



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

**MAY 5, 2021**

**7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:08 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Miramar City Hall, 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida.

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

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

The following members of staff were present:

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, The meeting of the Miramar City Commission is now called to order. Commissioners Barnes and Chambers will be appearing remotely for this meeting 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 concerns to the Commission meeting -- excuse me, on items we will hear on this Commission -- 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 item -- proposition that is before the City Commission, unless modified by the Chair. This meeting is being streamed live at [miramar.gov/commissionmeeting](http://miramar.gov/commissionmeeting), and televised on Comcast channel 78 for City of Miramar subscribers. As of May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m., two members from the public have registered to view and listen only to the 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 to speak. Please be sure to mention your name and

address for the record prior to addressing the Commission. 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 taken. At this time, Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers. Commissioner Chambers.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we'll have a moment of silence for condolences we are extending to the community, and we do have a list of bereaved City employees, and the list goes as follows: Kristy --

FEMALE SPAKER: Hello, hello, hello?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Can we ask all online -- if IT can mute all online participant mics, please. Also, let the record reflect that we do have Commissioner Chambers present online. He is seen on the online portal. Our commemoration list for City employees reads as follows: Kristy Gilbert, Public Works, lost her mother; Shalima Mohamed, City Manager's Office, grandfather; Indranie Ramnarine, Engineering Department, mother; and Paul Ford, Fire Rescue, mother. Let's keep our fellow City staff, as well as the members of our community that may be -- may be in bereaved situations at their homes, and throughout our community. And let's keep them in our thoughts and our prayers at this time, and we'll observe a moment of silence. Thank you.

## **PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATIONS:**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we have a few proclamations. The initial proclamations I will read into the record. For purposes of sequence of these proclamations, they may be a little out of order than what you are seeing on your agenda.

A Proclamation:      Municipal Clerks' Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: The first proclamation is in recognition of our Municipal Clerks' Week. Municipal Clerk's Week, May 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

Whereas, the office of the municipal clerk, a time-honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and, Whereas, the office of the municipal clerk is the oldest among public servants; and, Whereas, the office of the municipal clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and the agencies of government at other levels; and, Whereas, municipal clerks have pledged to be ever mindful their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and, Whereas, the municipal clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and, Whereas, municipal clerk continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the office of the municipal clerk through participation and education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state, provincial county, and international professional organizations; and, Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the office of the municipal clerk. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as Municipal Clerk's Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we definitely recognize our municipal clerks, our City Clerk and staff that does a amazing job in ensuring the record keeping, documents, and records of our City and the tran -- and transmission of such. And upon their request, it was read into the record, opposed to be bringing them out to the dais. So we recognize and we thank our professionally trained and acting clerks of our City. Thank you. Give them a round of applause.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: The next proclamation that will be read into the record, is the recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. Whereas -- which is May 2021:

Whereas, mental illness are biologically based medical problems that disrupt the person's daily functioning; and, Whereas, high blood pressure is a disorder of the heart, and diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, mental illness are brain disorders. Untreated, these conditions can lead to severe disturbances in thinking, feeling, behavior, mood, resulting, substantially, in the diminished capacity for dealing with the ordinary demands of life; and, Whereas, approximately one in five adults will be diagnosed with a mental illness in their life, and only one out of two people with a serious form of mental illness will actually seek treatment. Stigma and fear of discrimination over their condition prevents many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and, Whereas, people with mental health illness make significant contributions to our families and communities, and recover if given the necessary services and support from their communities; and, Whereas, the mission of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Broward County is to promote greater public awareness about mental illness in order to change negative attitudes, behaviors, and stigma toward mental illness, and to improve the quality of life for all individuals affected by these diseases; and, Whereas, NAMI Broward provides education and support programs to the community to help over 35,000 people with mental illness, and their families in our community each year. NAMI Broward also promotes early access to quality mental healthcare that prevents hospitalizations and incarcerations, and saves money; and, Whereas, NAMI Broward County observes the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month to encourage those living with mental illness to seek help, and be uplifted by its message, "You are not alone." Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, and on behalf of the City Commission, designate May as Mental Health Awareness Month, and urge all citizens in our community to commit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness, reducing stigma and discrimination, while promoting and working to provide appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: So to receive our next -- our next series of proclamations, I'd like to call Fire Rescue Chief Palmer and staff, and who else is -- and all of our fire rescue personnel that are here. Good evening. I'm going to read these, since these three are going up to Fire Rescue, I'm going to read them in part. And our first proclamation is recognizing Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>:

Whereas, Florida hurricane season officially begins June 1<sup>st</sup> and ends November 30<sup>th</sup>; and, Whereas, Florida has 1,197 statute miles of coastline, our area in particular, and areas of Florida hundreds of miles inland are vulnerable to the devastating effects of a hurricane or tropical storm; and, Whereas, both public and private entities should develop emergency response and recovery plans, in accordance with local jurisdictions, and local emergency management offices; and, Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, also known as FEMA, and the National Weather Service are designating the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> as the Hurricane Preparedness Week in Florida; and, Whereas, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the leaders of the City of Miramar strongly suggest that all residents and visitors to the area be aware of the potential dangers of these storms; and, Whereas, the best defense is preparedness, and public education about the dangers of the high winds, storm surge, flooding and tornados that may occur for hundreds of miles, in conjunction with the hurricane or tropical storm. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as Hurricane Preparedness Week, and urge all citizens of Miramar to participate in hurricane preparedness activities, and to pay close attention to tropical storm watch and warnings and instructions.

MAYOR MESSAM: And I would like to thank our fire rescue for all that you provide, and our fire rescue has a wealth of resources and information available to the public to help our community prepare for any wind event or storm that may come our way this upcoming hurricane season.

A Proclamation: EMS Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation is Emergency Medical Services Week, and the theme is: "This is EMS; Caring for Our Communities", May 16<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, and:

Whereas, emergency medical services is a vital public service. The members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care of those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and access -- and, Whereas, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and, Whereas, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours

of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and, Whereas, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating emergency medical services -- services during Emergency Medical Services Week. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 16<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> Emergency Medical Services Week.

A Proclamation:      Stroke Awareness Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam, Requested by Commissioner Winston Barnes)

MAYOR MESSAM: And our final proclamation recognizing fire rescue is the observance of Stroke Awareness Month for the month of May. And this proclamation -- this proclamation as requested by Commissioner Barnes:

Whereas, strokes are the leading cause of long-term disability, and every year more than 795,000 people in the United States have a stroke. Strokes are the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing approximately 137,000 people; and, Whereas, some have -- some -- Whereas, someone has -- has a stroke in the United States every 40 seconds, and someone dies every four minutes from stroke. African Americans are more impacted by strokes than any other racial group within the American population; and, Whereas, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, and smoking are major risk factors that require prevention, management and control; and, Whereas, approximately 80 percent of the strokes can be prevented by making health choices and controlling any health condition you may have. Floridians should require their personal -- should recognize their personal risk factors, memorize stroke warning signs, and call 911 at the first sign of a stroke; Whereas, it is fitting to recognize Stroke Awareness Month to raise awareness about the importance of stroke prevention. Early recognition and signs and symptoms of stroke, and the need to act fast by dialing 911 at the very first sign and symptom of a stroke. So now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of the Commission, and the City -- and -- and -- and -- excuse me, on behalf of Commissioner Winston Barnes and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as Stroke Awareness Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: I'd like to thank our fire rescue for all that you do for our families and our community, not only protecting property, but even more importantly, protecting and saving lives. Thank you so much.

A Proclamation:      Water Reuse Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: I'd like to call Utilities Director Dr. Roy Virgin and staff up, please. Good evening. Some smart gentlemen that just walked on the stage, these doctors and engineers, so we're going to recognize and proclaim this week of May -- the week of May 16<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> as Water Reuse Week. And:

Whereas, safe clean and sustainable water resources are essential to Florida's environment, economy, citizens, and visitors; and, Whereas, water reuse provides a means of conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water resources; and, Whereas, Florida has established and encouraged the promotion of water reuse as State Objective in Chapter 373 and 403 of the Florida Statutes; and, Whereas, Florida's permitted reuse capacity exceeds 1.7 billion gallons per day over 67 percent of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic water wastewater treatment facilities; and, Whereas, Florida leads the nation in reusing 725 million gallons of reclaimed water each day to conserve fresh water supplies, and replenish our fresh water resources; and, Whereas, the State of Florida has declared May 16<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> to be Water Reuse Week in Florida; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar has joined with the State of Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida section of the Water Reuse Association, and the South Florida Water Management District in encouraging and promoting water reuse and conservation; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar is a pioneer in South Florida area, and can provide a total of 4.4 million gallons per day of reclaimed water for beneficial irrigation use with its service area; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar continues to promote and implement its reuse program, and encourages efficient and effective use of reclaimed water. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of May 16<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, as Water Reuse Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: I know we talk about water; it's not really necessarily a sexy topic. It is a vital topic, and thank you all for your leadership, and our hardworking staff in the Utilities Department in ensuring that Miramar remains a leader, as it relates to conservation and water reuse. Thank you so much. And for our final two proclamations, I'd like to ask my colleagues to join me, Vice Mayor Colbourne and Commissioner Davis for our last two proclamations that will recognize members of our community.

A Proclamation: Haitian Heritage Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And, first, I would like to call up to -- the President of the Haitian American Democratic Club, Mr. Ronald Surin up to the podium to receive a proclamation, on behalf of our Haitian American Community, and recognizing May 2021 as Haitian Heritage Month. Good evening, sir.

