers a few minutes ago, where we were discussing the budget, and it does not look pretty, it does not look like a regular budget to us, because of all of the issues that we have been dealing with with the pandemic. And as well, another issue, as you know, we have more republicans that we have democrats, so as a democratic, as part democrat, it's not easy for us to not only pass bills, but also to get a lot of the appropriation requests that we have -- also have on the budget. But I'm proud to say, as a freshman, we have a class of 17 democrat

freshmen in the Legislature, and I have to say, as a freshman, I have been able to move a few of my bills along. As you know, in the house, we are -- we can have seven bills, actually, yearly, and in the Senate, they have unlimited bills. So I submitted seven bills in different areas, some of them for seniors, mental health, youth, and small businesses as well. Unfortunately, this year, any bills that has a fiscal impact, they are not even hearing any of them, but I was blessed to -- one of the bills that I'm working on, which is House Bill 597, which is an additional homestead exemption that seniors supposed to get. Unfortunately, because of the process that they have in place, that bill is not -- the seniors are not getting what they're supposed to get, as far as the additional exemption, because of a cumbersome process that they have in place. So my bill proposed to change the process that they have in place in order for the seniors who are on fixed income, low-income seniors that are on fixed income, in order for them to get this exemption. So it's a lot of work -- when you are trying to get a bill agendaed, and also to get it passed in the different committees, it's a lot of work; you have to move, you have to do the work that's needed in order to get it done. I have been working with Marty Kiar from the Property Appraiser's Office in Broward, and he has been very instrumental in providing me with the information that I need in order to get it done. Well, I'm proud to say that this bill has been moving; first it -- it moved to the first committees, the Ways & Means Committee, and it passed unanimously in that committee, and it went to a second one, the second committee again, passed it unanimously. So now it's only one committee that I have left in order for the bills to move to the floor, so I am working for our seniors. I want to make sure that they get their fair share; not only for the seniors, I'm working for all the groups, but so far this bill is moving along, and I look forward for this bill to pass, and -- I want to say also that it will benefit not just the seniors in Broward County, but all the seniors throughout of the State of Florida. Because when you represent a district, you don't just fight for your district, but you really impact the entire State of Florida, so this is one of the bill. A second bill that I'm working on is the student ID cards; the ID cards that student get in high school. As you know, mental health is a major issue in our community, not just for - for kids, but also for adults, for seniors, and we all have family members who have experienced some type of -- either anxiety or mental health. So this bill, basically, what it requires -- I'm working on it with a colleague of mine, Dan Dailey. Basically, this bill would allow -- would give the school permission to include a crisis number in the back of the card; where the students are dealing with any type of mental health issues, they can have a crisis number or hotline that they can call in order to get the help that they need. As we know, sometime parents can be in denial, or kids might not feel comfortable to talk to the parents, or they might not feel comfortable to talk to the school counselors, so that number -- that number would be available to them in order for them to reach out to someone who can hear them. So there are a lot of bills that I'm working on; I know I don't have a lot of time, so I'm not going through them one by one, but I'll have to tell you, yes, I -- I'm doing what needs to be done in order to get some of those bills, you know, agendaed to get them heard and to get them passed in the State Legislature. I'm not saying all of them going to get passed, but, definitely, we're going to get some of them. We have had a lot of controversial bills, as well, in Tallahassee. As you know, one of the major bills that we all have been working on is HB1. Unfortunately, that bill

look really to silence our voice, people, you know, who have been protesting for certain causes, or things that we need to make our voices heard, this bill try to silence your voice as a protester. And whether the protest is -- is peaceful or not, if someone could -- happen to do something during the protest, everyone who is in there will get arrested. Basically, the bottom line -- that's what the bill entails, and we have been fighting that bill as democrats. Unfortunately, that bill was on the floor, and it passed. But it's still not been agendaed on the Senate; we -- we hoping that it can be killed in the Senate, so the bill would not pass on the floor. So it's a lot of other bills. There's one that has to do with COVID liabilities. It's a lot of bad bills that I would put it just like that to you, but as democrats, we are fighting; unfortunately, we don't have the numbers, so that's how a lot of them end up being passed on the floor. So that's one. That has to do with the bills. I'll just give some of them when I come; after session, I will go down through the list and give you more information. As far as appropriation requests is concerned, for Miramar, I know you had submitted a letter for your appropriation request to Rep. Fabricio; I have a lot of requests from the other cities that are in the District, but we are all working together in order to get what we can for the District. Now we are not saying that every request that you have is going to be granted, but because of what's going on this year with the pandemic and the budget as well, please don't think that you are going to get all your appropriations requests in the budget. But what I can promise you, we all working together, democrats and republicans, we are working together in order to get what we can get for our District. While I'm up here in Tallahassee, I have been working down there to getting residents vaccinated. I know I have worked with every single one of you, the Mayor and the Commissions, and the City Managers; I have to acknowledge the City Manager as well, and his Assistant City Manager for helping us with the vaccination drive that we have had. And they have been very helpful in providing us with the support, the police, and also the Fire Department in order to get those vaccination drives. We -- I -- so far we have had about five -- four drives in the District. I'm pleased to say that I will be sending a flyer to you, in case you need -- I know Miramar has some sites that are pen as well, but on Friday and on Sunday, we would have two vaccination mobile vans, actually, at the Broward College located on Pines and 72nd Avenue; it's -- they -- it will be -- it will be the Johnson & Johnson that will be administered, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is a onetime dose that will be administered for anybody who wish to get that type of vaccine. So it's going to be two drives, one on April the 9th, which is this Friday, and one on April the 11th. And it has not been easy to get the vaccine down, but one thing that we do, as legislators, as commissioners like you in the City of Miramar, we work very hard in order to bring the services to the residents. I know I -- I've taken a lot of time already. I don't know how much time I had all -- allotted in the meeting, but just to give you a little synopsis (inaudible) of what we're working on. And I have to tell you, usually the first year for freshmen who spend that year learning the process, because Tallahassee is a completely different process. I've been for -- and county government, where we have had budget of \$7 billion, but Tallahassee is a \$97 billion process. So you spend a lot of the time during the first year learning the process, building all the relationship that you need to do in order for you to get what you need for your community. So this is what we doing. We are working very hard on -- on your behalf, and we hope to bring some of

the bacon home. Thank you for having me.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Representative Marie Woodson, for your advocacy, and all the hard work that you're doing. You definitely have gone to Tallahassee hitting the ground running, and we appreciate all of your efforts, and your -- and your advocacy in a State Legislature that is, pretty much, dominated by one party. But, despite that, we recognize your efforts and all of the accomplishments you're able to work with your colleagues on both sides of the aisle on behalf of Floridians and the residents of the City of Miramar.

MS. WOODSON: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I appreciate the work that you all doing, as well, in Miramar. Tell you the truth, I have heard -- people are saying very good things about Miramar up here in Tallahassee when I mention that Miramar is part of my district, so I appreciate the work that you all do, and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in order to keep moving our cities forward, and also our beautiful State of Florida forward. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Our next presentation is the 2021 High School voter registration drive. At this time, I would like to invite Broward Supervisor of Election Chief Deputy Mary Hall, who will be appearing remotely to begin her presentation. Can we confirm if we have Supervisor of Election Chief -- Deputy Chief Mary Hall on the line? Okay. I'll hold the spot, and we'll move the agenda. We do have a series of proclamations to present.

A Proclamation: Water Conservation Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our first proclamation -- I'd like to invite Utilities Director, Dr. Roy Virgin and staff, if he has any representatives from the department to join me on the dais. You're on your own tonight. Good evening, sir. Our first proclamation is in recognition of Water Conservation Month, April 2021:

Whereas, Florida's natural beauty, crystal blue waters, and white sandy beaches attract residents and visitors from all around the world; and, Whereas, a clean and sustainable water resource are vital to Florida's environment, economy, quality of life, and it's a basic and essential need of every living creature. More than 90 percent of Florida's drinking water is supplied by underlying aquifers; and, Whereas, every business industry, school, and citizen can help by saving water and, thus, promote a healthy economy and community; and, Whereas, the South Florida Water Management District is implementing a comprehensive water conservation program to instill a lasting culture of conservation in all of our communities; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar has partnered with Broward County's Water Conservative Incentive Program to encourage residents and businesses to adopt an enduring water conservation ethic that supports long-term water resources sustainability; and, Whereas, the

City of Miramar, will -- with grant assistance from the State of Florida, is investing millions to develop alternative water supplies, upgrade drinking water facilities, reclaim water, wastewater for beneficial use, and reduce waste disposal; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar is the pioneer in the South Florida region on water conservation by reusing up to four million gallons per day of reclaimed water as an alternative water supply for irrigation. The City of Miramar has also developed the brackish water from the Floridan Aquifer as an additional alternative water supply to meet future consumptive demand; and, Whereas, the South Florida Water Management District and the State of Florida have designated April, typically a very dry month when water demands are most acute. Florida's Water Conservation Month will educate citizens about the importance of water conservation, and how they can help save Florida's precious water resources. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as Water Conservation Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we thank all of our hardworking staff members at the water -- at the Utilities Department for all that you do, for having a world-class utility.

A Proclamation: Earth Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: This next proclamation is in observance Earth Month. I'll read this into the record. Earth Month April 2021:

Whereas, the year 2021 marks the 51st anniversary of Earth Day. In 1970, 20 million people marched on the streets (unintelligible 21:54) for the protection of earth and our people's health. This event remains as the largest civic engagement in human history until now; and, Whereas, the world needs us and our action for Earth Day 2021; and, Whereas, all people, regardless of race or gender, income or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth; and, Whereas, the youth of the world are our most valuable resources, and represent a source of endless creativity and potential; and, Whereas, taking a simple act of green, such as planting a tree, choosing locally grown food, reducing plastic consumption, speaking up for the Earth, educating you yourself and others about climate literacy. It's something everyone can do; and, Whereas, it is understood that resilience will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations. Furthermore, it is more important than ever to act locally, and to cooperate internationally, and defend the environmental progress that has been, heretofore, gained. And -- now there -- I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as Earth Month for the year 2021.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Now I'd like to call forward our Community Development Director, Eric Silva, and any staff members that wish to join him in observation of National Community Development Week. Good evening. National Community Development Week, April 5th through 9th, 2021:

Whereas, the week of April 5th through 9th, 2021, has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant, also known as CDBG program, and the HOME Investment Partnerships HOME program; and, Whereas, the CDBG program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low and moderate-income people; and, Whereas, the HOME Investment Partnerships program provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, affordable housing opportunities to low-income persons where, nationally, over one million units of affordable house have been completed using HOME funds; and, Whereas, over the past five years, Miramar has received a total of \$4,003,918.00 in CDBG funds, and nearly a \$1 million in HOME funds; and, Whereas, Miramar received an additional \$529,773.00 from the CARES Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and, Whereas, the following activities have been funded: residential habilitation, commercial rehabilitation, microenterprise, community outreach, parks improvement, and resident utility connections. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of April 5th through 9th, 2021, as National Community Development Week in support of these two valuable programs that have made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of our communities.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all so much for the administration of these funds, and bringing so much valuable resources for the development of our communities. Thank you so much.

A Proclamation: Financial Literacy Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, I'd like to call our CFO, Ms. Susan Gooding-Liburd forward for our next proclamation in recognition of Financial Literacy Month, April 2021:

Whereas, when City of Miramar Citizens increase their personal finance -- finance knowledge and skills, the financial wellbeing of the individual and

the City will improve; and, Whereas, if the City of Miramar citizens improve their financial literacy, they will be better equipped to effectively manage their finances in an increasingly complex financial world. And, Whereas, national research continues to highlight points of concern for how Americans manage personal debt, retirement savings, and daily budgetary challenges; and, Whereas, it is important for both adults and youth to demonstrate efficiency in personal financial management. It is important to promote the importance of teaching our youth about saving for the future; and, Whereas, the activities and efforts of the City of Miramar Financial Services Department and its volunteers who come from business, government, and the educational sector should be recognized and supported; and, Whereas, the designation of Financial Literacy Month will help raise public awareness about the important of financial education in the City of Miramar. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April '21 as Financial Literacy Month.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: And our next to last proclamation -- April is a very busy month, and this next proclamation is a serious one, and it recognizes Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month:

Whereas, Autism Spectrum Disorder, also known as ASD, represents a broad group of disorders that vary -- that vary -- that vary widely from mild to severe, impacting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those touched by it; and, Whereas, autism affects more than two percent of American adults, and one in every 54 American children, regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, or geography, and impacting -- and impacting each person differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges in families and communities; and, Whereas, while there is no cure for autism, it is well documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment, they lead significantly improved lives; and, Whereas, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety, and to support families' resilience, as they managed the psychological and financial burden autism tends to present; and, Whereas, the first National Autism Awareness Month was declared by the Autism Society in April of 1970 to provide an opportunity to educate our community about autism, and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention; and, Whereas, in March 2021, the Autism Society of America, along with leading disability organizations across the country, shifted their language to match the growing need for acceptance within the community, to foster acceptance to ignite change through improved support and opportunities in education,

employment, accessible housing, affordable healthcare, and comprehensive long-term services; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar seeks to help spread awareness and acceptance in our community, and encourage further education on this disorder. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 2021 in the City of Miramar as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.

A Proclamation: Medical Assistants - Concorde Career Colleges' Day (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And, at this time, our last proclamation is presented to our friends and colleagues at Concord Career College. I know we have -- I see President Bob Burnfield, CEO Jami Frazer, and Mrs. Davis. Are there any other representatives or colleagues that wish to join us? Okay. Welcome and good evening. It's always great to recognize our Miramar family when we have an opportunity to do so, and this proclamation is in recognition of Medical Assistants through Concord Career College Day, April 7th, 2021:

Whereas, the health of all Americans depend upon educated minds and trained hands; and, Whereas, the practice of modern medicine at the exacting standards we now enjoy would be impossible without the clinical and administrative duties performed daily in the physician's office, clinic, laboratory, or hospital; and, Whereas, these multi-skilled professionals help create a professional, and affording a comforting atmosphere for patients by offering them guidance and support; and, Whereas, through this dedication, the Medical Assistants of the United States have made a vital contribution to the quality of healthcare. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 7th, 2021, as Medical Assistants - Concorde Career Colleges' Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we definitely appreciate and recognize all of the technical training and education that takes place right here in the City of Miramar, conveniently located for anyone who wished to enter such a noble profession, and supporting our healthcare systems, especially in this pandemic day and age. So, at this time, would you like to share any comments to the community?