MR. SURIN: Good evening, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Looking sharp. And this proclamation reads as follows: Haitian Heritage Month, May 2021:

Whereas, Haiti, a word meaning land of mountains was given its name by its first inhabitants; and, Whereas, the first black nation to gain its independence in 1804; and, Whereas, for a country citizens, the national flag is indisputably a symbol of great pride, with the Haitian community equally proud; and, Whereas, our vibrant Haitian community has contributed tremendously to the vitality of our city with rich cultural influences; and, Whereas, Miramar residents were the first in the County to elect someone of Haitian American heritage to serve on the City Commission; and, Whereas, throughout this month, the Haitian community will gather and celebrate their heritage through historical and cultural traditions and observances. Now, there, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month in the City of Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we would like to recognize, not only our Haitian American staff, but our residents, and our business community, our teachers, our lawyers, our law enforcement professionals, and all of the representations that you provide in our community. We could not be more proud and supportive, and we recognize the history of Haiti, as relates to the African diaspora, and the symbolism, in terms of the revolutions that created the first free republic in the western hemisphere of African descent. And we appreciate all the contributions of our Haitian community. And, at this time, if you'd like to share a few brief words, so the community will appreciate it.

MR. SURIN: Yes. Thank you, Mayor, thank you, Commissioners, and it is always a pleasure to be here in Miramar, a city that's always value the diversity and citizen -- and the citizenship, and always try to highlight everyone individuality and cultures. I am very grateful for this proclamation, and, indeed, as you stated, Haitian heritage is everybody's heritage. It's everybody's heritage. Ever since -- first, I want to let you know, for it's -- for your -- for history purposes, Haiti has been the first freely, completely democratic nation in the world; it's the only place that had given freedom to women, children, and every color and race and gender. Since, Haiti has been in the business of spreading democracy and freedom throughout the world. As far as going through Greece in 1822, Haiti was the first nation to recognize Greece independence from the Ottoman Empire, and we know what we did to our Latin America, giving weapon, ammunition, and manpower to Simon Bolivar, throughout Latin America. So in the diaspora and the United States, any black person who ever fled slavery and went to Haiti automatically was a free person. So Haitian Heritage is every freedom loving person heritage, and it's a pleasure to be here. And not only we spreading our culture back in the future, but we also spreading it throughout the current environment where we live at the local community as well. Thank you for making Miramar a very friendly home, to



be -- to raise a family, and I'm glad you acknowledge every one of our brothers and sister whose doing great things in the City of Miramar. Thank you so much again.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: And our final proclamation, I would like to ask Ms. Naima Khan-Ghany the dais, and if there are any other individuals from the Muslim community that would like to join you. Good evening. Welcome. Our next proclamation is in recognition of Muslim Day, which will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. And the proclamation reads as follows:

Whereas, Ramadan is the holiest month of the Islamic calendar, and marks the first revelation of the Qur'an to the prophet Mohamed; and, Whereas, Ramadan lasts 29 to 30 days, based on the timing of the astrological new moon; and, Whereas, Muslims around the world observe the month by fasting each day from dawn to sunset; and, Whereas, the daily break -- breaking of fast called Iftar, is often celebrated by family and community gatherings, and is followed by the Taraweeh evening prayer; and, Whereas, Ramadan is regarded as the time for spiritual reflection, increased awareness, and giving to the global poor, sick and hungry, and the bridging of differences between people over a shared commitment to faith; and, Whereas, Muslims across Broward County, and around the world mark the beginning of Ramadan this year amidst the global pandemic, and were forced to find new ways to connect and observe together over video calls and virtual groups gathering; and, Whereas, it may have been challenging to experience Ramadan without all the customary gatherings and formalities, the holy month was still full of reflection, compassion and unity, nonetheless, and the acts of kindness and selflessness shown by the Muslim community continued to bring hope to us all; and, Whereas, the end of Ramadan is traditionally commemorated by the Eid al-Fitr festival of breaking the fast, a joyous occasion marked by sharing sweets, gifts, good tidings with family, friends, and neighbors; and, Whereas, despite a new normal, Broward County joins with Muslims around the world, celebrating the close of Ramadan, and the blessed Eid al-Fitr this year. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as Muslim Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, yes, we can -- and we would like to -- we would like to extend the warmest of wishes to the Muslim community, as you are heading towards the end of your holy month, and you have our complete support in the City of Miramar. And we thank you for all of your contributions that you give to our residents, and making it such a diverse and vibrant community, one of the best in America. Share a few words, please?

MS. KHAN-GHANY: Thank you, Mayor Messam. It really is an honor to be here, once again, tonight to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Muslim community, and the Muslim residents; I have both of them listening here tonight, in Miramar. Again, I must say Miramar is one of my favorite cities, and we are really honored that the Mayor saw it fitting to proclaim May 13<sup>th</sup> as Muslim Day, because that marks the end of the month of fasting, the month of Ramadan. And it is a joyous occasion, as you heard in the proclamation, similar to what you would, I guess, you know, use as a Christmas, which you would -- celebrate -- how you would celebrate Christmas, I'm sorry. So it is a time for us to share gifts, lots of food, lots of presents, friends and family. So we are really honored, and the Muslim community really owes a debt of gratitude to all the Commissioners, and especially our Mayor for his great leadership in embracing diversity and being inclusive, and allowing us to be a part of this community. Thank you much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Thank you.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: And now we'll have our COVID-19 presentation, and -- COVID-19 and Emergency Management update from Fire Rescue Public Relations Specialist Tara Smith.

MS. SMITH: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager. My name is Tara Smith, Fire Rescue. Let's start with the numbers and trends for Florida State and Broward County, as I'm sure we've been seeing. It has been on a downtrend, so over the course of the last few months, our average daily increase has been just a touch over 5,000, so that is markedly better, and our positivity rate, as of today, was 6.81 percent. We've actually had two days in the last 30 days that have been under the five percent for our positivity rate for Broward County, so that is certainly a positive step in the right direction, if we're remembering all of the rigid rules that were in place regarding positivity being really **(unintelligible 30:32)** for what we were looking for, in terms of **(unintelligible 30:35)** and things of that nature. So we've steadily declined since the last time we've met. In the last four days, Florida state has only seen approximately 3,000 and a little over cases each day, so we're certainly heading in the right direction. Now for Miramar, our total cases today are a little over 15,000, but over the course of the last 30 days, we also have been on the low end of your daily increases, 44 being our average daily increase number, and we had one day in the last two -- in the last month that we were at 15 increases for one day, so we also certainly are trending in the right direction for our numbers for COVID as well. From a testing perspective, as we can certainly correlate the two, we can say that testing has remained relatively steady. We have seen some drop-offs, certainly in the number of individuals being tested. Of note, though, the State testing numbers everywhere, we're seeing the larger impacts, I would say, versus the more local number of Broward County, and then the Miramar site. But in-home COVID testing is still available for our seniors who would like to come. And with so many

options for testing, it's really not a surprise that we would be seeing the testing number fluctuating or dropping off at any of the larger sites, when people can so readily have testing available to them right down the street from them. They no longer need to travel far to get it. For vaccination numbers, we -- in Florida are over six and a half million people that are fully vaccinated, which -- for Moderna and Pfizer, means two doses, and for Johnson & Johnson, which has been reinstated, would be the single dose. And we have a little over nine million people that have had at least one shot of the vaccines. For Broward County, very exciting on the third, we hit 53 percent of the eligible residents had been at least one step into their vaccine journey, so that is a big milestone, especially being one of three counties in terms of size for South Florida. Homebound residents still may request a vaccination at their residence by sending an email to the [homeboundvaccine@em.myflorida.com](mailto:homeboundvaccine@em.myflorida.com), and that is still posted on all of the -- on the website, and it goes out in the eBlasts and such. The Vizcaya Park vaccination site is still operating; they're administering 400 shots a day on a first come, first serve basis, and they run from 9:00 to 5:00 seven days a week, or until the doses run out. And, as of Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, all persons 18 and older were eligible in the State of Florida. And they have not yet passed it, but -- so right now, 16 to 17 for Pfizer would be with a guardian, but they are as, I'm sure, when they're seen, actively working to bring Pfizer to the younger age set. And for a trend standpoint across the nation, after the pause with the CDC recommended and was taking -- there has been a nationwide slow down on from a vaccination standpoint, and it has not -- from a South Florida standpoint certainly, have not picked up to the point where it was at before, but we can be continuing to push the importance of vaccines. The next thing to cover here would be the emergency orders, and -- and there's a lot to understand in them, the nuances, I would say. The emergency orders -- there have been two emergency orders from the State. The first is canceling out all the former emergency orders based on the COVID-19 emergency, so that's the actual, physical emergency order. And then it -- the second piece, the 21-102 suspends all remaining local government mandates and restrictions. And so, simply put, it's the mask mandates, it's the social distancing requirements; it's any requirement, as it relates to COVID-19 has been invalidated currently. So in pursue -- pursuant to that, Broward County suspended their Comprehensive Emergency Order until further notice, but they did note that social distancing and facial coverings are required indoors and all Broward County property, and it is very important to note that airports, planes, because they are all federally mandated areas, so those are all still required to wear masks in. And every single business is very able to put their own mask requirements in place. So, as of today, the majority of the large supermarket chains, like Publix, and Winn Dixie and such, have all confirmed that they planned to leave the mask mandates in place. The larger pharmacy chains, CVS, Walgreens have all confirmed they also plan to leave the mask mandates in place. So it's a good idea to always have your mask with you, because you just don't know whether or not the business that you plan to frequent is going to have a mask mandate, and you won't -- you'll get there, and you won't be able to partake in any activity that you plan to. And then the last aspect -- emergency order was actually the Senate bill. So the Senate bill -- really, the -- the biggest piece that would affect individuals is not necessarily a direct impact; it is more of an indirect impact, and a future planning. Senate Bill 2006 would be what banned vaccine

passports, so businesses, local government entities, educational institutes from requiring you to show vaccination documentation in order to gain access or participate or enroll. And that is the largest piece that would impact individuals. And I say a future planning, because things that would require that or would be, for example, cruises. So that has been a large topic of conversation. Certainly, individuals that work on cruise lines, or want to partake in a vacation coming up, cruise lines are a big aspect that will be requiring vaccinations and proof of documentation. So, while as within the State, vaccine passports, are they're colloquially being referred to, have been banned by the Senate bill, which did pass in both the House and Senate of Florida, there are a lot of things -- if you are going outside of the State of Florida, or partaking in an activity that is not based in Florida, or maybe is just here, but you would need to be careful, and need to think about. But vacations is a big one, as everyone is starting to get that itch to get out. So that is something to keep in mind. The vaccine info and appointments has not changed. It is still [getvaccinated.broward.org](http://getvaccinated.broward.org), and, certainly, also as different businesses, maybe outside of the State, but as you're considering vacationing, considering traveling to other countries, there are a lot of different vaccination requirements when it comes to travel, so I would recommend checking. Every single country has different requirements, and you may want to look that up, as you're considering travel and vaccinations, and where you are in the process of that. And the COVID-19 hotline is also still the same, should you have any questions. Questions or comments?

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the report. Cup -- couple of questions. Pursuant to the memo received by the City Commission regarding the testing site at the Youth Enrichment Center, which is scheduled to be demobilized on May 30<sup>th</sup>, what do we have in place, in terms of communicating to the public, in terms of alternative sites where residents can go get tested. Because, obviously, the need to be tested will still persist. So if you could just give some background in regards to the demobilization, and the decision for that process -- for that, as well as the process to educate and inform our residents on where they can go, who have been accustomed to going to that particular site.

MS. GAYLE: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Shaun Gayle, Assistant City Manager. So, in the course of the discussion regarding the demobilization of the site at YEC, we have also had communications with the site management, and we did agree that we -- that we would push out extensive communication to the public through our social media platforms, and other marketing avenues to let them know that the site will be demobilized. But, in addition to that, we would continue to push, and as -- as outlined in the memo, the other locations within the City of Miramar that they can get tested, and throughout Broward County and the Hard Rock at Dade County, and we have all the addresses listed. In addition to that, we listed the sites that folks can get vaccinated, which are pharmacies within the City of Miramar, Walgreens, through CVS, Publix pharmacies, where they can go and get vaccinated, in addition to the Vizcaya site. As -- as Ms. Smith mentioned earlier on that we're seeing a decrease in the trend for testing. When we look at the information that come from the YEC testing site on a daily basis, the majority of the tests are antigen tests. The PCR tests are commonly used for job-related

purposes, or travel-related purposes. However, the majority of the tests that we're seeing are the -- the antigen tests, so it's just the rapid tests that are -- you know, people are -- are going to get tested. And, again, with the proliferation of -- of -- of testing sites that are available throughout the County, and at the Hard Rock, we feel that it -- it did provide enough options for individuals to get tested, and for those who want to be vaccinated throughout the City, and we will push that out through all of the marketing avenues that we have available to us.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. My next question is regards to vaccinations. There -- there are reports that the zip codes that are inclusive of Miramar: 33023, 25, 27 and 29 are experiencing vaccination percentages between 33 percent and 39 percent of residents who reside in those zip codes to have received their vac -- their vaccination. Juxtapose or compared against communities or zip codes in the northern part of the County are hovering around 70 percent, and I think Broward County as a whole is around 52 or 53 percent. So it's probably safe to assume that those individuals who have been vaccinated at this point are residents who wanted the vaccine for whatever reason, but decided to get their vaccination shot. Obviously, we have a lot more to go, in terms of getting those numbers up. So we are, perhaps, transitioning to the population that is either apprehensive, or, for personal reasons, don't want to get the vaccine. So I would like -- it doesn't have to be addressed this evening, but I would like to see how we, as a city, can partner with the medical community to leverage resources to provide those residents with enough information, so that they can, perhaps, be in a better place, where they can make that personal decision to get the vaccine, because we all know the more people that get vaccinated, the better it's going to be for us in the City and our region to help fight this pandemic. So I just would like to put that out there, and look forward to meeting with staff to see how we can leverage our social media platforms, our TV programs, as well as any partnering interactions and relationships to get a public service effort out to get people factual information too. There's a lot of information that are out there, in terms of vaccine hesitancy, conspiracy theories, things that are not necessarily based on science, but because this is a personal decision, and a health decision, we have to be very sensitive in regards to helping to educate the public. So definitely, I'd like to collaborate more as a -- as a city to see how we partner with our -- our medical community to get that information out.

MS. GAYLE: And -- and we'll -- we'll certainly look at that, Mayor Messam. I did also want to mention, though, that we did a -- a PSA with our seniors, and we -- just to, just like you said, encourage that population that's skeptical that's, you know, apprehensive for one reason or another. Broward County actually did reach out to us and say: Hey, we really loved that, what you are doing. Can we use it? And we said, "Yes." So we sent it to Broward County, and they are pushing it out countywide just to encourage the senior population or the active older population to get vaccinated, and -- and we'll continue to do that with all -- with all the age groups, seeing that anyone 16 or older, right now can, consensually, get the vaccine, so we'll continue to do that marketing.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. We do have a request to speak. Commissioner Davis, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I did see there was a email for folks who wanted to be vaccinated at their homes. Is there a phone number that they can call?

MS. SMITH: I can follow up on the phone number. There was not one in the email from Broward County, but I'm certain that there is one. So I will find that out for you.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah. The homebound would probably be more apt to call in for assistance, so if we could make sure we have that for the next -- next time we have any publications going out to the public, make sure there's a phone number there, if -- if there hasn't been one in the past. In terms of our -- our staff, and -- and our vaccination promotion for staff, I know we're planning to bring folks back in June, what have we -- have we put out any information? Have we offered incentives, like other companies have done? What is our drive to enable us to work here with the majority of our folks vaccinated where possible?

MS. GAYLE: So we have been doing a couple of things. First of all, we've been working with the Vizcaya site when it comes to our employees who do want to get vaccinate, and we've worked through the Fire Department to -- to have those who want to get vaccinated register, and work with site to get them vaccinated. Secondly, Human Resources is currently working on incentives for -- for those individuals who do get vaccinated. We have -- we are -- we're routing the documentation for the City Manager's ultimate approval, but if we can speak to the tenets, even though it's in draft form, is time off or a raffle for gift cards or so on. In addition to that, we are working through Marketing on a - - on a PSA just for staff with individuals across all spectrums of the City who have actually have been vaccinated, talking about their experience, and, you know, encouraging their peers to go and get vaccinate. So with -- with -- with those measures in place, we're anticipating that when we roll that out -- should be early next week, that folks would have time to get their first and second dose, if they choose to get a two-dose vaccine, and they would arrive at that 14-day peak immunity, and then we would resume City operations on June 14<sup>th</sup>. So we're hoping that we can, you know, get most of our employees vaccinated, if not all vaccinated by then, and -- and we will be on our way to herd immunity, at least as an organization.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Great. Thank you. And in terms of opening to the public in terms of City Hall, that's the same timeframe?

MS. GAYLE: We're anticipating the same timeframe. Now I know that Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order. I think it's 21-101 that encouraged, through the -- the Florida Surgeon General, to urge everyone to open up services, in-person services. It did not give a date or deadline, and the attorneys can speak to whether or not that is a -- has a date-specific component, but it did not give a date or deadline. And so we are anticipating

that June 14<sup>th</sup> would be our date to open up our programs and services fully, including City Hall to the public.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. And -- let's see. I know you mentioned -- there was some mention about outdoor events, and I -- I just want to be clear on that. So, right now, base -- basically, we could have outdoor events at full capacity?

MS. GAYLE: So Broward County once governed or had to approve an outdoor plan for events, and they no longer approve that outdoor plan, so it's up to the municipality to determine what they're outdoor capacity is going to look like. As a matter of fact, we worked on a policy today that we submitted to the Attorney's office for review, and we're still working out the fine details, as to whether or not we're going to keep it at 50-percent capacity, whether we're going to go up to 75-percent capacity; we're still working those fine details to give information to renters, because we are getting those questions. But since Broward County no longer regulates that, we are putting our own guidelines in place.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So the only thing we can't do, we cannot regulate masks outside, but we can regulate other things, is that what you're saying?:

MS. GAYLE: Well, I think because the City -- the City of Miramar has broad home rule powers, we can regulate whether we require masks or in -- indoors or outdoors. The recommendation that we made in the policy is -- is an encouragement of mask wearing outdoors, and a requirement of mask wearing indoors. And, like I said, it's a draft, so we're -- we're still getting input from the City Attorney.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, because --

MS. GAYLE: Seeing -- seeing that CDC had already said if you got both doses of the vaccine, you know, you -- you don't have to wear masks outside if you can social distance, those kinds of things, so we --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But it's one thing -- it's one thing what CDC has said, right, and then it's another thing what the Governor has said, so I think we just need that clarification from the attorneys as soon as possible. We have several outdoor events that are coming up, and we just need to be clearer, because we -- you know, if somebody shows up with no mask, in the State of Florida at an outdoor event, is -- is that something that we are to say, "Put on your mask."? As opposed to what CDC is saying, if you are in a large gathering with a lot of people, they encourage that you still wear your mask; if it's not a lot of people, you don't have to wear a mask. So I just want to make sure that our attorneys are on the ball with that, because we need something concrete back. There's an event that's scheduled for the end of the month, and others are coming up that are outdoors, and I just want to be clear on the policy when it comes to the Governor, Broward County, and the CDC, so that we're not caught in a situation out there with folks not knowing what to do. Madam Attorney, any -- any -- any thoughts?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: We are working with staff, and -- and we've made some comments already, and we'll get back with them, and they will be able to communicate within the next day or so. It's been a lot of meetings, different city attorneys are taking different positions on these issues. We've given some direction to staff already about the issues that are raised, and we're still vetting that -- the opinion, and we will be -- be looking -- in the next 24 hours, we should have some good information that they can use.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. What else? In terms enforcement, I know you mentioned, Ms. Smith, about going into, like, Publix or Walgreens, and they can say you have to wear your mask, right, just like we can say here. And so the -- the idea is that if there is an issue, they can call the police?