MR. BURNFIELD: Thank you, Mayor; we appreciate the honor as a recognition for the work that our employees, our staff, our faculty and our graduates do in the community to improve the healthcare of the Miramar family. Thank you, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, and continue the great work. Okay. And I've just received confirmation that we are ready for our 2021 High School Voter Registration Drive, and at this time, I would like to invite Broward County

Supervisor of Elections Deputy Chief Mary Hall for the presentation. Ms. Hall. Ms. Hall, you're recognized. Can you hear me? Can IT ensure that her line is unmuted? Madam Clerk, do we -- are okay?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Ms. Hall left.

A Presentation: Retirement of Police Chief Dexter Williams (Requested by Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis)

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Our next presentation -- I would like to recognize Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis, the title for Retirement of Police Chief Dexter Williams. Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you; I appreciate that. Just before I go into that, I'd just like to recognize former Mayor and Commissioner of Broward County Dale V.C. Holness, who is with us here today. Thank you for being here, and we'll hear from him in a little bit on an item that I'll be bringing forward. I did want to recognize our retiring Police Chief Dexter Williams. We had a celebration for him earlier today that the public wasn't invited, and I wanted to ensure that the public is aware of Dexter Williams retirement. Dexter Williams has given many years of service to the City of Miramar, and we would be remiss if we did not mention that he was retiring here in our public Commission meeting. For those who know him and see him around the community, he lives here in the City of Miramar. Please wish him well on his future endeavors. And, again, the City is in good hands, I'm sure. The City Manager will do his best in terms of replacement, in the mean time we -- we do have our Deputy in place, and the city will continue to -- to do the work that Chief Dexter had started, and we will continue to be a great police department here in the City of Miramar. And for those who don't know, we - - we will be opening up our newly, I guess, minted police substation here in the City of Miramar, and that will take place sometime next week. And we want you to know that that will be available to our residents in the historic neighborhood. We will have a place where they can meet, and know that the police will be in -- in their area. So, once again, thank you, Chief Dexter Williams; he's not here right now. I guess he's trying to recover from what -- all the gifts that he got earlier today that -- again, if you see him in the neighborhood, please wish him well, and we thank him for his years of service.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Davis.

A Presentation: COVID-19 and Emergency Management Update. (Fire Rescue Public Relations Specialist Tara Smith)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next presentation will be COVID-19 and Emergency Management Update presented Fire Rescue Public Relations Specialist Tara Smith, and various representatives from City departments. Good evening. Welcome.

MS. SMITH: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager. This evening we'll go over a short update on COVID-19. It has been an eventful two weeks, certainly, based on only two weeks prior. So in terms of our trending for cases, from just a Miramar standpoint, we certainly have fluctuated throughout, but we've remained fairly stable, which is different from a Broward County and Florida, and even national standpoint, where we've been seeing rises the national numbers, in the State numbers, and even Broward County, but Miramar, itself, has remained fairly stable with its numbers. As well as our testing has remained stabilized, so we can -- we can take a note of those things and -- and know that at least within the -- the City, we can say that we're doing the right thing from a city standpoint. Now outside of the City from a Broward County standpoint, seeing some increases and spikes, still not at the level where we would point it to be a trend. Certainly, we are not seeing anything more than a one-day, two days up, then we go back down, then we go back up, so, at this point, there isn't really anything to point to say it's because of this or because of that. It could spring break, traveling with Easter, people flexing their vaccinated legs and taking them out and then seeing -- you know, what they feel they're comfortable with, and maybe reminding a little bit more that they still need to be wearing their masks, and taking all general precautions. So, at this point, you know, we're monitoring everything, and just reminding everyone to make sure that they're keeping those precautions in place, but we are noting that there have been some upticks, but Miramar is stabilized for the most part. Now for the vaccinations, we did -- from a Miramar standpoint, we did close out the POD; the last time we met, we were finishing up the second round doses, so at this point we are finished up; the 29th was our final day of second doses. So we rounded out the total 500 series, meaning first and second doses, with over 60 percent of them going to Miramar residents, and we did stick with the 65 and older, because where our sight had been when it started, and that what's we had been indicated to stick with. And from a returning perspective, 98.9 percent of our individuals returned for a second dose, so I think we missed, maybe, three individuals for emergency circumstances and such. But I've actually heard from two of those three that they've already gotten their second shots, and that they were very grateful to us, so a good news story overall. I know it's a very big effort for many departments, and certainly not just Fire Rescue, so we were grateful for all the other departments who were involved and made that a success for the City. From a vaccination standpoint, outside of our POD, that area, Vizcaya Park, as we have talked about, is now in the hands of the Florida Department of Emergency Management. It's a walkup site; no appointments required. At this point, they're getting 200 shots a day, they are open 9:00 to 5:00, but the 200 shots, because it's a first come, first served, seem to be expiring before lunch each day has been the trend. Now the site dose have staff that remains there until 5:00 each day, because they are hopeful that they're going to be moving the 200 to 400, so I spoke with them today to get a feel for how they felt that they were doing on a daily basis. So they are having great turnout; the operation has been running smoothly, and they're hopeful that they'll get 400 sometime soon, but they don't have -- they've asked, and they're asking, just like we did, but they haven't gotten confirmation yet that they -- that they'll be able to move up from 200 to 400. Now from an eligibility standpoint, they follow the State eligibility, which now rests -- meaning, shortly thereafter that, the State quickly moved to 45 and

older, and now where we are now, which is everyone is eligible to receive the vaccine, that's 18 and older, except for Pfizer, which is approved for use for 16 and 17-year-olds. That would require they are accompanied by a guardian who is filling out the paperwork and staying with you for the entirety of the time that you are there for your appointment or the walk in time. So from an overall national standpoint, just as a point of fact, 165 million doses have been administered at this point, which is 49 percent of the population, is where we're at right now, as of the fourth. So we're looking good, but we still need to continue on, and that's one thing that we're trying to remind everyone. As the CDC puts out new recommendations for -- if you have your vaccination, what does that mean. So fully vaccinated is two weeks after the final dose of any of the shots, whether it's Johnson & Johnson is one, or Moderna is second for both, that's what that would mean. So it's new recommendations are coming out, and we're seeing things like that; that's what that will mean, as you're -- as you're seeing that. And the information for all of the vaccinations that anyone, including the individuals who are homebound, all of that can actually found on the Miramar site, but then also the -- Broward County has all the locations for the private -- the CVS locations, the Florida State locations, as well as the link to the survey that you need to fill out to get a homebound assistance, as well as the number. So that's getvaccinated.broward.org. Any questions?

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for -- for -- for -- for the presentation. You know there's always questions after your presentation, so I'm -- I'm very excited and encouraged about the success of our vaccination site. During my initial discussions with the -- with the State when we're setting up the -- the site, we were informed about the 200 daily doses that would allocated to the City of Miramar on -- on the start, and I pressed them that I'm sure we would exceed those numbers very early during the day. So your report confirms the -- the need and the interest in getting the vaccinations in our -- in our city, and not just by our residents, just because of the locale of -- of where it is, it's very, very convenient. So I think in your report you weren't sure, in terms of when we would increase to 400 per day, was that correct?

MS. SMITH: Yeah. They -- they asked, but they weren't certain when they would actually receive those back, because they also have the Fire Department of Emergency Management also has the mobile PODs going on right now. And those have 400 shots that are going around, so you guys received it a bit earlier. And Commissioner Woodson was speaking about the site opening at 7th, and 11th, those are the RV PODS; we just had one on the first at Regional Park, and those have 400 shots associated with them as well. So there are a lot of different opportunities that are traveling around, and they are soliciting, and we are reaching out to them as well for the mobile sites. The EMG just reached out for that on Friday. So I think there's a lot of moving parts, and that's what they're -- when they reach out and say, "Can we get some more?" They're told, "Okay. We're putting that in this column, and there's a lot of different parts that they need to work through at this time.

MAYOR MESSAM: So I would just like to encourage our community for -- you know, we -- getting vaccin -- vaccines is, obviously, a very personal decision, and we know that the data supports the -- the importance of our community doing our part, so that our region can get closer to -- to normalcy. And we encourage our residents to take advantage of all the opportunities to get vaccinated, especially at the Vizcaya Park located right here in -- tin the City of Miramar. And, again, it is totally free, first come, first served basis, no appointments are needed. I know we did receive some messages regarding folks not being able to set appointments; that's because appointments are not required, so we would like to thank our staff for all the support that you're giving the State at that location. And as we continue to prepare to increase those -- those numbers. Are there are any questions from the -- from the Commission in regards to the report? I see I have one speaker. Commissioner Colbourne, followed by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you. I am excited about having a location at Vizcaya Park, where our residents can be vaccinated. Can you verify that it - - that is the first and the second dose at that location, is that correct?

MS. SMITH: I'm sorry, it's the first.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It is only the first dose?

MS. SMITH: No, it's the first and second.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It's the first and second dose?

MS. SMITH: Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Wonderful. That's a good thing. I was wondering how has the traffic been in the area since, and do we have the -- the direction -- the -- the digit -- the digital boards to let folks know exactly where it is?

MS. SMITH: I know we have one our boards over there, and I know that PD has boards out as well. I know a handful of individuals who have gone on different days, both weekend days, early in the morning on a Monday, and around lunchtime, midweek, and neither have waited for more than an hour, in totality, to get inside and really feel like they were beginning the process. So I can't, personally -- have not been to the site since the State took over. But I think, you know, an hour wait total from getting in, and beginning the process where you really feel like you're filling out the paperwork, and doing all of that. It certainly speaks to a fairly well, organized process, just from hearing from other sites, but I certainly can, you know, pop over and ask for more, you know, wait time, you know, since (unintelligible 49:51) from them tomorrow as well, I can get --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I -- I received a call stating that the construction in that area was making it difficult for individuals to get to the location or to find the

location; it was taking a long time to find the location. So I'm -- I'm wondering do we have enough signage or -- well, obviously, not for this individual, you know, can we get some additional signage in that -- around it, and in -- from Miramar Parkway itself, different areas. I find that a lot of individuals, a lot of residents who live really nearby don't know where the site is when you tell them Vizcaya. They really don't know where Vizcaya Park is. So when it comes to -- to letting folks know where to go, I think we need to -- to see how we can -- I don't know if we know if we have someone from marketing here, how we can get that information out better to the residents, so that they know where Vizcaya Park is.

MS. SMITH: And we could also probably provide a link, because the other challenging aspect is that Google doesn't do a very good job.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Google is not -- you know, whatever search they're doing, it's not taking them to --

MS. SMITH: Google sends you --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- to Vizcaya Park.

MS. SMITH: -- far away.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So --

MS. SMITH: But that -- that can be challenging. I learned that just from working at our POD there, so that --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So --

MS. SMITH: -- certainly we can --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Commissioner, we -- we -- we hear what you're saying, and we will address that. You're correct, with the construction on there, so we will get with Public Works and the deputy, and we'll get some signs to make sure that everyone knows. We'll take care of that.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yeah. Perhaps we can put a map of the location, a little drawing as well, on the flyer itself, so that folks know where Vizcaya -- I think it's a good thing, intent, in -- in terms of folks actually knowing where Vizcaya Park; it's a beautiful park that we have here in the City of Miramar. So -- but, yeah, that -- that's fine. I do suggest, also, Mr. City Manager -- I don't know -- have we used the water bill to inform individuals of this location. But I -- I think we need to go ahead and -- and get that information out to the residents, because I -- I know it's open to everyone, but I want to make sure that our residents are getting the information. I gave out flyers last week, as I was giving out the lunches to the seniors, and actually got some calls back

on it, and that's how I realized some of the individuals didn't know where Vizcaya Park is, or how to get there. I appreciate that. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. I -- I echo what Commissioner Colbourne has said in terms of the address for Vizcaya Park. I got a call, myself, on it, and I -- I've since spoken with Liz from the Parks Department, and she mentioned that the address really is misleading. And I know she was to speak to Marketing. Did that ever take place, Liz?

MS. VALERA: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. Yes, we did address it. We asked the State if they could change, because the artwork on the flyer was actually developed by the State, so we asked them to -- to add the comments. But we did in social media with the newsletter that was just published this -- yesterday. We added at the bottom a footnote to -- with the directions of how to get to the park, at your recommendation. But we have asked the State to add it to the actual flyer that's announcing the vaccines, and they're -- they -- they agreed to do it; they'll be providing it.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Great. Thank you. Because I do realize we can't really change the flyer, it has to come from the State, so I appreciate that. But don't go too far. The other issue that was raised by Commissioner Colbourne, in terms of the VMS boards, and once you say that vaccines are basically done at 12:00, but we're open until 5:00, is there a message board that says: All vaccines at this time have been given out; so folks don't wait in line? Or what happens at that point?

MS. SMITH: The vaccine board -- from our perspective, that is, Fire Rescue's, is inside the park. Currently, ours is set up to remind individuals of the importance of receiving the second dose, so that they're becoming fully vaccinated. The State -- I do not know if the State has their own signage board to update. I would imagine it would have to be something further away, so I can find out for you how they're communicating that it is done for the day.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah. Let's make sure that even though the State is running this endeavor, that we, as a City, are kind of on top of it too, because we're going to get the complaints, not the State. They're going to be calling myself, Commissioner Colbourne, and others on this Commission, and complaining about what's not going right, and they're not going to say the State is not doing what they're supposed to do; they're going to say the City of Miramar. So let's make sure we're aware of what's happening out there, how long the lines are, how long the wait is, and if vaccines are done at 12:00, are folks being in line and not knowing that the vaccines are -- are finished. All right, Thank you about that. Now back to parks. In terms of our playgrounds, I know we've opened up our playgrounds as of March, but what about the

pavilions and other areas of our -- our parks? How are they progressing, in terms of our reopening?