MS. SMITH: It would follow the same guidelines as a "No shirt, no shoes" policy, so you would be (unintelligible 53:04) the same as you would any other policy, so they would be within their rights to ask you to leave; should you choose not to leave, would be then further action could be taken on their part. So it would depend on how that situation played out, but, certainly, they could call the local law enforcement, should you refuse to leave, and the mask was the reason that you chose not to leave, and while they asked you to.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And that would come under what, trespassing, or --

MS. SMITH: Pardon me?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That would come under trespassing?

MS. SMITH: I'm going to certainly have to turn that one over.

MAJOR SMITH: Thank you. Major Smith. Tara has done such a comprehensive job, but, yes, to answer your question, it will fall under trespassing if the -- if the individual refused to leave after the private business gave them a -- a warning to leave, then they would be arrested, which is a misdemeanor, or they could be.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you so much for your -- or your response there. Finally, in terms of letting folks know what is open and what's closed -- for example, I got a email about the pool, and I -- I sent it to Liz. How are we getting this information out, because, you know, I -- I thought we could, possibly, use the -- is it the Everbridge system?

MS. SMITH: Yes, ma'am. That is one --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: To do something, because not everybody is getting the eBlasts, not everybody -- so we -- we kind of need to have a system where that is set up, that maybe phasing, you know. I get a lot of stuff about bulk waste not being picked up.



So, you know, if somehow there's some kind of opening -- okay. So the parks are now open; okay, the pool -- these are some of the things you could send out. Not everybody is on Everbridge either, but I think you should use every tool necessary to -- to get the information out. So who controls that?

MS. SMITH: Absolutely. I think (unintelligible 55:14), I think would be your best person to confer with, --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: For the Everbridge?

MS. SMITH: -- because -- Everbridge, no, but that's just one, to your point, avenue, and that not everyone is actually signed up on Everbridge.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right. Because they're doing the other stuff. I -- I see the other stuff, but I'm -- I'm specifically talking about Everbridge. So who can answer that question?

MS. SMITH: Well, Everbridge, actually is -- falls under Emergency Management, technically, so the system itself is an Emergency Management function, so most of the messages coming out of Everbridge would be deemed an emergent situation that could, potentially, cause a type of -- a risk, whether that be environmental in the terms of the trash not being picked up, or, you know, cause a -- a type of traffic accident, or an environmental issue having trash sitting about.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right. I get you, but at this point, where -- where it's a pandemic, and we're trying to get information out regarding getting back -- this is very -- it -- it's very unique, and people need to know what's open, what's closed, and I -- who can answer about the Everbridge? Is -- is it going to be the deputies, they going to be Vernon's call that we can use this system to allow people to know what is open and closed.

MR. DODGE: Yeah, as it relates to Everbridge, it's really designed as an emergency communication, so we kind of have to be careful on what we actually use Everbridge for, because the people that have signed up for it, have only signed up to receive emergency communications. We do have a couple other options of mass communications, in the terms of ReadyOp and all that, so if we start to market that, as people opting in for communications, so we can use that as nonemergency communications. But to -- we'd have to do some research to see if -- to let people know that if we can send out a communication that the pool is open, if we are legally allowed to do that via Everbridge. Because that is --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

MR. DODGE: -- an op -- that is an opt-in type of software that's really supposed to be used for emergent situations.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. So you can look into that to let us know --

MR. DODGE: Yes, we --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- based on the reopening that we're doing in the City post-COVID, if that would fall under that, --

MR. DODGE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- so folks would know what is open and what is currently close. I -- I simply feel, just like with a hurricane when there's a all-clear, we -- I'm sure we notify people or notify them to stay home. So if we could look into that, --

MR. DODGE: Yeah, we'll do some research on it.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I -- I would appreciate that, and if you could bring that back and let us know.

MR. DODGE: For sure, we can definitely do that.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized. Commissioner Chambers? All right, we're going to hold on Commissioner Chambers, and I'll go to Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. Question on Vizcaya site. What is the timeframe there to be seen? How long is the line? How long do you have to wait on line?

MS. SMITH: Right now it's not really -- there isn't a particularly a -- a line at -- in a given time. I had an individual actually going out who went yesterday morning when they had opened, they were in and out. I couldn't give you an exact time. It was -- however long it takes to fill out the paperwork, go through, get their shot and come back out again. So half an hour, less if you don't have allergies.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay.

MS. SMITH: But, certainly, I would imagine a caveat to that would be that as vaccine guidelines change, and more ages are approved for Pfizer, they could see that change, but right now, it is not particularly busy like we had been seeing in the beginning.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Very well. Like -- like the Mayor, I am also concerned with the figures we have seen for the City of Miramar, and the zip codes that we are in, where we have a -- a very low amount of percentage of individuals that -- that have been

vaccinated, so I -- I truly looking to more outreach to our residents to truly bring them in. You know, for them to come in and -- and be educated and -- and be encouraged to take the vaccine; let them know there is no line, if -- if there is no line. We have events that are coming up, and I know many cities are -- are -- are being innovative with ways to -- to let individuals know -- you know, encourage them to come -- to come out and get vaccinated. So since we do have a number of events that are coming up, is there any way that we can try to partner and -- and get someone out to -- to offer vaccines at those events?

MS. SMITH: We can certainly look into -- into that. I -- I don't know right this moment, but we can -- we can certainly reach out and look into whether or not that's a possibility, **(unintelligible 1:01:16)**.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I would definitely like to see us make the attempt to partner with -- with the medical community, the State or -- or -- or what have you to -- to get the vaccination out to the individuals at -- at different events, or even if -- if we can -- we can create events, you know, just -- you know, different sites, just kind of popup sites for the day at certain locations, X amount, and just kind of get that information out. And if we do it close to a supermarket, where we know folks are coming in and out. And if they -- if they know that, they can just get a quick vaccination, you know, they're -- they'll likely just go ahead and get it. They probably think they -- they have to wait in line, you know, they're at work, it's closed, or they're tired by the time they come home from work. So there is -- there's definitely a number of -- of issues with the residents, so I'll certainly like to see us do more of that.

MR. DODGE: Yeah, we -- yes, we have a few contacts at the Broward Department of Health, and the Florida Department of Emergency Management. We can reach out to them and see if they'd be interested in partnering on some of those events, to see if they'd be willing to give mobile vaccines at those events.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Let's try Commissioner Chambers again. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized. Can you unmute? I see that you're muted, Commissioner Chambers. Can I get confirmation from IT that Commissioner Chambers's audio is fine? It may be a bandwidth issue on Commissioner -- we cannot hear you, Commissioner Chambers, so we're going to -- can you try speaking to see if we can hear you? Showing that he has low bandwidth on his end. All right, Commiss -- Commissioner Chambers, we can't hear you, so if -- we'll -- we'll -- we'll move the agenda. Feel free, in doing your reports, if you have a particular question that you can raise it in, and -- and, hopefully, the technical issues can be resolved by then. Moving on to Consent Agenda - yes, Vice Mayor.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. I'd just like to know if -- if staff was able to address the audio issues that we had viewing of the meeting last -- last -- last meeting, and if it's being heard or -- are we monitoring it now to know what's going on.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. Can we get confirmation that audio is fine for this meeting? You can just put it in the teams chat. They say audio is working. Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: And, Mr. Mayor, if I may.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, Commissioner Barnes. Thank staff for answering the questions that I had in mind. I -- I just want to encourage staff to -- to continue to seek ways to -- to navigate around the challenges that have now -- is now facing us as a community, thanks to the decisions taken by the Governor. And I think I would like, also, to call on our residents to understand what is happening, because it is going to, to a certain degree, depend on individuals making personal decisions when they enter establishments and, also -- especially the smaller businesses to be -- to -- to be aware of what is happening regarding our -- where our authority has been cut off by the Governor's decisions, and to find ways to communicate with their customers and clients to -- to maintain the protocols that have worked so far in our City. I -- I just -- I just hope that we can continue. As a commissioner, as staff has -- and -- and seeking the -- the cooperation of the members of our community, and business owners, especially the smaller business owners to -- to deal with this situation that has been created artificially, and -- and for no reason whatsoever.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Barnes.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: Moving the agenda, we're now on 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. At this time, are there any mem -- any items on the Consent Agenda that wish to be pulled? If none, I'll take a motion on the Consent Agenda?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes. Commissioner Barnes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: And Commissioner Chambers voted yes.

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

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of April 7, 2021.

**Approved**

2. Temp. Reso. #R7387 authorizing the donation of \$5,000 in Law Enforcement Trust Funds (“LETFS”) to support the **Florida Police Chiefs Association Summer Training Conference**. *(Police Major Shalida Smith)*

**Resolution No. 21-92**

3. Temp. Reso. #R7392 supporting the conversion of **Project FM # 448290-1** from the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”) Complete Streets and Localized Initiatives Program (“CSLIP”) to be delivered through the **Local Agency Program (“LAP”)**. *(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne) (City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

**Resolution No. 21-93**

4. Temp. Reso. #R7393 supporting the conversion of **Complete Street Improvement Project along Miramar Parkway from SW 172nd Avenue to Dykes Road**, included in the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's ("MPO") Complete Streets Master Plan ("CSMP"), to be delivered through the **Local Agency Program ("LAP")**. *(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne)*  
*(City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

**Resolution No. 21-94**

5. Temp. Reso. #R7395 approving the **2021 amendments** to three of the existing Interlocal Agreements between Broward County and the City of Miramar for the division and distribution of the proceeds of the **local option gas tax** imposed by Broward County. *(Treasurer Ian Evans-Smith)*

**Resolution No. 21-95**

***End of Consent Agenda***

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. And for the -- the public's benefit, Commissioner Chambers is having a issue with his mic.

**RESOLUTIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number six, please, resolutions.

6. Temp. Reso. #R7401 approving **appointments to various City Boards**. *(City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving appointments to various City Boards; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. We have several advisory boards with vacancies, so we will -- some are appointed by Commission consent, and others are specific appointments by members of the Commission, or by -- or -- or by the members of the City Commission. We'll take each advisory board, identify the appointments, and then we will take one motion to approve all the appointments that have been made during this discussion. So our first advisory board, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee has three vacancies: advocate for low-income persons at large, one seat; for-profit provider at large, one seat; not-for-profit at large, one seat. The for-profit-provider and not-for-profit provider each had one applicant to submit, so we could consider those individuals, since they're uncontested, and if it's the will of the Commission, we could move forward with those two

individuals, because that seems to be the individuals that qualify for those specific seats, and have -- and have responded. Are there any objections? Okay. Now for the advocate for low-income persons, we have six applicants. Are there any nominations for the advocate for low-income persons at this time? Are there any nominations?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I do see an application here in front of me for Lawrence Williams. I haven't really seen the others.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Would you like to nominate Mr. Williams?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: If there's no other person that we're nominating, and nobody has another option, then I will nominate Lawrence Williams.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, we have a nomination for Lawrence Williams. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none. The Affordable Housing Committee appointments will be: for advocate for low-income persons, Lawrence Williams; for-profit provider, Ann E. Lee; and not-for-profit provider, Katania Bowers. Moving on to Blasting Citizen Advisory Committee: Country Club Ranches, one seat; Huntington at-large, one seat; Nautica at-large, one seat; Riviera Isles at-large, one seat; Sunset Falls, one seat; Miramar business rep, one seat; and Miramar resident at-large, two seats. Okay. So the Country Club Ranches resident, there was no application for that community. Huntington resident, Jorge Gutierrez-Diaz. Nautica resident, Patricia Lara. Riviera Isles resident, Jorge Solis. Sunset Falls resident, Diana Rakine-Hteit. Sunset Lakes resident, George Gordon. Those are the representatives that have applied for those respective communities, uncontested. If, without objection, are we okay with moving forward with those residents that have submitted -- who are residents of those respective communities?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: That's fine.

MAYOR MESSAM: For Miramar business representative, there's one representative, and we have five applicants: Greg Borno, Garrie Harris, Judge Hodge -- I mean Jude Hodges, Mark A. Stennett, and Kelly Quain. I'd like to nominate Garrie Harris for the Miramar business representative. Are there any other nominations for Miramar business representative? Hearing none -- and to not leave out Commissioner Chambers, who's having audio issues, Commissioner Chambers, if you can hear me, I'm not sure if you could either text the Clerk or type in team, if -- if -- if you -- I'm not sure if that's the appropriate -- because I don't want direct messages only coming to -- to -- to maybe to team, if you log in on team to communicate. So I can't see if he's -- or raise your hand in the system, to see if I know you want to say something. All right. Hearing no other rec - - nominees for Miramar business, Garrie Harris. Miramar resident at large has two seats, and we have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight submissions.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'd like to nominate Nasief Alshaier. He's -- he's not on the list.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Can you spell that name, please?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: N-A-S-I-F, last name A-L-S-H-A-I -- I'm sorry, that's A-L-S-H-A-I-R.

MAYOR MESSAM: Nasief Alshaier.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Mm-hmm.'

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. And you have -- moving to nominations for this -- for -- for this -- they're two at-large seats, so do we have another nomination?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Nominate Lix -- Lixon Nelson.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Lixon Nelson. Are there any other nominations for Miramar resident at-large? Hearing none. The representative for the Blasting Community -- we still have a vacancy for Country Club Ranches; for Huntington resident, Jorge Guitierrez-Diaz; Nautica resident, Patricia Lara; Riviera Isles, Jorge Solis; Sunset Falls, Diana Rakine-Hteit; Sunset Lakes, George Gordon; Miramar business representative, Garrie Harris; and Miramar resident, two seats: Nasief Alshaier and Lixon Nelson. Moving on to Economic Development Advisory Board.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor, you missed Civil Service Board.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, I'm sorry. Oh Silver Service Board, okay. City Manager Hargray, you have one appointment to that seat.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: **(Inaudible)**.

MAYOR MESSAM: Your mic --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I would like to recommend Soeurette Michel.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Let the record reflect that City Manager Hargray's Civil Service Board appointee is Soeurette Michel. Moving on to Economic Development Advisory Board. Commissioner Chambers has a vacancy, Mayor Messam has a vacancy, and there's one minority-owned business at large vacancy. I'm not sure if Commissioner Chambers can hear. Do you have your appointment Commissioner Chambers? I don't have any indication to be able to hear. I don't have my appointment for this time. I'll have it for next meeting. So we'll move on --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can you hear me, Mayor?



MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we can hear you now. Welcome, Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yeah. I'm -- I'm on the phone, so my Economic Development is Maggie Morales.

MAYOR MESSAM: Maggie Morales. Okay. And we have, one, two, three, four, five, six; six applicants for minority-owned business: Anneline Brown, Dollys Burgos, Dr. Esther Lambert, Margarita Morales, and Nadeige Sterlin, and Lawrence Williams, II. Can we have a nomination for minority --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can I do Lixon Nelson?

MAYOR MESSAM: Can you repeat that?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Lixon Nelson, L-I-X-O-N, Nelson, N-E-L-S-O-N.

MAYOR MESSAM: This is for the minority business seat, at-large seat. So if you look at the minority-owned --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I know.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- business list. Okay. Can I do Willis Eubanks, Jr.?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Mayor, it seems like he had mentioned Maggie Morales; is that the minority-owned business person that he's nominated, and then Lixon for his actual person? Lixon Nelson.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So -- so he just has appoint -- I don't think there's any prerequisite --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: He's already appointed.

MAYOR MESSAM: He was just appointed to the advisory -- to the Blasting Advisory Board. Commission -- yeah. Commissioner -- I mean Vice Mayor Colbourne. And if --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Who was appointed?

MAYOR MESSAM: -- if Maggie Morales is a resident, she could serve -- as well as a business owner, she could serve either role, either seat.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Maggie is on the Economic Development Advisory Board.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. And that's his -- his direct appointment. So --  
CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Is it Margarita Morales?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah, is it Margarita Morales, Commissioner Chambers, is your appointment?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: What I have is Maggie; it's the name that was given.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. I don't know if Maggie is short for -- for Margarita. It's probably, yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We could leave it for the next meeting, if necessary, that we sort it out.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. We don't have an appointment for minority-owned business. We can leave it for the next meeting, if there's no appointment. So -- so right now we'll have Commissioner Chambers's appointee is Maggie Morales, and the Clerk can confirm if that's the same individual as Margarita Morales for Economic Development Advisory Board. Okay. Moving on to Education Advisory Board. Everglades High School Innovation Zone at-large seat, we have three applicants: Ashley Ferguson, Dr. Karen Hollis, Elinor Millan -- Milian. Do we have a nomination for Everglades High School Innovation Zone? Okay. Not ready for that? Private Charter at-large: Dr. Eileen Fluney, Natalie Williams. Are we ready for that appointment?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: No.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Um-um.

MAYOR MESSAM: And College/University at-large, Denise Legis -- Denise Legister, Luke Nelson, Dr. Herb Payan. All right. We're going to pass on Education Advisory Board. Firefighter's Pension Board, one at-large. Patricia Berry --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I'm going to do Willis --

MAYOR MESSAM: Excuse me?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Firefighter's Pension Board; we have one at-large seat. Applicants: Patricia Berry, recommended by Firefighter's Pension Board. We have Willis Eubanks, Jr., and John J. Murphy.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Willis Eubanks, Jr.

MAYOR MESSAM: Could you repeat that, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Willis Eubanks, Jr.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other -- are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? All right. Willis Eubanks, Jr., Firefighter's Pension Board. Historic Miramar Advisory Board. Commissioner Barnes, do you have your appointee?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Sir, Kimberly M. Davenport.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, Kimberly M. Davenport. Commissioner Chambers, your appointee?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Nari Tomlinson.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, Nari Tomlinson. Vice Mayor Colbourne, your appointee?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'm not ready yet. I'm not ready for that today.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Vice Mayor Colbourne not ready. Commissioner Davis, your appointee?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Not ready.

MAYOR MESSAM: So Commissioner Davis not ready. My appointment will be Ali Sylvestre; that's A-L-I S-Y-L-V-E-S-T-R-E. For Historic Miramar business owner at-large, Historic Miramar business has one seat, we have two applicants: Wilbur Perez and Nadeige Sterlin; Wilbur Perez and Nadeige Sterlin are two Miramar business applicants.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Nadeige Sterlin.

MAYOR MESSAM: We have Nadeige Sterlin. Is there another nomination? Hearing none, Nadeige Sterlin for Historic Miramar business owner at-large. Non-Historic Miramar resident at-large; we have six applicants: Patrick Blanc, Ann e. Lee, George McLean, Falcia Preval, Ninotchka Robinson Russell, Hassan Shareef. Do we have a nomination for non-Historic Miramar resident? Any -- any nomination? Okay, we'll mark as not ready. So for Historic Miramar Advisory Board: Commissioner Barnes, Kimberly M. Davenport; Commissioner Chambers, Nari Tomlinson; Mayor Messam, Ali Sylvestre. Parks & Recs Advisory Board. Commissioner Chambers, do you have your appointment?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes. Karen Mathis.