MS. VALERA: So, at the end of this week, we intend to start putting back the backboards and the hoops on our basketball courts, and we hope to have them all done by April 19th, so we can start returning to the basketball courts. I know it's been highly -- it's been a subject that, you know, we're looking forward to being reopened. We want to do it in a phased manner and, like I had expressed, we're going to do it like at 50 percent. With the pavilions, we're going to do 50 percent capacity, and we also want to start renting out facilities again, doing it in a safe manner. Of course, we're looking forward to -- I -- I know there's an upcoming notification from the County. I believe it's tomorrow, they'll have a press conference, and depending on what comes out of that press conference, it could change our plans, and maybe reopen up other amenities and other features sooner.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Great. Thank --

MS. VALERA: We also want to resume the swimming classes; we want to do that on the 26th, and that way the swim classes can resume, and we're going to kick that off this Saturday with our April Fool's Day.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Perfect. Thank you for that update. And I would be remiss if I didn't ask for a code update; hey, let's put you in the mix too. I'm sure everything's great out there, but just a brief update on -- on -- on code, in terms of COVID.

MAJOR SMITH: -- doesn't happen to any of you all, but we'll get through it. Hi.

MAYOR MESSAM: I know the -- the pandemic has had a toll on our community, but it seems like it has really impacted our staff.

MAJOR SMITH: It has. Good evening, everyone, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager. Shalida Smith, major with the Police Department and Code Compliance. So we've been providing these updates just about a year; I think next month will make a year that we've been providing the biweekly updates on the code enforcement efforts in the City. It seems that because a lot of us have gotten adjusted to what I'm going to call the "normal", that a lot of the residents and the businesses are getting a little bit more relaxed. And we know as code compliance that we have to do our part to stop the spread, and also educate the residents and the businesses that we're not out of the woods yes. And so how we do that is that we still go out in the community, we still share information, and still encourage them to have the signage that they're supposed to have. We're still checking to make sure that they're practicing social distancing, as well as hand sanitization stations, and also that the restaurants that have bars, that they're operating the bars, that they have the plexiglass, as well as the -- capacity limitations on seating for restaurants and those establishments that are also serving alcohol. We have found that most of our businesses are still compliant, however, some

have removed the signage, and that seems to be a constant, where we tell them they need the signage, we go back, they don't the signage, but we know that a lot of our businesses are struggling. And so we, again, don't want to be an adversary, we want to be an ally, and so we have taken the liberty to equip our code compliance officers with signage, so that we can just give them a signage, and then have them post it. And so they have been amenable to that. We still partner with the County in monitoring the Q Alert, which is the 311 system. We have seen a sharp decline in the number of complaints that we are getting, but we still get a few per week, and usually our turnaround time is 24 hours if it's during the normal workweek. If we get a complaint on a Sunday, then on Monday we will follow up on that, and then also make that entry into 311, so that the County knows that we are out, and we are active, and we are following up on those complaints, and we certainly take it seriously. So, to date, we've followed up on approximately 192 alert complaints, and all of those have been closed out. We also communicate with the County just about on a weekly basis just to find out if there are any updates; we know that there a lot of moving pieces, there are a lot of questions, because of our close proximity to Miami-Dade County. And their executive orders are sometimes different, like they have the curfew, but Broward County did not have the curfew for -- for spring break. So we just want to make sure that we have the most up-to-date information, so that we -- we don't disenfranchise our residents, as well as our businesses, but, again, that we are doing our part. So far, to date, we have checked approximately 2,000 businesses, as well as about 800 bars, and about 1,600 gym checks, and that's in addition the normal duties and responsibilities that the code compliance officers have. So we are -- we are out there. We did have some concern with the Governor's -- not the last executive order, but the one before, where he suspended fines from that March 1 up until March 10th, but we're happy to report that most of the businesses that we cited, they did come before the special magistrate, and most of them have already remitted payment. And so they were held accountable for violating or circumventing the executive order. Since that executive order has been issued, we do have a few other businesses that we believe are working in tandem to circumvent the executive order; they are renting out warehouse spaces in order to have events. And with those events, they -- they are not licensed to have those events, they are not practicing social distancing. So we're working closely with the County, as well as our Business Tax Office, as well as our police officers to make sure that we have an accurate reporting of what is happening, so that we can issue the appropriate violations, and bring them before the special magistrate as well, so that they can be fined. Our special magistrates, they've been great; they understand the complexity of the situation and the severity, and that -- that they, too, are part of the process, and so they have been issuing those fines and -- and fees to those businesses and individuals that have been found to violate the executive order. What we are watching closely this week, and I'm sure you're aware of this, but just so that the public knows, this week the County Commission voted to relax some of the COVID-19 restrictions, so that would impact how we enforce as code compliance. And -- so they're go -- going to do it in three phases, and so Phase I, they would lift the social distancing restrictions at restaurants, hotels, outdoor establishments, and nonprofessional sporting functions, if and when 50 percent of the County is vaccinated, and the positivity rate is or at lower than 50 -- than

five percent; that would be Phase I. Based on the information that we just received from Ms. Tara here, we are not quite at that 50 percent, but we will be communicating with the County, so that when we are there -- again, and we're not disenfranchising our citizens and our -- our businesses. Phase II, they would also lift the social distancing restrictions at gyms, indoor amusement facilities, movies, theaters, and community centers when 60 percent of our county has been vaccinated, and the positivity rate is at or lower than four percent. And Phase III will go into effect ending facial masks or facial coverings if the County reaches 65 percent vaccination, and the positivity rate is at or lower than three percent. So it will, obviously, impact how we enforce, but, again, we will just work closely with the County, as well as the City Manager, and, of course, yourself and the rest of the City Commission to carry out your wishes, as it relates to what you all would like to see in terms of enforcement from your Code Compliance Department.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you for that very in depth report; we appreciate your efforts and your work in the community. Thank you.

MAJOR SMITH: Thank you. Have a good evening.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. I did get word that Ms. Hall is on the line now, but before -- I see that we have our -- our -- Chief Williams have -- has come in. Earlier, there was a presentation by Commissioner Davis recognizing you publicly in re -- regards to your -- your retirement, so I wanted to provide an opportunity for you to -- just to share some remarks. Chief Williams, you're recognized.

POLCIE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you, good evening, Mayor Messam, Vice Mayor Chambers, Commissioner Colbourne, Commissioner Davis, and I'm pretty sure, probably, Commissioner Barnes.

MAYOR MESSAM: He's online, Commissioner Barnes.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: He would be -- he would be online. City Manager Hargray, and attorney staff, and City Clerk, and -- Dexter Williams, the present and retiring police chief. First and foremost, I -- I want to give all honor to -- to God for allowing me to finish doing this career. As you know, it's a -- quite dangerous in this field of work, but with everyone's support as we went through City of Miramar's growth, we were able to still keep all of our staff unscathed, and that is a blessing in any form, when you look at what's going on in the country. Miramar, we have been doing an outstanding job in keeping our staff trained; we will continue to do that. I have left specific instructions to our team to do not waiver on the quality of what needs to be presented to our community. At the end of the day for us, you know, failure is not an option, so we must continue to protect our residents at all costs. I want to thank this Commission for being so hard on us, but that's what makes us better and stronger, and we continue to serve our community the best way that we know how, and with the support of our executive management team, our assistant city managers, deputy city managers, all of the

directors. We've all worked together as a team, as you already know; on the backside, you guys really don't see how much we actually work in the back to make things work. Our job is to present and make sure that we deliver a product that you are proud of, and I believe that we have done that, and we continue to do that. With the leadership of -- of Vernon Hargray, he is no joke when it comes down to being on us, and making sure that we present perfectly, and we will continue that. I know this for a fact, because not only as the chief, but I'm also a resident, so I also bear that fruit of the products of the hard work of our community, and the hard work of the staff members that are sitting or standing behind me and sitting behind me. So of my 27 years here, I've watched this place grow from cow pasture to a multimillion dollar sought after city, and that is the hard, heavy work that you have put in, and I thank you all for the great work that you continue to do. Of course, I'll be here at anyone's beck and call if they need me to do whatever is required of me; servant leadership is what I ascribe to, and I will continue to do that. Thank you, again, for allowing me to be your chief, thank you for supporting me throughout the years, and thank you for supporting all the programs that I've continuously pushed in way of our children, because, as you know, they are our future, so I thank you for that. Also, Vice Mayor Chambers, we also looked at that other concept that you asked in regards to the item that we have coming up, so I'll have that discussion with the -- the Deputy Police Chief, Lennie Burgess, in regards to that. So thank you -- again, I just wanted to take five minutes of your time to just let you know how much I do appreciate what you have done for us, and done for me as the chief of police here, so thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you once again, Chief.

A Presentation: 2021 High School Voter Registration (HSVR) Drive (Broward County Supervisor of Elections Chief Deputy Mary Hall)

MAYOR MESSAM: And, at this time, we hope that three times -- the third time is the charm. We would like to see if Deputy Chief Supervisor of Elections Office, Ms. Hall, is -- are you on the line? Can IT unmute Ms. Hall, please? If you can hear me, Ms. Hall, just start speaking, and your voice will come through the second you are unmuted. I'm getting indication she's unmuted. Ms. Hall? Can you make sure that you're not muted on your side. Ms. Hall, can you -- IT, can you work on this, please? Give a few more moments. Okay. We're going to give one more -- one more -- one more shot. Madam Clerk, it's confirmed that IT is saying Ms. Hall is unmuted. Yeah. All right. So if -- can you call her and we can your put on the mic? Okay. All right, Ms. Hall, we're going to call you directly, and we'll have you speak --

CITY ATTORNEY BURNADETTE NORIS-WEEKS: She can speak on my phone.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. So you can speak through the microphone, and we'll hear you in the -- in the -- in the Chambers.

CITY ATTORNEY BURNADETTE NORIS-WEEKS: Go ahead, Mayor.

MS. HALL: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor, and all of our City Commissioners, greetings from the Honorable Joe Scott, Supervisor of Elections for Broward County. I'm here to talk a little bit about our High School Voter Registration Drive. For the last 18 years, the Supervisor of Elections has conducted the High School Voter Registration Drive in Broward County public, charter and private schools. The 2021 High School Voter Registration will take place April 21st through the 30th; our voter engagement team will assist in the preregistration of students ages 16 to 17, and registration for students 18 and older, as required by the Florida Statute 97.041: Student must be a resident of Broward County. This event is not only meant to show students the forms and process to preregister, we want them to register to vote, but will also explain the importance to ensure student voter turnout. To ensure that students who are not United States citizens are not preregistering to vote, the Supervisor of Elections Office ask that a student not proceed with submitting their form if they're not certain of their citizenship status. We suggest that the student take the application home, and discuss whether they are a citizen. Helping students register and preregister to vote is one of the most powerful ways that you can tell them you believe that their voices and their experience matters. These best practices can help you set clear goals, build the support you need, and start registering future voters. Below are a few reasons why this occasion is so important. Our Annual High School Voter Registration Drive is U.S. Constitution Twenty-Sixth Amendment, the State of Florida 97.041, preregistration at age 16, 17. The Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.033 is the Annual High School Voter Registration Drive, the Florida Social Studies Standards & Benchmark supported by the School Board of Broward County, Florida, civic engagement, low voter registration, and voter turnout for the 18 to 24 age group. To ensure that they effort is as effective as possible, we need the right volunteers and allies. Here are some additional ways to promote high school voter registration drive that we're asking the cities to participate: banners or button on the municipal website, bus bench, cold advertisement, radio promotions, city commissions to promote during their meetings, cable access, social media. Our youth been underrepresented in voter registration and voter participation. To increase engagement among young people, the Supervisor of Elections' goal is to create innovative methods to establish partnerships to actively involve our students, our teachers, our County Commissioners to take place in having successful high school voter registration drives. Studies have shown that voting is a strong indicator of a broader civic engagement, so students who are involved in civic engagement are more likely to be active members in our community. So the Supervisor of Elections Office would like to thank all of our community partners, like yourself, for making each high school voter registration drive a success. So help us out; April 21st through the 30th is the Voter Registration Drive for our high schools. Please assist us in getting the word out to all the parents and residents of Miramar. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much for -- Ms. Hall, for your presentation and all the work that our representatives and staff at the Supervisor of Elections Office are doing,

especially training up and getting prepared our young voters at high schools, so that they can hit the ground running the moment they become eligible to vote. So thank you all and extend our gratitude and thanks to the Supervisor of Elections, good Alpha man, Jeff Scott.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: Moving on the Consent -- to Consent Agenda. Items listed under Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. The Clerk received no requests to speak from the public on the Consent Agenda. If there are any items that wish to be called at this moment, let's -- let them be known at the moment. I'd like to pull item number four.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Item number three.

MAYOR MESSAM: Hearing no other items, may I have a motion on the balance of the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: 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 Vice Mayor Chambers, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2, the Commission voted:

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of March 3, 2021.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R7320 authorizing the **donation** of **Law Enforcement Trust Funds** to community organizations. (*Police Chief Dexter Williams*)

Resolution No. 21-81

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number three, please.

3. Temp. Reso. #R7235 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute the **proposed Park Agreement - Fee in Lieu of Land Dedication** with FC Miramar Phase III L.L.C., for payment of a fee in the amount of \$1,948,093.29 in lieu of park land dedication for the residential development known as **Miramar Station Phase 1**. (*City Engineer Salvador Zuniga*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed Park Agreement - Fee in Lieu of Land Dedication with FC Miramar Phase II -- Phase III L.L.C., for payment of a fee in the amount of \$1,948,093.29 in lieu of parkland dedication for the residential development known as Miramar Station Phase 1, and providing for an effective date..

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Commissioner Colbourne, do you wish to have a presentation, or just have an inquiry?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Presentation, please.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. ZUNIGA: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, attorneys, City Clerk. Sal Zuniga, City Engineer. This item is for the approval of a park agreement for the development known as Miramar Station Phase 1. City of Miramar

Land Development Code 308.11.0 requires that property owners of new residential development dedicate land of suitable size to serve as public parks. The code requires four acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents. The site plan for Miramar Station was approved by the City Commission on October 16th, 2019, through Resolution No. 20-15, and subsequently amended on July 8th, '20, through Resolution 20-148. The Miramar Station Phase 1 project will have 360 -- 316 apartment units, which houses approximately 598 residents, which will require the dedication of almost 2.5 acres of parkland. This shows the project location; this project is located at the northeast corner of Flamingo Road and Miramar Parkway. There are separate phases to this project. There's Station Phase 1, Phase 2, and there's a commercial phase. This item is for Phase 1 highlighted in yellow. So the City has the option to accept the fair market value of the land if it is -- if -- if the land that they're required to dedicate is unsuitable. Being that we already had a lot of parkland in the area, the City opted to receive the value of the land in lieu of the park dedication. The City negotiated with the developer, and we agree on a price per acre of \$813,468.00, and that translate to a total park dedication fee of \$1,948,000.93 -- and 93 and 29 cents. City Manager recommends approval.