MAYOR MESSAM: Is that name listed?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: No, but I'm giving you that name. Karen, K-A-R-E-N, Mathis, M-A-T-H-I-S.

MAYOR MESSAM: Can -- can you just say it a little slower, Commissioner, because it's a lot of echo, in you're -- in your -- coming across over the phone line. Could you just -- what's the name again? Can you repeat?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Karen, K-A-R-E-N, M-A-T-H-I-S.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Karen Mathis, got it. There's one at-large appointment, and we have several applicants.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yelena Revere.

MAYOR MESSAM: Who was that again?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Dr. Ye -- Yelena --

MAYOR MESSAM: Revere?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- Revere.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Dr. Yelena Revere. Are there any other nominations for at-large? Hearing none, Parks & Rec. Advisory Board: Commissioner Chambers appointment is Karen Mathis; at-large appointment is Dr. Yelena Revere. Police Pension Board; there are two -- there are two at-large seats. There are two applicants: Willis Eubanks, Jr., and John J. Murphy -- are the two applicants. I think both of them have been very active with both fire -- I mean with both pension boards, so they won't be strangers, so they're two applicants. If it's the will of the Commission, we can appoint both of them to those boards.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: (Unintelligible 1:27:54) Willis Eubanks?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Willis Eubanks is appointed to Fire; would that be a conflict?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: He can only serve on one board.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, you have another appointee? Or do you see it as a conflict?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Yes. He can only serve on one board.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Are we ready to make these appointments at this time?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right. Let me quickly go through this again, for the record. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: advocate for low-income persons, Lawrence Williams; for-profit-provider, Ann Lee; not-for-profit, Katania Bowers. Blasting Citizen Advisory Committee: Huntington, Jorge Guitierrez-Diaz; Nautica, Patricia Lara; Riviera Isles, Jorge Solis; Sunset Falls, Diana Rakine-Hteit; Sunset Lakes, George Gordon; Miramar business representative, Garrie Harris; Miramar resident. Nasief Alshaier and Lix -- Lixon Nelson. Civil Service Board: City Manager Hargray appoints Soeurette Michel. Economic Development Advisory Board: Commissioner Chambers, Maggie Morales. Firefighter's Pension Board, Willis Eubanks. Historic Miramar Advisory Board: Commissioner Barnes appoints Kimberly Davenport; Commissioner Chambers appoints Nari Tomlinson; Mayor Messam appoints Ali Sylvestre. Parks & Recs Advisory Board: Commissioner Chambers appoints Karen Mathis -- I mean Karen -- yeah, Karen Mathis; at-large appointment is Dr. Yelena Revere. And, at this time, may I have a motion for the appointments to our advisory boards.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve Resolution #R7401, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes

Yes

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

## **Resolution No. 21-96**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Reports and Comments:**

### **Commissioner Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 7, please.

7. Temp. Reso. #R7382 affirming the acceptance of FaithAction **ID cards** for **City of Miramar services**; urging acceptance of FaithAction ID cards. (*Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis*)

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, affirming the acceptance of FaithAction ID cards for City of Miramar services; urging acceptance of FaithAction ID cards; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

MS. GAYLE: Phoebe, I don't necessarily need the -- the -- the -- the presentation, unless there are questions from it. I'll just do a summary. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Shaun Gayle, Assistant City Manager. On a -- I'll just give a brief summary of the Community ID Program, and speak about the County action that was taken, and subsequent action by the City of Miramar tonight. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Staff presented the tenets of the FaithAction ID Program, and in summary, that program provides a verifiable form of identification, that can be used by law enforcement, health centers, schools, nonprofits, businesses, and cultural arts organizations to better identify, serve, and protect the cardholders. The groups that we identified that would be able to benefit from this program were the homeless, undocumented residents, persons formerly incarcerated, and the elderly. Also at that meeting, Broward County Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness spoke in favor of the item. Since that time, Broward County has adopted a resolution, recognizing and accepting the Faith ID cards as an appropriate identification to access County services, unless another form of identification is required by local, state, or federal law. At that meeting, the board raised for this -- for discussion, among other items, but notably section 87718 of the Florida Statute, specifically covering nongovernmental ID cards, but the section that had to do with the obtaining and retention of information that authenticate and certify proof of age. The concern there was that this might be used by ICE to do a roundup of residents, since one of the groups that we said was -- would utilize this program would be the undocumented residents. And, after much

discussion, and input from their County attorneys, they -- they determined that this is not an avenue that ICE could use to round up anyone who accesses and takes advantage of this program. Some of the individuals who spoke in favor of the program at the meeting, included the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the Florida Legal Services out of Gainesville, Florida, who were instrumental in the adoption of a resolution in Alachua County. In addition, letters of support for this -- for the item were presented by School Board member, Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Commissioner Alexandra Davis from the City of Miramar, Miami-Dade PD, and Broward Sheriff's Office. The key take away from that Broward County meeting was that for most of us, it is easy for us to prove who we are without hesitation, but the FaithAction ID Program would present the same opportunity for other individuals who cannot readily prove who they are in certain circumstances. In anticipation of tonight's meeting, the Miramar Police Department has submitted a letter of support for the FaithAction ID Card, which reads in part: If adopted by the City Commission, the Miramar Police Department will recognize and approve the community ID as a form of identification, but not for official law enforcement activities, involving arrests, traffic stops, and other reasonable suspicion detentions. Community ID programs have enhanced public safety in multiple jurisdictions throughout our State, and across the nation. The Miramar Police Department is confident that it will do the same in our city. Essentially, the resolution tonight is in support of the County resolution, and I just want to mention that the City of Tamarac has also purport -- proposed a resolution in support of this FaithAction ID Program.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. Commissioner Davis, you have any remarks?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. Thank you, Shaun Gayle, for that presentation. You could have had other speakers, but you did a good job in kind of outlining. One of the things that -- from what I read is that, in terms of the issuance of the cards, that would fall under which department is handling that, and how do they go about issuing the cards. Could you kind of -- do you have any information on that?

MS. GAYLE: So the issuance of the card. When we had the meeting with United We Dream, they advised that there's no organization established that you can go and submit an application for the form. They issue the cards through ID drives, so they would come into the community and, more often than not, they use faith-based organizations. So they would go to a church, and they would have a drive for that day. They would have paralegals and attorneys on hand to verify the authenticity of the documents that are provided for the proof of age, and then they would process it, and issue the ID cards. They would also have a seminar or a orientation, if you will, to advise the applicants on the uses and prohibitions of the card, the limitations, essentially, of the card, and then they would process it like a workshop for that day.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right. So it really wouldn't hamper our staff; we wouldn't really get involved. It's, basically, them coming into a location, --

MS. GAYLE: Exactly.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- maybe a church, and doing their thing.

MS. GAYLE: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And we just allow it in the City, and would use the cards as appropriate by our residents.

MS. GAYLE: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And -- and this would be good, in terms of the -- the vaccine roll out as well. There's some hesitancy for undocumented folks, regardless of the fact that they are being told they can use their passport, and some other form, but I think it would also help in that area as well. So I -- I do encourage my colleagues to vote in support of this item, as, again, it's already been voted and approved in Broward County, and I'm assuming that's for Unincorporated, because they don't have jurisdiction to mandate; everybody else has it. So I think it's a good program, and I -- I'm glad to see that the police department here is in support of the item. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item, so back to the dais. Are there any questions or comments?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just a comment.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I -- I want to also commend Commissioner Davis for bringing this forward. The question I have though, and we probably did talk about it in the past, but does this benefit any of the people who are -- that growing population of homeless in our city?

MS. GAYLE: So, yes, sir. When we met with -- with United We Dream, the homeless is one of the segments of the population that they identified as individuals who could benefit from this, and I'm -- I'm just looking for the information here, because the question that will come up when we speak about the homeless is: how do you authenticate an -- an address for a homeless individual. And the -- the discussion with them is that if they -- if they can get someone from a homeless shelter to authenticate that there are individuals who, you know, frequent the shelter and so on, that they could -- they could go that route to get some kind of assistance with authentication of documents.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Because when -- when we had a meeting with staff about the homeless population in our city, that is one of the discoveries that we made; that the shelters are being used as the equivalent of post office box for these -- these homeless,



who tent do, apparently, check in with these homeless centers on a regular basis. Hence, this makes sense.

MS. GAYLE: That's right.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Thank you, AC Gayle.

MS. GAYLE: You're welcome, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other comments? Hearing and seeing none, may I have a motion on this item?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Second.

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

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers. He voted yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR 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 Colbourne, to continue, Resolution #R7382, the Commission voted:

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

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MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Continuing on with reports. Commissioner Chambers, do you have a report?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can you hear me now?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we can hear you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes, I do have a report. And -- and -- and I want to go back to make a comment earlier in regards to the -- the Governor's actions. Can you hear me good, Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we can hear you. Proceed, Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right. I just want to encourage all resident to -- and personnel to continue to wear their masks. The medical professionals have stated that there has been a reduction in flu due to the wearing of masks, so even though you have the vaccine, and -- you could still get the flu, so the mask has been accredited for a reduction in the flu season for persons getting flu, so I -- I thin, the mask going to be around for a while. And I just want to encourage all my resident, especially the seniors, that they could continue wear their mask. And, also, if we could move on to my report.