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

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you very much. Since there's a lot of park in that area, and I was -- I was just wondering, you know, because this is a pretty large development. What do you -- what do you base it on when you decide that we have enough park in -- in a certain area?

MR. ZUNIGA: The other parks in the area.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: What other parks you have in the area?

MR. ZUNIGA: The other parks in the area are -- there's a backup slide also at the end. We have the Ansin Park, the Vizcaya Park, and the Monarch Lakes Park. Those are the -- the -- the -- the -- the closest park to the area.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The question was what do you base it on to say you have enough park? What would the park look like if they built a park?

MR. ZUNIGA: Well, we discuss with --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: What amenities would it have?

MR. ZUNIGA: We discuss with Park staff, obviously, about -- about the need for a park in the area. If they don't see a need for a park in the -- in -- in this exact location, that's why we go with the option of accepting the land value of the land. The -- there are property owners that can build their own park in the property to provide for the residents; it will be a private park. They can do so if they want to, but, basically, this

discuss with Park staff, if there is a -- if there is a need to provide more -- new parks in that area, when you already have other parks that can serve that development.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I -- I see you have specific standards in terms of the amount of money that you collect, but I didn't see specific standards as to how many parks per area, or what do you go by in terms of defining that you have enough parks.

MR. ZUNIGA: Yeah. Yeah. The -- the code does not provide specific standard; it's a -- it's a City judgment, it's a -- it's a -- it's a City option to -- to -- to make judgment on -- on what we choose. If -- if -- if you choose -- if they were to dedicate land, they will have to dedicate the land somewhere in the -- in their property. They would have to dedicate 2.4 acres inside the -- inside their property --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Inside.

MR. ZUNIGA: -- for the City to then come and build a park.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. And there is a second and a third phase, so we would have a similar agreement for the second and third phase?

MR. ZUNIGA: Correct, for the second phase, not the commercial.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Not for the commercial, just for the second --

MR. ZUNIGA: Yeah, this only applies to residential developments.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: All right. So since we didn't go with the park, we went with the -- with the funds instead of the park. We can -- we can do the -- we can otherwise in the second phase, is that correct?

MR. ZUNIGA: Well, the -- the -- it will be the same thing on the second phase to take the value of the land instead of -- if we're not doing it in this case, to take the land, we can -- we -- we will do the same thing.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: We could --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Commissioner, maybe I, perhaps, should put some light in here to help them out. I was looking for Eric, but let me go back. You have a -- a -- a Comprehensive Plan that we have for the City, and when we made the deal with the County to get the Regional Park, that took our need -- it -- it -- it met our capacity need for parks. So if you remember, at the Regional Park, we use those same impact fees to enhance that, because we have -- it's 172 acres, so that's the backup to the equation. I think Eric is right there that can speak on that, but the -- the impact fees not only can be used to those three parks that we have in there. But, also, the overflow of the Regional Park, and that's when we start put -- and enhance our -- our Regional Park with the

improvements that we're talking about; it comes directly from that. Because it's for new development, so the Regional Park gives us that buffer.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: And -- and -- and you mentioned the capacity need, and that's -- and that's what I'm -- that's -- I'm looking for -- for those figures. What is it that we base it on? What -- what -- what do we base those needs on. You say that Regional Park meets that, so -- so what is it that -- that we have to --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I'm going to let Eric here, because there is a -- we have to turn this into the State, so -- and he's been approving it, so he'll get a chance to explain it, and I think it's very important.

MR. SILVA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Eric Silva, Community Development Director. The Comprehensive Plan requirement is four acres of park space for every 1,000 residents; it's four acres of park space for every 1,000 residents. So as these projects come through, we look at the adequate park space, and we do that analysis and, citywide, we have more acreage than that. And somehow I can get you the exact acreage that we have per 1,000 residents; I can provide you with that, but we're above the four acres right now.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: What is the acreage that we have?

MR. SILVA: I don't have the citywide numbers in front of me right now, but we can get you those.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Are there any additional questions? If none, I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: 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. Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R7235, appointing Commissioner Yvette Colbourne as vice mayor, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-82

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number four, please.

4. Temp. Reso. #R7386 approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 21-005, entitled "**Ansin Sports Complex- Phase IV- Access Drive**", to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Bejar Construction, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed agreement with Bejar Construction, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$924,206.26 and allocating a 10% construction contingency allowance of \$92,420.63, for a total project cost of \$1,016,626.89. *(Senior Project Engineer Leah deRiel and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 21-005, entitled "Ansin Sports Complex- Phase IV- Access Drive", to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Bejar Construction, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed agreement with Bejar Construction, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$924,206.26 and allocating a 10% construction contingency allowance in the amount of -- of \$92,420.63, for a total project cost of \$1,016,626.89, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. I don't require a presentation on this item. I -- I support -- I support the item, but I did want to have an opportunity for Parks & Recs. to talk about an important event taking place this Saturday at Ansin Sports Complex, on why this type of infrastructure enhancement and improvement is so beneficial, and really will

benefit Ansin Sports Complex. So if we can have a representative from Parks & Recs. come forward to talk about this week's event, as well as introduce some special guests we have in our audience.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor, could we have a presentation? I would like --

MAYOR MESSAM: Would you like a present --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- to see it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. The reason why I did not request a presentation, because I didn't know any other -- there were additional questions. So since Commissioner Colbourne would like to see the presentation, we can have the presentation.

MR. ZUNIGA: Good evening, again, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Manager, attorneys, City Clerk. Sal Zuniga, city engineer. So this item is to approve the award invitation for bid 21-005 for the construction of the access drive associated with Ansin Sports Complex, Phase IV. So, as you may know, and as I stated in the previous item, many of the parks in the City have been -- have been made possible through park impact fees, as a result of residential development in the City. This is just a recap of what I stated before about the requirements of the City code to dedicate land or provide the value of the land for -- of four acres per every 1,000 residents. In the late 1990s, the City received 24 acres of land from the Ansin family, based on their developmental regional impact in the area. This 24-acre site was later developed as the Ansin Sports Complex. In addition, the Ansin family also donated \$1 million toward the construction of the complex. I'm going to pass it along to our park staff, and they're going to speak a little bit more on -- on the uses of the facility, and their event.

MR. NEAL: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City attorneys, City Clerk. Billy Neal, Parks & Rec Department. Next slide, please. Based on the communication with the USATF and the IFFA organizations, the City developed a comprehensive CRP project to maximize and leverage the Ansin Sports Complex as being an economic entertainment destination for track and field, soccer, and lacrosse. Ansin Sports Complex Phase IV project improvements include: future bleacher expansions for the existing track, and future additional development of the existing practice field and open space area, which will be funded from the Park Development Fund. Next slide. Here is a list of notable key events that can be held at Ansin Sports Complex. We also have special -- several special guests here who are here to give more insight in their respective areas. First, I will call up Charles Oliver, AAU National Chairman and CEO of Coach O Event Management to say a few words.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir. Welcome.

MR. OLIVER: I'd like to say -- I'd like to say good evening, and thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to come here and talk to you about the sport of track and field, and my position of AAU Track & Field National Chairman, and also the CEO of Coach O Event Management. I've had the opportunity over the last couple of years to be in communication with a lot of your members -- your staff members here, and have an idea of where you're trying to take your facility and the sport. I'm very happy to be able to be here tonight, and to be a part of this conversation, and tell you that what we have tried to do with AAU Track & Field is to design events and bring events to your facility, as you're growing, you know, your facility. It's a very well know facility, as it already is, and I understand the enhancements that you're working on, and we, currently, have been able to put approximately eight events into the facility, you know, already up under the current mandates and COVID guidelines, and instruction procedures. We are also working to bring several camps, clinics, and seminars, and events specific -- planning seminars here, such as a long jump seminar, a race/walk seminar. I personally have full Olympians on my AAU staff with three gold medals, and at any time, we were going to bring in something like a sprint seminar, and we can fly in Olympians, and also do social media and marketing aspects, and have them interacting with the little kids, you know, if you're in the area. One of the things that we've been -- we've done here, you know, recently, is designated Ansin Sports Complex as a AAU global training center; that means we want to market -- we're going to market the facility on an international basis in attempt to bring in international competitions, of which they would come in, stay a weekend, two weeks, three weeks, and actually train here. And we're packaging -- working with your staff to package all of the different facilities you have here, so that they can, you know, avail themselves of those facilities. We're also looking at having an -- a international track meeting, which we'll call and AAU Global Games. We're looking for a date on the calendar next year to put that meet here. And, obviously, we'll be able -- we'd be marketing it nationally and internationally. Another thing that -- what we're looking to do is partnering -- I think you have a youth group called the Ansin Sports Complex Track & Field Academy that you're currently forming. What AAU wants to do is to partner with that group. Now as I talk about Olympians and all of that, that is the pinnacle of what we do in our sport, but it's my firm belief that if you do not work with the grassroots and -- and -- and at the bottom of the pyramid, that you lose that pyramid. We want to work with the three, four, five, six, seven and eight-year-olds to form a strong foundation and to develop them. My major was physical education, and that's to the concept of which I operate on each and every day. One of the other things I would say that what we do with AAU, on any given day, we want to be a partner with what you are doing, not just bringing an event in on Friday and be gone on Sunday. We want to be involved in the -- in the area, in the neighborhoods, with the youth programs and stuff, and also, as we market it, we market whatever we have going on here, and also what you are doing, and we market it to the world. And on any given -- in -- on any given day, when we do marketing, we can put what you are doing here in your facility and in your community in front of a million people on any given day. I'm also fortunate enough to be working with the City in my position of CEO of Coach O Event Management, and what that means is that my company will put track & field events, and camps and clinics here. We will come in and manage them, and we also can serve --

we also serve as a consultant for any events that you have, you know, in the facility. And there, again, a lot of companies hire our company to market their products, and we will be able to market what you have going on in here. I appreciate the opportunity, and I want to -- want to say again that we are here to be a partner for the long run, and work on the -- the youth of America. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak here.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MR. NEAL: Next we'll have Mike Tolliver, Director of MONDO Track Division to come up and say a few words.

MR. TOLLIVER: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Manager, Commissioners, thank you for your time. I would like just to remind you what you have. I mean Miramar has something very special. I don't know if you're aware of that. South Florida where we are, we are centrally located, we have two major airports nearby, you have -- we have all the hotel infrastructure nearby, and you have this excellent facility. So after seeing what -- the plans are for all the upgrades and renovation once this is completed, I mean -- I believe that Miramar is going to be, and I'm sure of this, in a position where you're going to be booked three years ahead of time. I mean you're going reach the point to select which events you could bring here. There are already several international Olympic committees, international track and field federation asking when this is going to be ready. So we go and -- and see facilities across the world, and I can tell you this is special, and what you're going to build is going to be unique in the country. And it's not only important for us to be a partner, and contribute during the track season, but also during offseason, there are other events that could be housed here permanently, like track coaches. You could bring in a sport medicine center to -- to the venue, like summer camps, and there are endless possibilities, not only track and field related, but Miramar should position itself as a sports destination worldwide. Other advantage that you have is like the Pan American -- it's for a -- a office move their headquarters to Miami, so they're in the area, and they're looking for permanent homes where they could have events at the Pan American level, and this is the location that they're looking at. I mean we could also assist in getting to Miramar track levels at NCAA, USATF, and international level, as well as what you have. And, again, like this is -- I don't know if everybody is aware, but once this is built, it's going to be the first one in the United States, and it's a perfect melting point, you know, like this is -- I mean we have people from North America, Central America, Caribbean, even South America, all coming together to experience what Miramar has to offer. And it's all about the experience, you know like -- especially the young athletes; I mean they -- from the moment they land until they leave, they're just going to have a good time. So this is a safe place, this is -- it's fun as well, and it has all the infrastructure. So a lot of possibilities. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir.

MR. NEAL: Now I want to invite Tony Campbell, CEO of TC Event Management, and he is also the meet director for the Miramar Invitational that's taking place this Saturday at Ansin Sports Complex.

MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, and City Managers. I want to first thank you for giving me the opportunity to bring this great event to your city. Your facility is, basically, a secret in the international track and field world. And what I want to do this Saturday is bring some of the world's best athletes here, so that we can showcase your facilities to the world. We're planning to have some World Record holders, some Olympic champions, and some up and coming champions, and some junior champions, junior record holders, so forth. This event is going to be seen through USA Track & Field Television all over the United States, and we'll have worldwide streaming from the IAAF in Europe. Okay. So your facility will no longer be a secret; it will be seen all over the world. I'm planning to, hopefully, do this event every year here. And, given the opportunity, I will bring more worldwide events here to this place, because your facility is only one of four that's been totally certified by the world government body, and that's important. Because if the -- if the stadium is not certified, you cannot hold world events, so that's the first step. The second step is your location is ideal. Your weather is fantastic, and the people here are very warm, and -- and -- and greeting -- it's just -- just a fun place to be and, hopefully, all of you folks will show up on Saturday, because I really need your support. Because without the Mayor's Office and your Commissioners and City Managers, this would not be possible. Because it's just bigger than me getting it done. I can pick up the phone and say, "This is TC," and get any athlete from anywhere in the world, but without your support and your backing, it's not possible. So, hopefully, you folks will come out on Saturday, so we can show you, not just talk, because anybody can talk. I want to show you what I can do and will be able to attract, so please give me that opportunity going forward, and I look forward to seeing all you folks out there Saturday; we're opening the gates at around 10:00 in the morning, and the -- the main event will go on from 1:00 to 3:00. But it will have some preliminary events early, starting at around 11:00, and please come out. I -- I think you'll enjoy yourself. Bring your wives, your husbands, your kids, and have a fund day at the track. Thank you for the moment in time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you sir.

MR. NEAL: And now we will have Mike Sophia, vice president, Sports & Entertainment, from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Business Bureau to come up and speak on the economic impact. Next slide, please.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. SOPHIA: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of the Commission, Mr. Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, my name is Mike Sophia; I'm vice president of Sports & Entertainment for Visit Lauderdale, which is the new brand for the Greater Fort Lauderdale CBB, and as many of you know, it's a -- it's a department of Broward

County. My primary role is to drive sports tourism to the County by attracting a wide variety of sports events. I've been doing this for more than 25 years in a few destinations. I joined the Broward County team in January of 2020, but I spent the previous eight years in Sacramento, California. Track and field was one of our key economic drivers in Sacramento, and I had the opportunity to serve as a host, the meet director for two USA track and field national championships through USATF Junior Olympics, and two NCAA Regional Championship meets. And I knew before I got here that the Ansin Sports Complex was recognized nationally as a great track and field venue. And I think with your continued support and investment, we should continue to be able to attract the kinds of events that's going to drive economic impact to this community. I wanted to take a quick minute to review the impact that these events have on the local economy. In addition to the exposure that these events bring to the City, they also attract visitors to stay at local hotels, eat in your restaurants, and support your local businesses. There's three types of events that could be considered, and there's a broad spectrum of track meets, lacrosse, soccer, everything, but a regional track meet with 1,000 participants, and their families over three days would drive, roughly, 1,300 room nights, and \$500,000.00 in direct economic impact. An elite championship meet with 1,500 participants and their families, 3,000 spectators over three days would translate to roughly 5,800 room nights, and over \$2 million in economic impact. And a national championship youth meet with 8,500 participants over six -- six days, their families, their coaches, 20,000 room nights, and nearly \$10 million in economic impact. That's the financial benefit that we -- that we generate for the community on these sporting events. It's -- equally as important is the fact that our kids get to see these great athletes, like they'll see on Saturday, and be able to turn around next week, and go out and train in the sport of track and field right here as well. So thank you for your continued support of sports and sports tourism in the City and the County. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir.

MR. NEAL: And I would be remiss if I didn't mention our athletic manager; I want to introduce our athletic manager to you, the dais, Mr. Clarence Williams. Could you stand up, Mr. Williams, or come up front -- come up front, come up front. He has on his -- he's normal -- he's normally in Nike, but he has on a suit today, and he can introduce himself to you guys.

MR. WILLIAMS: I want to say thank you, Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney. Clarence Williams, Athletic Program manager, Ansin Sports Complex. Been doing this for quite a while. These guys that came and spoke, I've been working with them throughout the country for the last, probably, 12 years before I joined this great City of Miramar, and have been talking with Mr. Hargray, and also Mr. Messam, Mayor Messam. So, once again, I just want to say thank you. The future is very bright here, and I hope that I can continue that -- do the hard work and keep it moving. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MR. NEAL: Appreciate your hard work, Clarence, and dedication to the sport of track, and the residents in the City of Miramar. Next slide, please. This slide shows three different overflow parking locations that can be used for large track events that will be held at the Ansin Sports Complex. To your left you see the Park and Ride that's on the -- well, my left, your right, the Park and Ride, and then you would see in the center shot, that's New Renaissance Middle School with an overflow parking area that can -- that we utilize as well. And then in the last slide is the City Hall parking garage; that can also be utilized for additional parking for large events that will be held at the Ansin Sports Complex. And now I would like to turn it back over to engineering to continue the presentation. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MS. DE RIEL: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Attorney, City Clerk, Leah deRiel, Engineering Services, senior project engineer. The scope of this particular project is an access drive in order to allow better traffic circulation and access to the facility. The construction will wrap around the north and east sides of the existing practice field area, and will allow for better stacking of vehicles inside the facility, as opposed to them queuing up along Miramar Boulevard, especially in large event situations. And, of course, the project also includes site restoration post construction. What you see on the screen in front of you is a conceptual rendering of the new access road; this is the view looking toward the south across the existing property. The existing track is in the background and Miramar Boulevard, and you see Renaissance Middle School on the eastern side. Procurement process is as follows: on February 16th, 2021, the City's Procurement Department advertised IFB 21-005 Ansin Sports Complex Phase IV Access Drive in the newspaper and on DemandStar. On March 16th, 2021, the date of the scheduled bid opening, five bids were received. The lowest responsive and responsible bid was from Bejar Construction for a total bid price of \$924,206.26; adding in the ten-percent contingency, gives us a total contract award value of one -- \$1,016,626.89. City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. I would like to thank staff for this presentation, and I'd like to thank our guests and visitors for sharing the potential and the prospects of -- of Ansin Sports Complex. We're very proud of the legacy and the history of the Ansin Sports Complex. We've had the fortune of not only seeing great performances there, but we've also been able to see right before our eyes the development of our own track darlings Khalifa St. Fort, and Briana Williams, who have gone on to now run professionally, and not only represent themselves, but to represent the City of Miramar, because it all began right here. As a former track athlete myself, who has -- who's a -- a State champion individually, as well as being on a number one track team in the country back in the early '90s, and traveling to places like Orlando and LA, and running against some of the nation's best, and going onto to Florida State to run and representing the Seminoles in Atlantic Coast Conference, I definitely know the excitement that high

caliber events bring. And when you really think about track in the United States, outside of national events and, perhaps, some of the -- the university and college conference and national championships, it pails to the excitement and the environment that you see in Europe. And on a conversation last evening with five-time Olympian Justin Gatlin, and Mike Rodgers, and -- as well as Ajee and Natoya, they talked about, you know, running here in the United States, and having to go out of the country to run. And to see the Ansin Sports Complex, not only is already suited for it, but the enhancements like is before us tonight really catapults us to be able to put a staple and our mark, and being able to house and host many of these events. And it's not just for the performance, but, as you can see, it's an economic opportunity as well for our community, and something that we all should be proud of. And, finally, what I would add is how all this ties together in terms of the -- the -- the coordination and the work of our staff that leverages funding opportunities. As a couple of items that went before us today, for the City of Miramar, we sit with an abundance of park space, so when we have new development that is obligated to create recreational spaces in our City, and the City has the opportu -- opportunity to take fun -- funding, as opposed to land, because we have enough park space in the community, we can leverage those dollars if -- to apply them to projects like this, to projects in our communities and passive parks, as well as Regional Park, Vizcaya Park, and Ansin Sports Complex to help us to realize the vision that has been started here in the City of Miramar. So I wholeheartedly support this item. I trust that this item will move forward, and I'd like to thank our City Manager and our Parks & Recs team who really does a great job in bringing recreational activities here in the City of Miramar. And we have speaking requests from -- start with Vice Mayor Chambers, then Commissioner Colbourne, followed Commissioner Barnes. Vice Mayor Chambers, you're recognized, sir.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. As I sit here through this presentation - and I want to go back to item number three, and also include number four, and I -- I should be -- really be happy and jumping, but what this presentation take be back to is a used car lot when I first bought my used car, when I was taken for a ride. Then when I went back another time to buy my second used car, and I got more experience, and they had to bring out several sales manager to convince me to buy the car. You know, it's -- you know, as Commissioner Colbourne earlier speak of the parks, and the allocation of funds, and so forth, when you go past Red Road going east to east Miramar, there's a difference when it comes to the utilization of the parks on the east side. As someone who get these calls all the time, as to how it's difficult for our children and our adults to access the parks on the east side. It's so much hoops, hurdles, bars and fence they have to climb or jump over; we just make it very difficult for the resident out there to utilize the parks. And, you know, now -- we know what we have here; we don't need nobody to come here and tell us what we have; we know how long the Ansin Park been sitting there; we know what our resident are not getting, we know what they're getting. And it bother me a lot. I sat here, and my inside is burning, burning because of what my people have gone through on the east side of Miramar, and even out here on the west side too. I got calls just yesterday -- actually, a text, and my people have been wet up, light have been turned off, different kind of method of been

used for them not to being able to use the parks. And when are we going to make it better for them. That's where families supposed to be. That's where black men supposed to be, playing soccer, doing what they're supposed to be, that's where children supposed to be. We do have some private folks that have parks on the east side of Miramar. When -- of course, we're doing one partnership now; when are we going to do more partnership with those entities, and have those parks to make sure they are well kept, make sure families out there who use them can have a safe and clean park to play, whatever games they choose to play. I think this all sounds good, but when this is -- people come and they gone, the residents are still here, the children are still here, who are going to grow up. They need a safe havens, they need -- they need to be in the parks, they need certain facility that single mothers can have their children dropped off and feel safe, feel that they going to be okay, and they going to learn something, you know, they're going to grow up to be good citizen. We got to do more, for those residents who are voiceless, and that's why we are here, that's why they vote for us, that's why we get elected to represent them, because they coming home from work, and working two and three, four jobs; they don't have time to come to the Commission meeting to speak for them self. They don't have time to turn on the TV and watch, because they might be hungry, they might not have enough food. Life is difficult, it's challenging. And while this project sounds like a great project, do I want the Ansin to be great, to be utilized -- because, at first, when it was first sold many years ago as to what it was going to be, it didn't -- not deliver, and now we're trying again. Maybe it might work this time, maybe not. But I'm concerned about my residents that are being shortchanged for so long, and continue to be shortchanged. We've got to have a plan to make sure and make it right. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. First of all, I want to say thank you for the presentation, for all of the speakers that came out, and spoke about the upcoming event. We have two things being discussed, one is this -- the item, and -- and the second thing is the sports event that we're having this weekend. And I -- I look forward to that, and -- and I'm happy to know that it's here in the City of Miramar. I do have a couple of questions on -- on that sports event itself, and I -- I think I'll just go ahead and start with that. How many people are we expecting this weekend?

MR. NEAL: Commissioner, we have roughly 2,500 spectators slated to show up for this event.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Very -- very well. And I assume we -- we're -- we're going to be following COVID guidelines?

MR. NEAL: Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MR. NEAL: Everybody has to adhere to the CDC guidelines, as well as -- as well as USA Track & Field guidelines for this event.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: All right, then. Very well. And -- and the parking that we will be using for this event, that will be what' shown on that slide, those three --

MR. NEAL: No. We -- we'll be using Ansin Sports Com parking.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: All right.

MR. NEAL: New Renaissance parking, the front parking, and the rear parking, and then the overall parking will be in the parking lot of the City Hall right here in the parking garage.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: City Hall, --

MR. NEAL: City Hall, Ansin Sports Complex parking, --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: And the school.

MR. NEAL: -- and New Renaissance parking.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: And New Renaissance. Okay. Very well. Okay. Thank you. As far as the event, I -- I appreciate -- I just wanted some clarification on those details. But on the project itself, it seems to me the last time the -- we've had a presentation or a contract to do something at the Ansin Sports center, we had a -- a conversation, and this Commission had requested a comprehensive presentation. And everything that's -- all the different construction that was being planned there. I don't recall ever getting that. We had a extensive discussion on piecemeal disinformation, and if it was presented, I don't recall getting it. But here we are today. We have -- we have another project. If you can bring that -- put that -- that -- that photo that you had of the project again, that we can --

MR. NEAL: Which slide are you referring to?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The one that shows the --

MR. NEAL: The road?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- the roadway that you're -- that you're looking at. Okay. So the project is to build this roadway that just goes straight down and takes it to the park -- takes it to the parking lot?

MR. NEAL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Similar to what's being done at the Regional Park? And -- and this is what has been done at the Regional Park. But this doesn't address all of the -- it doesn't increase your -- your parking, per say, it doesn't -- it's just how they get to the parking?

MR. NEAL: No, it doesn't -- it doesn't increase the parking, but it safens the entry and the exit point of the facility.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. And -- and you have other -- other parking spaces for this facility, as such as you have just described, and the new Park and Ride that's coming up --

MR. NEAL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- next to it. So, percentage wise, I would think most of the individuals that are there when you have a large event will be parking outside of the park?

MR. NEAL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. I know we met, and we talked about this, and I've seen the situation when you have a lot of cars in the area, and there is definitely a some need for improvement. I don't feel that this roadway will do that. And this is the reason that I would like see the comprehensive plan for the Ansin Sports Center. I -- I want this -- this venue to succeed, I want to see more sporting events there. I don't feel that this roadway is going to make -- make or break that. But I do -- I do believe, at this time, that spending a million dollars to build this roadway is, perhaps, not the best thing to do at this moment. But, then again, I want to see the full comprehensive plan that you have. So, at a minimum, I would like to have this -- this item deferred, just based on that. If -- if not deferred, I wouldn't be able to support it. The other -- the other concern that I had is the company that was selected. Great company; I have no issues with the company whatsoever, unless you do, but I do know that the company has a couple of other projects here in the City of Miramar. And it seems to me that that presents the possible risk of a project not being completed on time. So I know -- I'm sure that you have taken this into consideration, but the fact that you -- that they do have -- they are working on three projects, and I know one is almost completed, it -- it makes me pause, and wonder. I realize that they are the lowest bidder, so they would be the one entitled to this project, so I'm not trying to change that. But, perhaps, the way we do our procurement is what we need to address. We had some discussion concerning I believe what is called JOC, where you have a process where you have several -- several contractors available to do the work; that's just -- that's just one thought. Whether you -- we do a RFP instead of a -- a bid, but I do think you need to look at the procurement process, so that you won't have just one company tied up on several projects in the City. I think those are -- those are my main -- those are my main concerns, and I guess, you know, for starters, I would, at a minimum, defer this ask for

this project to be deferred, so that I can get some -- some clarification, and so that the City can do what -- what's promised, which was to give us a comprehensive of what's -- what's being planned at Ansin. Thank you.

MR. NEAL: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, followed by Commissioner Davis. Okay. Commissioner Davis, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. And I had looked -- I met with staff on the project, again, we've had several different projects being presented to us at Ansin. And, looking back, I -- I do remember asking specifically for the plan for over at the Ansin Sports Complex; what is the plan over there. There's been several plans, several things thrown out; one was a Korean company was going to come and do some -- some big time amphitheater, or whatever -- a sports theater, whatever it was. So, right now, I don't have a clear-cut idea as to what is happening at the Sports -- Ansin Sports Complex. We are very confused. Every day there's something new that you're presenting that you want money for. So, again, I -- I really strongly suggest we go ahead and give us that comprehensive plan; if you don't have one, stop what you're doing, think about a plan for that location, where the money can be best spent. Because, right now, we're doing that, but the only time I've seen that Ansin Sports Complex full was with the Reggae Girls when they came here, and it -- it was full to capacity, over 5,000 people. That has been the only time that has been filled, and we managed with the traffic at that time. People were bussed in, they parked at -- over here, they parked -- there wasn't a issue that wasn't addressed. And that's the one time, since 2010, that I've been here, that I've seen that place full. So we're spending \$1 million for a place that's only been filled once is not a proper use of our money at this point. We need a comprehensive plan of what's going to happen over there. And so I'm -- I'm in the same space as Commissioner Colbourne at this point, when I look back at what was asked of us before, and I did ask for that comprehensive plan for that location for us to justify spending this money. And so, if -- if we could get that, that would help us in -- in making our decision.