MAYOR MESSAM: It's -- it's showing, Commissioner Chambers, you can proceed.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- educate our children, and to -- every day when they have been providing a wonderful, excellent job. Can we move to the next slide, please? And that's some of my volunteer work, working the car line. Next slide, okay. You see the appreciation proclamation from New Renaissance Middle School. Next slide. Okay. I just want to say well wishes everyone today who celebrate Cinco de Mayo, and once we celebrate our diverse culture here in Miramar, and also in the United States. Next slide. And (unintelligible 1:42:44) we want to celebrate the Asia American Pacific Islanders, it's their Heritage Month, and we want to -- I hope that all the things that have been happening to all the Asian American -- that discrimination stop, and we could live in peace, side by side, and not having discrimination, and people getting hurt. Next slide. Also, we want to celebrate our brothers and sisters from Haiti. As you know, it's going to be also the Haitian Heritage Month, and we want to thank them for their contribution to this great United States of America. Next slide. Also, Haitian Flag Day coming up, and we want to celebrate, once again, our Haitian brothers and sisters. Next slide. This Saturday, there will be a vaccination at Miramar United Methodist Church, 2507 Utopia, beginning at 9:00 a.m. So for those of you who need to get vaccine, I believe it's the Moderna, please come on out and get your vaccine; from 9:00 a.m., this Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> until vaccine runs out. Next slide. I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day, my colleague, all the City employee mothers, grandmothers, and all my residents, Happy Mother's Day. And, next slide; also -- that include Vice Mayor Colbourne and

Commissioner Davis, and my assistant Sharon Christie. And we do have a play this coming Saturday -- Sunday, excuse me, this coming Sunday. We did add a 1:00 p.m. show, so those of you who would like to come to the 1:00 p.m., we do have some free food for maybe about 100 mothers, and then we have the 4:30 show, and the 7:30; that's this coming Sunday. Next slide, please (video shown). Okay. Then we have Family Night will be coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. Please register, so we can have you register for this Family Night, and we have a limited amount of families that we going to be invited; and I think we only can accommodate 300 families, due to the COVID-19 protocol, so -- this event will be from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; free food and entertainment, and lots of games for the children. So please call my office at 954-602-3154. Also, on the 29<sup>th</sup>, there would be "When A Man Loves"; it's a book launch, and it's a little bit of music and so forth, so it's going to be a wonderful experience for those of you who want to attend. This is May 29<sup>th</sup> at Miramar Regional Park from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. But Pete Kennedy will be there to sign your book, and it's -- it's -- it's a wonderful book. And is there another slide, or that's it? I think that's it. Now I wish everyone a happy and -- and -- everyone enjoy the rest of the week. I just want to thank staff for -- I know the -- this food distribution at Miramar Regional Park came to an end last Thursday, and I would like to thank everyone who volunteer, all the different department that took part in making sure that resident and nonresident have the food over the last, maybe, almost a year we've been having it at the park. So I just want to thank everyone so much for their effort. And hope everyone have a -- enjoy the rest of the week, and have a wonderful weekend. Happy Mother's Day again.

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

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Not really. Just to remind about the vaccination drive at the Miramar United Methodist Church on Saturday coming, and also that our church -- our church, ChristWay Baptist continues its food drive, bringing in the food from a number of different sources. We've been able to maintain, to a certain level, the handing out of -- of food packages to -- to residents and members of our church in the general area as well. So that still takes place on -- on Thursdays at our church. Residents who have been facilitated by this are aware of it, but if you are interested, please make a phone call to church, and the arrangements will be put in place to -- to help you -- if you -- if you have that need at this time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. I -- I have a report. So we continue to do our drop and go deliveries. We've been able, also to pivot in using Farm Share that helps out a lot every week, and I'm certainly grateful to the City Manager and staff that have put in place additional food items that have been able to be delivered as well over the next few weeks we'll be able to do that, in addition to what we already have. So we still get calls, folks still want to be on the list, so there is still a need out there and, as long as we can, we'll continue to try to fill that need. I'd like to thank staff, volunteers that are sent to us from

various departments between Utility, Public Works, Parks, and others who assist, and my staff are now volunteers. We certainly thank you for all your help in making sure this food is delivered to those who are in need. You can continue. The Guns for Funds series that we did over a three-week period with the Miramar PD, and -- and other sponsors to include Crime Stoppers, BSO, and Community Access Center, League of Women Voters, and others; we certainly appreciate all your support in getting up to 200 guns off the streets that were unwanted, and we -- we provided a -- a safe place to take these guns, and we -- we had a successful three-week run on -- on this program. This is just a quick video, I believe (video shown). And we hope to another round towards the end of the year; we've got a lot of gift cards still available, thanks to our sponsors, and we want to make sure we can get those out, and get some more guns off the street, so I'm looking forward to that towards the end of the year. I had the opportunity to go to the BSO Real Time Crime Center, and look at their operations. I think it's important with the uptick that I noticed in gunshots being fired, especially in our eastern section. I -- I -- I really wanted for us to look at the ShotSpotter program -- that's -- that's the name of it? And to see how it's being implemented in different cities. I know they have it in Pompano Beach, and today we were able to go to the Miami Gardens Real Time Center; they also have the same system. And it just -- it just seems like something we should look into, whether we partner or go all out for ourselves, just to make sure that we are safe, and that our community feels safe, and that businesses, when they come here, they will see that we have systems in place to keep the community and the businesses community safe, so this is just a quick video also of what took place at the BSO Real Time Crime Center (video shown). Seems I'm spending a lot of time with the police these days, huh? So we're becoming best friends, best buddies. But it's all -- it's all for the -- for the betterment of the community, and I certainly appreciate working with you and your staff, Chief Burgess, and your command staff to really look at ways we can engage our community, and also keep them safe. The upcoming events; again, as I mentioned, we continue our drop and go every Thursday, and there's the number to call if you need food delivered, if you are disabled, elderly, have small children and are in need of food delivered at your home, 954-602-3155 for more information. And tomorrow I am partnering with the mayor of Pembroke Park, Geoffrey Jacobs, Dr. Katrina Touchstone, and Commissioner of the City of West Park, Joy Smith, in a drive through food distribution; and this has really been helpful. It's being donated by our Muslim brothers and sisters, and we hope to get that food out in the Pembroke Park/West Park area, and -- and that will take place at the drive through tomorrow at Pembroke Park Preserve, 3115 SW 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Pembroke Park. Of course, all are welcome to come in the neighboring areas, and that's at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow. We are going to -- it seems that we got into June, but in -- we may be a little of order, because May is Haitian Heritage Month, but we have the June flyer up, and that will be for Caribbean-American Heritage Month; we have a kickoff celebration, and a press event, Tuesday, June 1st, right here at City Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. And we're going to have a lot of exciting entertainment -- entertainment. We'll have food, we'll have WZLP Radio live, and a lot of our sponsors and friends, as we celebrate Caribbean-American Heritage Month here in the City of Miramar. Haitian Flag Day -- again, the month of May is Haitian American -- Haitian Heritage Month, and we have -- we're going to involve our students at every level: elementary, middle, and high school,

who will be able to submit art that will show what this month means to them. And -- and so the deadline for submission of the artwork is May 14<sup>th</sup>, that's a Friday. Each school category -- there's going to be one winner for elementary, one middle, and one high will receive \$300.00 for art supplies, and this will be given to the winner at our event, the signature event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Of course, folks can upload their art at [miramarculturalcenter.org/haitianartcontest](http://miramarculturalcenter.org/haitianartcontest). And I know I had asked our SROs to help us out with that. I -- I assume they are doing their part, and the Cultural Theater staff also, and we hope that we'll get a lot of submissions, a lot of good artwork, and get the students involved in this very important month of Haitian Heritage Month. May 22<sup>nd</sup> is our signature event that we have every year we celebrate Haitian Heritage Month, and we -- this year is going to be no different. It's going to be at our historic neighborhood at our Shirley Branca Park at the band shell, and that will be from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Have a very lively band called Harmonik that will be the headliner, but there'll be other forms of entertainment, including dance and poetry and so on. It's a free event, but tickets will be required, and you'll sign up at [miramarhaitiancelebration2021.eventbrite.com](http://miramarhaitiancelebration2021.eventbrite.com). And you will need to sign up in order to get your free meal. So, again, it's going to be Haitian fare, and Haitian entertainment; we're going to be celebrate all things Haitian at -- at this event, and we encourage folks who are not from Haiti to especially come out and see the vibrant culture and the colors, and the sounds, and the sights of Haiti on this event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at Shirley Branca Park. Continuing to Caribbean-American Heritage Month, we have a Taste of the Caribbean Islands will be here on our plaza, and we are encouraging our local vendors to come, and sell some of their Caribbean cuisine. As we know, the Caribbean is huge; there's probably over 27 countries, to include all different -- whether you're French speaking, English, Dutch, Spanish speaking, we welcome you to come out, and there's a process, of course. And there's no vendor fees. The number to call is 954-602-3178, 954-602-3178 and, again, there's be live music and entertainment on the Plaza on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Bob Marley, famous saying: You never know how strong you are until being strong is your only choice. And that's what we are in Miramar. We're Miramar strong; thank you all. That's it for me.