MR. NEAL: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Davis. It appears, based off the comments from the Commission that -- that there is a desire from the Commission to have a comprehensive plan on Ansin Sports Complex, in terms of capital improvements that will take place at -- at -- at the park. The item, as -- as presented, when you look at the site plan with the proposed roadway, if you could pull that back on the screen, please, with the -- with the site -- with the -- with the site plan showing the -- yes. I see the logic of the perimeter road, especially in light of the new practice track being placed in the grass area. Currently, right now when there are events, and folks are coming in to park in the parking area, the roadway behind the bleachers cut between athletes walking from the practice area to the main track facility, creating a -- a hazard for -- for

those parking. So with a future -- whatever the structure will be, whether it's a track, whether it's a structure, there will be a facility or improvement made in the vacant land area, and the perimeter road just segregates traffic or vehicular traffic from pedestrian traffic, moving from the practice area, and the -- and the proposed, planned new track to get to the locker room, the restroom, the main track facility. So I -- I under -- I understand and get -- get the logic. I -- I -- I -- I understand the intent of the item. I do -- I -- I do support that there be a -- a -- I guess a master plan, so to speak, to kind of talk about what these improvements are going to be on a comprehensive standpoint, so I'm not in opposition to that. So, based on the comments, we have a couple of options: the Manager can either withdraw the item until a -- a workshop or plan can be made, or presented to the Commission, or the item can be moved and brought forward, and then voted based off of the comments of the Commission, and then staff can -- can act accordingly to the -- if the item was to -- to fail, regarding to coming back with this item. So what is the pleasure of the Commission? Is there a motion that is -- that is proposed, as it relates to this item? I see, Commissioner Colbourne, you have requested to speak. Commissioner Colbourne, are you withdrawing to speak or --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I make a motion to defer the item. When you defer the item, you have to have a certain date, or is that --

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam attorney, with a deferment of this item, does it require a date to be brought back?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes. Normally, it will be the next meeting, but you could -- your rules don't specifically address it, but Robert's Rules does specify the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. I don't know that --

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: You all -- you all -- you all did loosely apply that in your procedural rules, so it's -- you can -- you -- you would need to state a date certain.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm sorry, I can't hear you.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: You would need to state a date certain. It doesn't have to be the next meeting, according to your own rules of procedure, but I was just list -- I was just letting you know that Robert's Rules generally refers to the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Does the Manager want to re -- withdraw the --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- the item?

MAYOR MESSAM: The -- the Manager says that he -- he wouldn't be ready the next meeting, but he could be ready by the -- the -- the -- the following meeting; I think that's the first meeting in May. So if a motion maker would like to defer to the first meeting in May, that is an option.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The first meeting in May.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. It'll just be -- not next meeting, but the meeting following.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: All right. Can we make it the second meeting in May?

MAYOR MESSAM: You don't -- yeah, we can make it the second meeting in May, if that's the pleasure of the Commission.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I just want to make sure that we have time to -- to gather the information, and -- and fit everyone's schedule, and not -- not make this a number one priority and have to drop everything else. So if we could just give ourselves enough time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. The City Manager stated that they will be ready for the second meeting in May. So if you'd like to make a motion to defer the item until the second meeting in May, that motion can be made.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: It will -- and will --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: It will allow me to have a traffic study, instead of me showing they have a traffic study, show why this is necessary.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: If you could speak to the mic; I can't -- I can't hear you. The glasses are breaking it up.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: That'll allow me -- the one part in there is having a traffic study. What happen with this is when we met earlier in here, they did not do a traffic study, and that's why we had the situation that we have here. So we will have a traffic study as part of this here.

MAYOR MESSAM: Is there a motion ready to be made?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I motion to defer the item to the second meeting in May.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. It's been moved and properly seconded. Madam Clerk, please call the roll, or record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes. 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 Vice Mayor Chambers, to defer Resolution #R7386, appointing Commissioner Yvette Colbourne as vice mayor, the Commission voted:

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

Deferred to 05/19/21

End of Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number five, please.

5. Temp. Reso. #R7357 selecting a **Vice Mayor** for a one-year term. (*City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, selecting a Vice Mayor for a one-year term; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Do we have a nomination for the vice mayor position to serve for the upcoming year.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I nominate Commissioner Colbourne.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis has nominated Commissioner Colbourne to serve as vice mayor for the next upcoming year. Are there any other nominations, or is there a -- we can close the nominations if there are no additional nominations.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. Let the record reflect that Commissioner Yvette Colbourne has been nominated to serve as vice mayor for the upcoming year; it's been seconded. Madam Clerk, please record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Chambers.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7357, appointing Commissioner Yvette Colbourne as vice mayor, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-83

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Congratulations, Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I appreciate it. Thank you all. Somewhat of a surprise; I appreciate that. Thanks for the nomination, Commissioner Davis.

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number six, please.

6. Temp. Reso. #R7375 in support of the **“Wyland National Mayor’s Challenge** for Water Conservation”. (*Utilities Director Roy Virgin, Ph.D.*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, selecting a Vice Mayor for a one-year term; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

DR. VIRGIN: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. Roy Virgin, Director of Utilities. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for the proclamation earlier. This item is to get the City -- the residents to participate in Water Conservation Wyland National Mayor’s Challenge, not just to participate for prizes, but - - that’s the academic part of it, but to, more importantly, to really conserve water, which is very, very important. So the City Commission approval is required to declare support for this initiative. So Mayor Wayne Messam is joining mayors across the country in the Tenth National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation. The annual challenge takes place throughout the month of April. It is a nonprofit, national community service campaign to inspire residents to use water more efficiently reduce pollution, and save energy. How can residents participate? They can do so through the easy-to-do online pledge at: mywaterpledge.com, and I repeat: mywaterpledge.com. The overall campaign is designed to cost -- to save costs for customers, save infrastructure for operating costs for the utilities, to protect the watershed, and the ecosystem. Cities with the highest percentage of residents taking the challenge are entered into a drawing for ecofriendly prizes, and one lucky national participant will win \$3,000.00 in paid home utilities. As a matter of fact, I just has a resident who texted me and said I thought she was going to get the car instead, but -- winning cities are the cities with the largest

percentage of resident participate -- participating. In addition to a -- to deserving char -- a deserving charity will receive a 2021 Toyota Highlander Hybrid for its organization. And Wyland Foundation, Toyota, with support from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Water Sense, the Toro Companies, National League of Cities, Conserva Irrigation, and Earth Friendly Products are the companies that support this conservation Wyland. City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks for the presentation. The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item. So back -- back to the dais. Yeah. This is our annual participation in the Wyland's Mayor's National Challenge for Water Conservation. Actually, the City of Miramar and our residents have actually performed very well, in fact. And I think three years ago Miramar, i think, finished in the top ten, in terms of the reduction of water use in our city. So we'd like to thank our residents for their consciousness, in terms of water conservation in the City, and I ask for support in moving this item forward. Vice Mayor Chambers, you're recognized, sir.

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Dr. Virgin. Thank you for your service to this great City of Miramar. I just want to make a comment. This -- while this is great project, I know five years ago I brought a item forward called Community First, where we would encourage our resident and nonresident to donate \$1.00 or more into a fund that would assist our resident who are experiencing hardship, where their water is about to turned off, or been shut off to help them get back on, and -- while I see this item every year on the agenda and, for some reason, my project has been stonewalled, and beat up and very difficult to get off the ground. I even gone to the National League of City and partner with them, brought back \$5,000.00 to assist with the program. And it has yet to be completely, fully or even half way function to assist residents, especially in a time like this, where COVID-19, and so many folks are out of work, and would have been able to utilize that program to -- to get their water back online or to assist them with their water bill. Just imagine, we're billing in excess of 35,000 water meter per month, and if we had gotten on resident, each resident from the 35 to give us a \$1.00, each month, every resident put a \$1.00, we would have in excess of \$35,000.00. So -- and I'm not sure what it is, but I'm hoping that with my effort to solicit businesses and stuff to contribute to the fund to -- because it did work for quite a few people, but mainly it was money that was donated from business. So I'm just looking forward to, maybe, reengage that program, and to make sure it's come to -- complete fruition. And, last but not least, I'm still looking forward to the improvement at the Country Club Ranch with the beginning of the project, putting in those water lines, so those families can have clean, safe, drinking water from the City of Miramar. So thank you, once again, Dr. Virgin. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any additional comments? If not, I'll take a motion?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yeah, just a comment.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I just wanted to congratulate Dr. Virgin on new, renovated facility where we cut -- we had the ribbon cutting yesterday. Just to say congratulations, and thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. If there are no other comments, may I have a motion, please?

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 #R7375, appointing Commissioner Yvette Colbourne as vice mayor, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-84

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number seven, please. Just read the title into the record, please.

7. Discussion: Community IDs (*Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes, this is a discussion item on Community IDs, Mr. Mayor by Commissioner Alexandra Davis.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. I have a presentation by staff, and I also would like our Commissioner -- Broward County Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness to also say a few words on this item, which he's bringing forth to the Broward County Commission at the next commission meeting. So if we could have staff start, and then I'll have Commissioner Holness come forward.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MS. GAYLE: Good evening, Mayor Messam, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Shaun Gayle, Assistant City Manager. I have with me tonight members of the police department who were also instrumental in doing research into this program. As mentioned -- as mentioned that this program is being sponsored and was requested by Commissioner Davis. The program is called the FaithAction ID program, and the ID actually serves as an extra layer of legitimacy that one lives in a city or county. The ID includes a picture ID -- a -- a photograph, name, date of birth, address of the person, an expiration date, and a unique ID code. In our discussions with United We Dream about the program, they have given us the following, which we will lay out here. The ID provides a verifiable form of identification that, in their experience, is used by law enforcement, health centers, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, cultural art organizations, and so on to better identify and serve and protect the cardholders. Who would benefit from this ID? In our discussions with them, they -- they posit that the homeless, undocumented residents, persons formerly incarcerated, and the elderly are prime candidates to benefit from this ID program. I'd like to provide some specifics on the ID. The ID will cost \$10.00, and if the IDs are processed when the Human Rights Coalition does ID drives, and they do these drives in conjunction with churches and other community organizations, so there's no set place to go and apply for this ID. They will do the community drives, and during those drives, they would process the applicants for the ID. There are three forms of identification that are required to process the ID; some of these are: separate photo ID; proof of address, such as a utility bill or

bank statement; proof of age, such as a passport, birth certificate, insurance policy, or school transcript. Now in our discussions with them, they also notified us that they do have professionals on hand, attorneys, and paralegals to help in the processing of the IDs, or the application for the IDs. What can this ID be used for? In their experience, the IDs are used, again, as a secondary form of identification, and not someone's primary identification. It can be used to check out library books, to pick up and drop off children at school, and it can also be used in banking. Now this may not be able to be used at a national bank, but at a community bank, in their experience, they are saying that folks are able to use this at a community bank. So you couldn't walk into a Wells Fargo or a Bank of America, but you could use this at a community bank or credit union, as the case might be. Some other anticipated benefits. Safety: in their experience, the interaction with law enforcement and other agencies are different when an individual has this ID, and so they're thinking that this is one of the benefits of the program. Economic development was also cited as one benefit of the program, because someone can participate in -- in banking and other such activities if they own one of these IDs. When we met with United We Dream and talked about the specifics and the parameters of the program, they outlined that when they do the ID drives at a church or another community organization, there's an orientation with all the applicants. And so the orientation goes over the benefits and the limitation of the program, so an individual who receives this ID knows exactly what they can or can't do with it when they receive it. We also discussed the County resolution that was slated for yesterday's meeting, but it did go a little long, so they weren't able to hear that item. And, also, the Broward County Coalition, in conjunction with Hispanic Unity, they're championing an effort to approach the League of Cities to discuss this program, and we are also awaiting that action. As mentioned before, we are continuing to follow up with additional resources. We were anticipating the County action, which we still will anticipate, and the League of Cities action, which we will incorporate in any activities we do here in the City of Miramar. At this time, I'd like to invite the Miramar Police Department to talk about their discussions and experience with the program.

MAJOR VARGAS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager; Major Jose Vargas with the police department. So we reached out to some police agencies that -- that -- for jurisdictions that have adopted this ID program. The -- the only one we were able to speak to was New Haven, Connecticut; this is very prevalent up in that area, because they have a large population of undocumented residents. That said, what they mentioned was that it did provide the ability for -- for these residents to open banking checking accounts, so we do see a lot of benefit on it. We have been in contact with the Broward Sheriff's Office in the event that the County does adopt it, so that we can provide our officers with the training necessary to move forward in support of it. So New Haven indicated they never experienced any fraud or fraudulent activity with the IDs, so it appears that they are vetted properly, and we'll -- again, through -- through education, support it, and -- and move forward if that's the Commission's will. Thank you.

MS. GAYLE: Thank you, Major Vargas. Commissioner Davis, what is your pleasure? I'm not sure if you want to take questions, or you want to invite Commissioner Dale Holness up at this time.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. I'd like to thank you for doing that quick research in a timely fashion. I -- I have since met with Hispanic Unity, and United We Dream also, and gotten further clarification. Again, we were hoping that Broward County were able to get that item heard yesterday, but that didn't happen, but we do have the sponsor of that item here, which is Commissioner Dale Holness; maybe you can just give us some perspective.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir, welcome.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER HOLNESS: Good evening, Mayor Messam, Vice Mayor Chambers, Commissioner Colbourne, and Commissioner Davis, City Manager Hargray, two County -- two City attorneys -- most cities only have one sitting on the dais. Attorney Norris-Weeks, Attorney Powell, Clerk Gibbs, City employees and residents, I hope you don't mind that I take my mask off, since I'm more than ten feet away from you, and I have a shield. It's a little difficult, sometimes, to be heard. And since we're having in the audience when you speak -- thank you for inviting me to speak on this issue, Commissioner Davis. As noted, the item was to be presented at our Commission meeting yesterday, but my colleagues decided we would stop meeting at 6:00; we started at 10:00, and we got done at about 6:20, so the item will be moved to the next Commission meeting. And just to let you know that there are many cities and counties across the country that are participating in this program. In North Carolina, South Carolina, there are several cities there; Virginia, Iowa, Ohio, Oregon, and in the State of Florida, the City of Alachua, City of West Palm Beach, Miami-Dade County is in discussion at this point in time. So it doesn't have -- you don't have to wait for the City to do it -- for the County to do it. You can actually do it as a city; it's probably best that we did it countywide, which will be helpful, and I know there are other cities that are supportive of this measure. Thanks to the staff for a very good presentation. Let me add that Sheriff Tony had sent us a letter supporting this effort, and -- and the benefits it brings to law enforcement. One he pointed out is that sometimes an officer might be out, and it takes a lot of time to figure out who the person is. When -- when they could be doing other things. So there's tremendous amount of benefits to the -- to the program, as was stated earlier from the presentation. Let me tell you that there are many local organizations that are supporting this, and it will be managed by Legal Aid, so you'll have lawyers involved with ensuring the legality of it, the ID -- identifications. It was put forward as to how these IDs can be issued; our State-required processes that are -- that are utilized there also. Some of the organizations that are a part of this, in addition to Legal Aid is OIC of South Florida, the Urban League, Hispanic Unity, the Pride Center, ADRC, Southern Poverty Law Center, the Broward Partnership for the Homeless. And the question was asked: How do we give a homeless person an ID? The partnership with the homeless centers helps them, because now they use that as an address, where the ID can be mailed to, and that -- and in -- in conjunction with the

homeless center, so that person is able to check in and out of the homeless center as a -- as a mailing spot for information that they might need to receive. Overall, I believe that this will be helpful to us in Broward County in many, many ways, and I thank you very much for allowing me to take a few moments to speak. It is a great day in Miramar. Great presentations I heard earlier. Congratulations to the retirement of Chief Williams. I attended that for a moment; a great person. Thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you so much, Commissioner Dale Holness. So, again, today was just to raise awareness that this ID program is out there, and, hopefully, we will follow what happens at the next commission meeting, just to get a bit of a better perspective what happens at the County, and then, hopefully, be able to bring that resolution here in the City. If there's any questions, Mr. Mayor, but this is what we found out so far, and we're certainly willing to bring the folks here or have them online, Hispanic Unity and United We Dream, I believe, who know more about the project.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Davis. Yes. It sounds like a promising program, and look forward to getting more -- additional information as it comes forward. Vice Mayor Chambers, you're recognized.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mayor. I just want to thank Commissioner Colbourne -- Commissioner Davis for bringing this item. But I want to thank the Mayor Holness for explaining in -- in a little more details as to -- one thing that I did take away was just to provide an address for the homeless folks, and that's key. Because what happen is when you're homeless, you don't have an address, that's how you get a felony, because they give you a simple citation, and then when you don't show up to court, then it turns into a felony, where you get arrested and so forth. So this is key to preventing those people who prey on the homeless, and try to get them to be more of a felon; I think this will alleviate that, so I'm -- I'm grateful to hear that this will also be a part of the address,. So thank you so much. Once again, Mayor Holness.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Moving onto -- continuing on on Commission -- Commission Reports. I do have a couple of items of note; I'll try to be as brief as possible. As a reminder, I would like to remind our residents of the City of Miramar vaccination site located at Vizcaya Park, located at 14200 SW 55th Street in the great City of Miramar. The -- this site is run by the State of Florida, currently administering 200 vaccinations per day; as the report stated, usually by noon that allocation is exhausted, so we're encouraging residents just to plan accordingly, and it's from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or as long supplies last. And the site is available for the first and second vaccination, and it is administering the Pfizer two-shot vaccine. And it will -- our site will be increasing to 400 per day; that date is to be determined, but we have -- had gotten that confirmation that

will be the next allocation for the City of Miramar, and no appointments are required. The next item -- would like to, again, thank my colleagues on the Commission for the support of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day in recognition -- but I'd also like to thank Commissioner Barnes for co-hosting this recognition with -- with -- with me and our residents. What made this event so special, in addition to recognizing the veterans from that war that don't always get the celebration of other wars, is that this concept and this idea was brought to the City by our youth, by the students of Everglades High School JROTC Program. And whenever we can support our youth to do an event as noble as this, bridging generations of the past to the current, it's just -- it's just always a great thing to do, and that's what city governance should do, is partner with our community, especially our youth in doing great community programs like this. Last weekend, we were able to have the Mayor's 5K Run/Walk; the weather was perfect, and I would like to personally thank my executive assistant, Edna LaRoche, working with our -- just our dedicated staff in the City of Miramar, our Parks & Recs. Department, Miramar PD, but specifically I'd like to recognize Carla Meadows, Billy Neal, Tiffany Prince, Ansil, Mr. Jerry, and Officer Troy Wilson. Everybody just did a great job, in terms of ensuring that the event was not only successful, but it was safe, and it was a great day to bring the community together for a day of running, walking, and yoga. I attended a couple of conferences over the past month. The -- on March 7th through the 10th, I attended the virtual conference for the National League of Cities, the Congress -- the Congressional Congress of Cities, that annual conference that takes place where we lobby our federal del -- representatives, our delegation, as well as representatives outside of our area in Congress. And this year our keynote speaker was President Biden, who talked about the Rescue Plan, and the City of Miramar is slated to receive 20 plus million dollars from the Rescue Plan to assist us in our COVID-19 relief from the package that was passed and signed by -- passed by Congress, and pass -- and signed by President Biden. Also, on March 18th and 19th, I was able to attend the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Spring Conference in conjunction with the Florida League of Cities, and it was great networking, as well as professional development sessions that took place during the Spring Conference. I'd also like to remind our community that a Time to Heal yoga series has been extended for additional ten weeks; it takes place right here at Miramar Town Center, alongside the lake. You don't have to have yoga experience. It is -- continues to grow; every weekend I'm trying to think about where we may have to move it just due to the popularity of the event. It takes place every Saturday from 10 -- 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and it is free of charge. Also a reminder that for families who may be in assist -- need of assistance to access free internet, we are providing through Comcast from the Mayor's Office six months of internet service. We do know that life situations may change. Families who many not necessarily have been in need three months ago are now finding themselves in need; and to get more information, you can contact your school to get registration information where you can sign up for the Comcast Internet Essentials plan. And, finally, I'd like to thank my colleagues for -- again, for approving the City's participation in the Tenth Annual Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. April is Water Conservation Month. We are a very progressive city, in terms of our water utilities, and our community is just as committed, in terms of conserving our most precious natural resource, which is water.

You can sign up -- sign up, and the -- the challenge is between April 1st through 30th, and you have an opportunity to win \$3,000.00 in utility payments, or you can actually even win a Toyota Highlander Hybrid that can be donated to your favorite charity. And there are also hundreds of daily eco prize winners. And you can sign up at mywaterpledge.com, mywaterpledge.com. And, again, I would like to extend condolences to the family of the late Alcee Hastings, who has been a trailblazer here in the State of Florida. Many residents and -- not only in the City of Miramar, throughout the State, but around the country may know him as a congressman, but his years of civil rights advocacy, long before he became a federal judge, long before he became a U.S. congressperson in the early 1990s really kicked off his representation, and he will always be remembered as our fighter, as our representative, and that voice for communities, and -- and cities and residents who were less represented. And it was a pleasure to always visit with him in -- in D.C., as well as here in the community, and he will forever be remembered here in the City of Miramar, and known as the U.S. Congressman from Miramar. So rest in peace, rest in power, and salute to a life worth saluting. Thank you. And I'll start with Commissioner Davis, and work back towards -- and give our colleague, the outgoing Vice Mayor Chambers for his parting words, and welcoming in our newly selected Vice Mayor Commissioner Colbourne. Commissioner Davis, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, I do have a -- a report. We have -- do you have it? While we're waiting for the report to come up, I -- I also want to extend my condolences to our beloved Congressman Alcee Hastings and his family. The Congressman, as you know, was a longtime resident in the City of Miramar and represented this -- our district in the congressional district -- Miramar was a part of his district. I've known of him over the years, and he has been very personable, very helpful, a really down-to-earth congressman. And, in fact, when I first ran for office in 2010, he was the first one to really endorse my candidacy, so much so that he called me up one day and asked me where I was, and came to my home and delivered my first check that I got in that amount from him, which was the full amount that I could accept at that time. And from the moment he endorsed my campaign back in 2010, and -- and then encouraged other elected officials to rally around my candidacy, that's when I got a lot of support. And, so, I'm forever grateful for him, especially on that level, to really home in on local politics. Because, at the end of the day, all politics is local, and him being a Miramar resident thought it fit that, of all the candidates that were running at that time, which was seven of us at the time, that I was the one that would do a great job for Miramar, and I hope I've lived up to his expectation, and I think I have, because every time I've ran, I've always gotten his support. And, again, he'll be greatly missed; he's irreplaceable, but we do know that position will have to be replaced, and I'm sure there are a lot of capable candidates who will come to the surface, and we just hope that whoever is chosen by the people can even come close to the kind of caliber representation that Congressman Alcee Hastings has given to this community. We have done several -- I guess we're almost ready now? I wanted to recap some of the events that had taken place over the past, I guess, three or so weeks. And -- oh, we're ready. We're up; for the recap. Of course, we continue to do our drop and go deliveries; we certainly

appreciate the volunteers, the staffers that really go out of their way to help those who are shut in, and provide them with a box of fruits, vegetables, milk, and some protein every week. As you know, we just finished Women's History Month, and I was able to submit names to our Senator Shevrin Jones and -- a Florida senator -- Florida State Senator Shevrin Jones for his Community StrongHer Award. And these are folks that are some of our unsung heroes in the City of Miramar. You have Annette Wellington, Gloria Binns, and Cleopatra Mills, and they were very grateful to be recognized for their contribution in the City of Miramar. I'd like to thank the Senator for recognizing the. Of course, we just had elections. Again, we didn't do our reports at the last Commission meeting, so this was from then, congratulating my colleagues on their return to serving us here in the City of Miramar. Commissioner -- well, now Vice Mayor Colbourne, Commissioner Maxwell Chambers, and Commissioner Barnes. And we had the opportunity to stand in solidarity with our Asian American community. I attended a community prayer vigil in the Town of Davie as Gandhi Square, where we showed our support, and, you know, we stand against hate in all forms, and we were there in solidarity with our Asian and Pacific Americans, Pacific islanders at the -- at the Gandhi Square. Is that a video? Do a quick video here (video shown). Publix playground; we just opened up their playground. That park has been in existence for some time, but it was lacking a playground, and we were able to build a very nice playground for the residents of Miramar, but specifically in the Harbour Lakes community. And I'd like to thank staff for, you know, pushing through this project. We got a lot of input from the residents in the area, as to what they'd like to see over there, and I think it's -- it's really an -- an addition to that park that has been a great addition. There's been some talk about the lack of parking spaces now that there is a playground there, so I'm sure that will be addressed in the coming -- upcoming budget, but it is a great addition to -- to that area there, and I, again, thank Elizabeth -- I'm calling you Elizabeth these days, Director Liz and her staff for working to get this completed in the manner that they did, and the timeframe that they did for these residents (video shown). And, of course, we had the swearing in ceremony, which was a fabulous occasion, and I was there to witness the swearing in of my colleagues. And, again, we congratulate them all. At a recent event, Community and Cops, and there's a video here, but this was to showcase all of the work that was put in by the police department, but all of the volunteer opportunities that are available, career opportunities that are available, and the fact that we have a brand new police substation in the historic neighborhood, I wanted to make folks aware of -- of that facility coming on stream (video shown). Once again, I'd like to thank our police department for their efforts in this, working together, and we hope to do more of this type of Community and Cops events throughout the City, and we're looking forward to -- as we're going to talk about later, the gun buyback coming up. We were fortunate to be invited by our Consul General of Jamaica, Oliver Mair, who recognized all the newly elected Jamaican politicians in the County, not just Broward, but also Dade and -- and Palm Beach, and we were able to interact with the Consular Corps from other Caribbean islands, and it was great to -- for him to host us and to recognize our achievements, and we appreciate him very much for doing so. I'd like to thank Le P'ti Club for bestow -- bestowing on me the Outstanding Public Servant Award recently here at City Hall. I certainly appreciate the organization for their efforts, and I -- I hope that I

can live up the Outstanding Public Service Award that has been bestowed upon me; and I was here with Commissioner Colbourne. She was here at the event; she recognized myself and other awardees, and we certainly appreciate that. There was talk about the vaccine Vizcaya location. I was there to tour the facility before it opened up, and it's a great facility. And, as we mentioned earlier, that we just hope that there can be more vaccines given out at that location. Clearly, 200 -- we knew that was not going to be enough, and now that the eligibility has opened up to everyone, including 16-year-olds, who can get the Pfizer shot, which is what's being given out here. We would really implore the powers that be over there at -- in Tallahassee to send us more - more vaccines. Talked about the Vietnam Veterans Day; it was great -- a great day out there. We certainly thank the Everglades High School for participating, and actually bringing this forward to us, the ROTC there. And it was great to meet many of the veterans, some of whom were from Miramar in attendance. We spoke about our Congressman, and may he continue to sleep in eternal peace, but we certainly thank him for his years of service, and he will be greatly missed. Upcoming events, there's a couple. The Drop and Go, which is every Thursday; for those who are shut in and can't go to our food distribution location, they can certainly call and be added to our list at 954-602-3155. And, as I mentioned, we'll be doing a Guns for Funds series throughout the City, and the first one will begin this Saturday at Calvary Fellowship Church, where you can bring your guns and receive funds, and it's an effort to get unwanted guns off the street. Because, as you know, if unwanted guns get in the hands of those who mean to do us harm, they could cause more problems for every one of us, so this is a good way to get rid of the unwanted guns in your home, and receive gift cards. The gift card is up to \$100.00 for a handgun, and up to \$150.00 for each shotgun and rifle (video shown). And then moving towards the summer, as we celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month, we will do a Taste of the Caribbean Islands right here at the plaza, and you'll get more information on that, but that will be June 26th, and it will be from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. There will be a showcase, a lot of our local vendors in the City of Miramar, and we will get to taste various foods from various islands of the Caribbean. Just in closing, in a time of destruction, create something, that's my Maxine Kingston. And just have a good evening, and a good weekend when it comes along. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. I do have a few slides. We can start with that. Okay. First of all, the swearing in, I'm going to go ahead and say thank you to City of Miramar residents -- thank you to the City of Miramar residents who have voted me back in office to continue to do the work here in the City of Miramar, and I truly look forward to -- to continuing to work with everyone here on this dais. So, again, thank you to the residents, and to the voters. And thank you to all those who had supported me throughout my campaign. I also attended Harbour Lakes Park -- which is -- Commissioner Davis spoke extensively on it. Those are just some additional pictures. We can go onto the next -- thank you, Commissioner Davis. Yesterday, we had the ribbon cutting for the Water Treatment Plant, and it was -- it was truly great to see what