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

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I have a -- I have a video coming up. We can go straight to the video. It just shows the Adopt-A-Street cleanup that we did on Earth Day (video shown). We also -- i also had the honor of hosting a Art on the Go event this past week, and I just -- you can flip through the other pictures as well. It was a very nice event, you know, there's -- there's a nice exhibition at the Cultural Arts Center, which I invite folks to go ahead and make their way there, and take a look at what's over there. In addition, we had indoor piano music, we had some instrumental music, and outside as well, and we had Indian -- Indian-American performance as well. And everyone got a -- a bag of treats, a nice -- a nice meal as well that was prepared by Chef Randy with a theme -- with a earthy theme -- theme as well, and it was very delicious, so it was a great event, and we look forward to more of those events. But I do in -- encourage and -- and invite the community to go by and -- and see the exhibit. Next, I just wanted to wish Haitian Americans here, you know, acknowledge Haitian American Heritage Month, and -- and

wish them a happy Haitian American Month. It is also Asian American Month, so I wanted to acknowledge that as well, and wish them happy Asian -- happy Asian-Pacific Heritage Month, and -- and just thank -- thank them for their contributions to the City of Miramar, and -- and to -- and to our world as well. Next. And, of course, Teacher's Appreciation Day was yesterday, but the entire week, Teacher's Appreciation, and I just want to say that I acknowledge the teachers have had a very tough year teaching from home, going back to school, and dealing with the pandemic in a way that many of us don't -- didn't have to personally. So I just want to say thank you to all our teachers out there. And Happy Mother's Day to everyone. I do have a report that I wanted to go ahead and share with you in regards to the census. Census 2020, they are rolling out information slowly, but I do want to go ahead and take this opportunity, one more time, to thank everyone who has -- who encouraged folks here in the City of Miramar to complete their census, and provide the information to the census, so that -- so that it will benefit the City. And, as a result, our city have a self-response rate of 72.8; and to put that into context, ten years ago, the previous response rate, plus the additional rate, percentage rate based on what the census field workers did, all of that added up to just 71 percent, so we don't have the figures yet, as far as the work that the census did, but just from what the City staff, the residents, everyone who participated, encouraging folks, accomplished, so far it is 72.8 percent, which is greater than -- than all that was accomplished ten years ago. On April 26, 2021, the census released its apportionment count by the State, and is expected to release municipalities' apportionment by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The census has reported that the State of Florida population reached 21.57 million people. I am glad most of our residents took the time to complete the census. The results of 2020 Census has been rolled out in phases, and the State are expected to receive redistricting data by August 16. Many of our partners and groups played an instrumental role in our campaign to get the census forms filled out, especially during the pandemic year. Thanks to the complete count committee, community partners, committees, my colleagues, and the City of Miramar Commission, also want to thank -- I want to say thank you to the census field workers and the City staff for their dedication and tireless commitment over the past year. I'm very optimistic that the difference in our census count will result in a greater share of federal funding for better healthcare services, schools, senior centers, roadways, and so much more. I truly appreciate all the support of staff and our partners. And we are working, and doing a further recognition to all those who participated just to show our appreciation for the efforts. So, again, thank you all, appreciate it. And that's it from me.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Couple of announcements on my report. Just had a very important community meeting with the residents who live alongside Miramar Parkway just east on the bend from the Multi-Service Complex, which experienced an extreme uptick of accidents on the roadway; think approximately seven in about three weeks is the statistic, which is very alarming. It made multiple media reports, and the residents there have been severely impacted, and are -- are -- and concerned. So I worked with our City staff to contact Broward County staff to set up an emergency meeting in regards to the -- the issues. So the County's Public Works Department and some of the traffic engineers and, in turn, they also invited a District 8 Commissioner Sharief also came to -- to attend after the invite from the County staff. And

we -- many residents showed up to get information on what could be done, so the information was presented in terms of what could be done now in the short order, as well as some long-term improvements. As we all may know, Broward County has jurisdictional authority of Miramar Parkway on that stretch of the Parkway, so they are responsible for road improvements, but we, obviously, coordinate with them. Some of the short-term mitigating actions that will take place within the next couple of weeks is -- they will be the installation of larger reflective signs around the curb, so that residents can see. There will be additional reflective devices and striping on the median barricade, as well as road strips to alert drivers on that -- entering into the curb. The County is looking into -- they're -- they'll be conducting additional studies, and getting feasibility analysis on the potential of straightening Miramar Parkway on that curb or making it more straight to, perhaps, improving traffic -- traffic on that -- on that stretch, when -- which they will come back to the community and give the pros and cons of the various options that are available to address the situation, which could include additional signaling, as well as internally, our police department has put a task force, as well as additional resources in radar detection of speeding to reduce the -- the speeding that takes place on that stretch -- part of Miramar Parkway. So I would like to thank our staff, as well as thank the County for responding to our urgent request for them to take immediate action to address a very dangerous situation, and I'm confident that options will be brought forward. It's just a matter of making and ensuring that the resources are there to put the most safe conditions possible for our residents in -- in that area, obviously, to save lives and to protect property along that stretch. This week I was able to represent our fair city with the Office of Economic and Small Business Development Department of Broward County with their Doing Business With the World series, and this series was with the country of Jamaica, and event was sponsored with JAMPRO, which is, basically, the business economic development and marketing organization of Jamaica that promote commerce and doing business with the island. And Consul General of Jamaica Oliver Mair sponsored the event with the Office of Economic and Small Business Development. In attendance -- it was a virtual meeting. In attendance was over 200 businesses that are either currently trading between the U.S. and Jamaica, or have an interest in doing so. And it was a wealth of information and resources provided. Obviously, when you talk about trade, I was able to showcase the demographics and statistics of Miramar, as well as to highlight our orange trade zone that's located in the Miramar Park of Commerce that has a big interest for those who are importing and exporting goods in our -- in our country, and leveraging that tax exempt or tariff-free process of import and export. And the City of Miramar is, obviously, at the center of trade, being equidistant from all ports, and airports, which many folks don't necessarily know if they're not familiar with our city and what we have to offer. So it was a very enlightening presentation with our City and Broward County officials to highlight the benefits and the possibilities of trade and commerce, and right here in the City of Miramar. We're able to round out the month of April, which is Water Conservation Month with the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge. We worked with -- our Utilities Department did a great job with the drive by giveaway of good -- nice goodies for our -- our residents who were able to get low-flow fixtures; kids were able to get educational resources and cool games for -- in baggies, so our residents were able to participate and getting some nice goodies from our Utilities Department, as -- as we

remind them and educate them in the conservation of our most precious natural resource, which is water. And I'd like to thank our staff for a great program and all that you do in our city, and we really and truly have a great staff here in the City of Miramar, and it was a lot of fun. An a reminder of our weekly yoga series taking place weekly right here at Town Center, but this coming week, Mother's Day weekend, it will be here as well, while we have another event that I'll mention in a minute. But it's totally free to the community. It really has grown, and it's a nice network of a -- a diverse group of -- and it's not just ladies that attend, we do have some men and children that attend as well, and it's really fun to go out and experience yoga with our -- with our neighbors. It's every Saturday, free, at 10:00 a.m. at Miramar Town Center. And as we're winding up the year, just a reminder, we have available internet access support for our Miramar students that may need internet access, and partner with Internet Essentials. For more information, please contact your school in the City of Miramar, who will be able to get you signed up with Comcast to receive this valuable resource for families that are in need. Next slide. And had to announce that our Mother's Day event on Saturday, Painting with a Twist; we were able to bring back this year. It's -- we're celebrating our Miramar moms, our moms with a guest, will be able to paint a nice art piece. It will be a nice bonding experience with mothers and either a significant other or a child. It's socially distanced at the Miramar Regional Park at the corporate pavilion. The event has sold out. We are to capacity, and we look forward to having a great time with our moms on Saturday, as they show their artistic capabilities, and a time of bonding and sharing with our mothers. Look forward to seeing everyone Saturday. And, in closing, I know we talked a lot during the presentation regarding the Governor's recent executive order to -- to, basically, end all emergency orders, any COVID-19-related restrictions and safety measures that municipalities across the State had put in place in an effort to fight the pandemic to keep our community safe. With the realization that municipalities are preempted by State authority, and specifically those that come from the Governor's Office, I would urge that our city -- that we continue to use commonsense, that we continue to use science and data to guide our directives to advocate on behalf of a community that is really working hard to balance the very difficult and tedious task of maintaining our quality of life, running our businesses, being great students, active citizens, or even working at our workplaces, while staying safe and not contracting this deadly virus. We have to keep that first. We have to keep our residents first. I'm not saying we should hide in our houses, not live our lives; we can do that, and I think we can do that safely. I don't think we should be reckless, because of orders that come down from Tallahassee that try to govern our ability to do what we know is right. And I just commend the City staff, I commend my colleagues on this Commission that have been very vigilant, and being measured in how we have approached COVID-19. We have not shut down commerce in our city; we've done what we know what is best to do based on the data that has been provided to us by the professionals, our Emergency Management professionals, our healthcare providers in this community, and we can gracefully get back to normalcy by doing the things we've been doing, ensuring that we have resources to test people who need to be tested, to ensure that people have access to vaccines who want to get a vaccine. In our next phase, to educate our community to get the information required if they have a little vaccination hesitancy, because we know the more people in our community that gets the vaccine gets us that much closer to getting



back to where we used to be prior to this virus. So I urge us to be measured in what we do, everything that we can do in the City to continue to keep our city safe, and our residents safe, as well as allowing our economic engine to continue to thrive, and I think we can strike that balance without doing so recklessly, and sometimes that what it appears to be, in terms of the executive orders coming Tallahassee. That concludes my report. God bless you all, and let us all continue to be safe.

### **City Manager Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Manager.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I'd just like to thank all the staff, and the hard work and sacrifices that each one of you all have made. I can look back 25 years in this city and, actually, I can go further than that when I was adjacent to this here. But I just want to acknowledge that in the last three years in here, I have seen tremendous growth in our unity within this organization, and it's been a long time. And I know that the -- the staff, at times, have been tired, frustrated. But the one thing I know about the staff that we have here, you're resilient. And I can put this staff here against any municipality, and I can say that, because I've been to all of them. So don't let nobody get it confused, you are great. We're going to make mistakes, but we just pick it back up and keep on going. This city has always set the standards. And I just want to go back and say this here, is that I love the staff, and it's been a great ride for me. Thank you.

### **City Attorney Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Attorney?

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

**FUTURE WORKSHOP:** NONE

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, on that note, everyone have a good evening. This meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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