the plant currently looks like, and -- knowing what it looked like before. I still remember the first time I went there, or several times that I've gone there, and it -- it was so different. I mean we're -- we've just come ages, so it's a -- it's a great investment in our Historic Miramar, and it helps all of the City of Miramar, so I am truly grateful to staff for -- for completing this project. And, you know, it's -- it's just a great investment on the east side, \$32 million in Historic Miramar, so I know we have great water, so Mr. Virgin, if you're still here -- okay. We're looking forward to keeping that great water we have. Thank you. I continue to provide masks and hand sanitizers to residents; all they have to do is to contact my office or sign up on -- on my website for it. My office number is 954-602-3143. And we continue to do our senior lunches every Friday for any senior 65 or older who's interested in -- in receiving a hot meal on Fridays; please contact my office, again, my website, you can email me, or just call the office and -- and we can make the arrangements to sign you up for a hot meal every Friday. I have a few other comments. First of all, I want to thank my colleagues for electing me or -- or selecting me this evening for vice mayor; I look forward to be holding that title for the year. I know residents sometimes get confused, especially when we first switch over, and -- and they don't understand what happened, but it is something that we do yearly, and I am honored to serve the City of Miramar as vice -- vice mayor one more time. I do want to address something with my colleagues here. So if I've got everybody's attention, it's now -- it's now 10:20, and we had a meeting with just seven items, so I our meetings cover a lot of things, and there are a couple of suggestions that I have, so that we can get home before midnight. And I know we had at least two meetings very recently that we had to extend then a couple of times to midnight. So I am proposing -- and we don't have to vote on it tonight. We can certainly discuss it. We have a -- a retreat that we're -- we're looking forward to, unless everybody agrees, and then we can move forward to it -- with it. But I am proposing that we start our meetings earlier. I would say 9:00 a.m., just for me, but I don't know that I could get consensus to 9:00 a.m. Yes, that is correct. That wouldn't be fair to everyone here, but I -- I do think at least 5:00 p.m. would give us -- would give us some more room, and get everyone out early. The second -- the second suggestion that I am going to make on this is that our comments afterwards -- we cover a lot of our initiatives, and I don't believe that those initiatives are really getting out to the community the way we would like to, or that -- not so much our initiatives, but if things that are happening in the City as much -- as well. So I would like to see a segment on our Channel 78 that -- that informs the public on this, where we could be able to provide our initiatives to staff, so that they can have these, and it can be -- it can run on Channel 78, and the residents can see it. When we -- when we do this presentation, sometimes close to midnight, sometimes at 10:30 at night, we -- we may -- we may still have a few people who are hanging in there with us and listening, and aside from those loyal residents, many of them probably employees, many -- the employees are shaking their head. I -- I think it's -- it's not getting the viewership that it - it could, potentially, get just being on Channel 78, and we could all go home a little bit earlier. So I'm -- I'm asking for that to be considered. Again, it could be something that we discuss at the retreat, but it is something that I would like for staff to look into, and be able to give us some feedback on -- on being able to -- to get most of the information that we provide on Channel 78 for the public, and leaving the -- this time for comments

to be more of a legislative time when we -- we discuss legislative matters. So I don't know if any of my colleagues have any comments on that at this point, anybody want to comment on any of those?

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you --

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor, you're recognized.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Commissioner Colbourne. I -- I certainly agree that we could move to, even if it's not 5:00, at least 6:00, and -- and -- because what I notice tonight, we have so many presentations, even more than agenda items -- I think I count maybe one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten presentations. And that takes up some time. And even with a short agenda with just six or seven items, we're at -- we're at 10:30, so I -- I totally agree. Sometimes when I look in the audience and see the employees who have to turn around and come back here at 7:00 a.m., it kind of hurt my heart, so I think starting a little earlier would allow them to be able to go home earlier, and prepare to come back the next morning. I could see if we're having the meeting on a Thursday where they don't have to come back here, then that might have been okay, but I totally agree with you. And, also, in terms of the -- I'm going to say it now, being vice mayor, I hope we can move it to a two-year term, as opposed to a one-year, and that would give you the opportunity to serve us two years, maybe one day have an opportunity to chair the meeting. Being vice mayor, we never had that opportunity here, so that's -- that's my comment. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, --

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. I'm in agreement starting at 6:00, give us an extra hour, you know. We were here today at a function at 5:00, 5:30, so 6:00 is not bad, if -- you know, many of us do have to work, we're not retired, so in case schedules change, I think 6:00 is still a reasonable hour to have a commission meeting. But, again, it is something that we could talk about at the -- at the retreat to make sure that's okay with also staff, because, you know, staff is here working until 6:00. Many of them have that schedule, and so there would be no break for them. I know my staff works until 6:00, so, you know, that 7:00 start time gives that leeway to actually have a little breather, and come back to the meeting. So, you know, either one; either we cut down on the number of items, and make sure that we're within a certain time; we have until 11:00, but it's good to get out here a little early, so we don't have to go over that time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, does that conclude your report?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: No, it does not.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Almost there. It's not 11:00 yet. No, this almost concludes my -- my report. I do want to also give condolences to -- to the family of Congressman Alcee Hastings. He was -- he was truly a leader in our community, and I know he will be replaced, but whoever does replace him, they truly have some -- some big shoes to fill. He was the type of person that when he -- when he called you to a meeting, everyone showed up to the meeting. And his -- his leadership at those meetings were -- were certainly appreciated, the leadership and the guidance that he gave us, so he will certainly be missed, and, you know, he lived -- he lived a good life, and -- and he'll be missed. So that's it for me. Thank you.

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

VICE MAYOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. First, I want to congratulate Commissioner Colbourne once again for being selected as our new vice mayor. Looking forward to sitting next to you and continue serving this Great City of Miramar. Congratulations again getting reelected last month, and I also want to say -- I want to thank, once again, our Police Chief retiring Dexter Williams for his dedication and his service to this great City of Miramar. I also want thank the Assistant Chief and the command staff, and all the Miramar Police Department for their continuous work, and their continuous dedication to the residents in the City -- businesses in the City of Miramar. I can't thank all of you enough. Also our Fire Department, and our staff for different department: Utility, Public Works, Parks, and so forth. Everyone here try to do the best they can to provide a great service for the City of Miramar and all our residents and businesses; thank you all. Move onto my presentation. No doubt that -- there's no question that the pandemic of racism and hate spreading throughout our country is 100 percent manmade. On March 20th, a diverse crowd of elected officials, clergy, Broward County residents come together at Gandhi Park in Davie to have a vigil to honoring those victims of the racially motivated killing and shooting in Atlanta; and six Asian descendants was murdered by hate. And we must continue to reject those kind of racism, and any kind of violence in our country. But hate is not acceptable at all. A hate crime will not be tolerated here in Miramar. All right. I just want to show this group here from our church, St. Stephen; these men and women continue to provide service here in our city, and they need our help to make it better for these families, these children who have a better playing field, have better lighting, and it's goalkeeping and so forth. So whatever they need, I'm going to -- I spoke to Chief Williams and he's going to hand me over to Assistant Chief Burgess, so we can tap into the LETF fund to assist this community that providing a wonderful opportunity for these children, or a outlet to play and to be safe, and to grow into quality men and women. Next slide, please. As Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Colbourne stated earlier, we did have the swearing in ceremony, but before that we did have the election and, of course, Max is still here. And -- and Commissioner Colbourne is still here, so swearing in ceremony

was spectacular. A lot of resident came out, and they would have it no other way but to come out and support us, and just to enjoy the scenery, and the camaraderie, and it's just a lot of excitement for a lot of resident here in Miramar. It doesn't matter if it was 85,000 people voted, the election would not have gone any other way but support for commissioners who were reelected, and -- (video shown). Thanks to the almighty God, my mother, my children, and my family and my resident for their continual love and support, and I have no doubt that we will continue to move this great city, Miramar, forward. I think I have another slide. Of course, I did went and got the vaccine at Vizcaya Park, thanks to the Miramar Fire Rescue. I know they're no longer doing it there, it's the State. So I'm looking forward to going back and get my second shot. Of course, I didn't have much side effect, I did pretty good. But it's just -- want to encourage all resident and nonresident to make sure they get the vaccine; so much available now for, I believe, even younger adults, so, please, encourage everyone to go out and get the vaccine. And you will see the vaccine available all throughout the -- the City. And now that we have the Johnson & Johnson on board -- I know there's some question about folks who do not have their ID, especially nonresident folks that are out of status, so if anyone needs a vaccine, please reach out to us, or reach out to me. I can assist folks who have questions about their status on being able to get a vaccine; I can assist them, so -- all right. Thank you. Next slide, please. All right. This was the -- as you know, Easter was one of the great celebration here in -- in the world, I should say, and it was no different this year, even though we still had drive through cars at Vizcaya Park. Not at Vizcaya Park, at Riviera Isles, that I went to support the Easter Egg Hunt there with a vendor, and I had a fantastic time with the HOA president, and also with Tameka, who helped. They run a really, really nice HOA organization there; it was really fantastic and orderly, and it was a lot of gifts. As you know, for a lot of us, we do not remember what it is to have Easter, and the Passover, and, you know, Jesus Christ was here, and was doing a lot of good things, a lot of great things, helping people, and feeding people, and just for that reason alone, he was hated and crucify, and just remind me of some of the things I've gone through over the last couple of years here, but you can't stop who believe in the people, and you have people that needs -- have needs, you have to provide that need, so just had a great time at Riviera Isles. And I know the City had one at the park, but I just couldn't be everywhere. All right. As Commissioner Colbourne stated, yesterday we had the ribbon cutting at the East Miramar Water Plant that was rebuilt into the state of the art water plant; they always provide clean, safe, drinking water for the residents of Miramar. And even before that, the existing plant that was built in 1954, '55 was always providing quality drinking water, safe, and the men and women who work there day in and day out always do the best to give us quality water. And if I could give them all a hug, who had kept that plant so well working, I truly want to give them a virtual hug. The plant will be missed; it's just -- that's where I used to take school children and their teachers to show them the operation there, and you don't see that anymore, so we're going to miss that part of it. Hopefully, they can see the new setup, the membrane system, and -- and appreciate it. But for those of us who have seen what it was before, we really -- it was spectacular. So I want to thank the Utilities Department for their dedication, to provide safe, clean drinking water to our residents here in Miramar. Also had the opportunity to tour the

new public safety building in Historic Miramar; you can see some pictures there; it was impressive. And I'm excited that we could provide a great presence out there in the east, Historic Miramar for families to go and visit. And, you know, I'm -- you know, I would like to thank -- I'm on the wrong page. You know, Mr. Alcee Hastings has been a spectacular stalwart, who have many years of con -- of outstanding dedication and service to our community, and to the United States of America. My condolence to Alcee Hastings' family, friends, colleague in the United States Congress, and his constituencies. We have lost an icon, and he will be missed. I've seen him so many times, and always well spoken, and he know how to get across to people, so, once again, my condolences. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Is there a report, City Manager?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah, Commissioner Barnes. Sorry, Commissioner Barnes. You've been so quiet all night. Forgot --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just a -- I usually am. Just a -- just a couple of observations in closing out this evening to acknowledge the passing of our dear friend, Alcee Hastings. I have just one anecdote to share. Even before I got on the Commission, probably 20 years ago, there was a situation developing with, if I'm not mistaken, a member of the Commission, and my legislative assistant said, "Congressman called." And she assumed he wanted to talk to the commissioner who was under the stress and strain of the moment. And she said, "He said, no, he wanted to ask her how was she doing." We're talking about a time when -- when -- when there was just one legislative assistant for the entire commission, and I think that marks the -- that person that Alcee Hastings has been all these years. I mean we had an incredible time with him a few years ago at the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, D.C., and like I urge my listeners today, take the time and look at the work that he has done even before he became involved in elected politics, and you -- you get the -- the -- the meter of the man by -- by looking at his entire life story. I also want to salute our retiring Police Chief; bon voyage, farewell, and Godspeed to you. Thanking staff as well for the new water treatment plant in Historic Miramar; just incredible work has been done. About a year ago we visited that site, and it's just -- it's just fantastic, the amount of work that has been done. But I also want to say thanks to the residents who have been extremely patient over the time it has taken to complete this job, and just -- just incredible work that the staff keeps doing. One of things I urge people who were there yesterday is that we continue to not just mention this, but boast, maybe even -- but boast, or at least show off what it is that we do. Because in talking to staff, in talking to members of the community, you realize that this kind of job has been done, these kinds of facilities have been offered very quietly; a lot of people benefit from it. They don't -- not sure where the benefit is coming from. But I think, most importantly, it continues to

make our city so attractive, because so few other cities anywhere in Broward County are doing the kind of work that we continue to do, and that alone makes this city so special. And I thank staff, again, for the incredible work. And, of course, looking forward to the official opening of the police station in Historic Miramar as well. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

City Manager Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. City Manager?

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I'd like the Commission to be aware that Deputy Chief Lennie Burgess has been appointed as the Acting Police Chief.

MAYOR MESSAM: Congratulations, Chief Burgess.

City Attorney Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Attorney, any reports?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: No report, Mr. Mayor. Good night, everybody.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk? I'm just kidding.

FUTURE WORKSHOP: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, everyone. This meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, CMC
City Clerk
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