



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

**MAY 19, 2021**

**7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:02 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Miramar City Hall, 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida.

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

Mayor Wayne M. Messam  
Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne  
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes (Remote)  
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers  
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. Commissioner Barnes will be appearing remotely for this meeting. An opportunity was given to the public to register to participate or email the City Clerk 24 hours prior to the Commission meeting with any questions, comments or concerns on items we will hear on this evening's agenda. Any person may be heard by the City Commission through the chair, and upon registering pursuant to the published noticed for not more than three minutes on any proposition before the Commission unless modified by the chair. This evening's meeting is being streamed live at [Miramar.gov/commissionmeeting](http://Miramar.gov/commissionmeeting), and televised on Comcast Channel 78 for City of Miramar subscribers. As of May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m., ten members from the public have registered for this meeting. If 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?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Here.

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.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes, are you there?

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we will observe a moment of silence for condolences we are experiencing in the community. We do -- would like to bring to everyone's attention the commemoration list for the City of Miramar staff. Our retired City employee from the Police Department lost Jean Samuels; and our second condolence, retired City employee from the Utilities Department, Mr. Robert Jackson, sr. I'm sure many of our pre-PD and utilities personnel know these individuals personally, and we'd like to keep them and their families in our thoughts and our prayers. And, at this time, we'll observe a moment of silence. Thank you.

## **PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATIONS:**

MAYOR MESSAM: And tonight we have one proclamation.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: And at this time I'd like to ask Public Works Director Collins and staff to come up for the reading of the proclamation in recognition of National Public Works Week. Good evening. This proclamation is in observance of National Public Works Week, May 16<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021:

Whereas, public works professional focus daily on infrastructure, facilities and services that are essential and vital importance to the sustainable and resilient communities, and to protecting the public health, safety and high quality of life, and wellbeing of the City of Miramar; and, Whereas, these infrastructure facilities and services cannot be provided without the committed and dedicated efforts of public works professionals who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government who are responsible for planning, maintaining, rebuilding, improving, and protecting our city's transportation, solid waste systems, public buildings, streets, and highways, landscaping, streetlights, and canal maintenance; and, Whereas, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in the City of Miramar to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance and value of public works and public works programs provided in their respective communities; and, Whereas, 2021 marks the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association; and, Whereas, this year's theme 'Stronger Together' challenges our residents to think about the role public works plays in creating a great place to live, by working together the impact citizens and public works professionals can have on their communities is magnified and results in ability of accomplished goals once thought unattainable. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby designate the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, as National Public Works Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: And I would like to thank all of our personnel in the Public Works Department who work every day. It's not a 9:00 to 5:00 job; it's a 24/7 responding to the vitality of our -- our community and our infrastructure, and we'd like to thank our staff, our hardworking staff you may see riding around in city cars, city trucks, on the swales of our neighborhoods. And even at night, you may be sleeping, they're doing their work, and we'd like to thank them all for all that they do for the City of Miramar. Thank you.

A Presentation: "One Miramar" Student Art in commemoration of the City's Birthday May 26, 1955. (Cultural Affairs Department) (Sponsoring Commissioner: Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne)

MAYOR MESSAM: Next on our agenda, our first presentation, entitled "One Miramar" Student Art in commemoration of the City's birthday, which will be May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1955, sponsoring -- sponsored by our Community Affairs Department, along with Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne. Good evening. You're recognized, Ms. Madam Director.

MS. CEVIEUX: Good evening, Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commission, City Managers, City Clerk, and City Attorney. My name is Camasha Cevieux; I'm the director of Cultural Affairs. Again, we're reiterating Madam Vice Mayor is the sponsor of this presentation. It is a -- basically a conversation about one Miramar. So one is a complete number, and today it will be celebrated through the City's unifying characteristics. "One Miramar" is a concept Vice Mayor Yvette Colbourne holds high, recognizing it is a collection of what makes us unique, and includes racial, ethnic, social, and cultural ties. It is what makes us diverse and is amongst the services we offer. As a complement to the Vice Mayor's statements, the City Manager charged staff last year amidst COVID-19 to create marketing materials that unify the east and west one Miramar inspired. What better way to graduate the activation of this mantra than to illustrate it through the eyes of our City's youth. Hence, the "One Miramar" Art Contest has allowed them to singlehandedly preserve their interpretation of the City's character and this right through art. And what did they do with this opportunity? Well, you're in for a treat, because they're all here with their art tonight, and you'll see for yourself that they chose to impress on the City of Miramar's diversity and culture with great pride and sense of achievement. As we embark on the City of Miramar's 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its incorporation on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 1955, it speaks to how much we've grown, and can now be reflective of our top tier position in Broward County, having much to offer in art, culture, business, community, public safety, and sports as part of the lifestyle you get in the City. Miramar's K through 12 students were invited to participate and create a poster depicting the theme "One Miramar", Celebrating the multicultural diversity drive and community spirit that bonds us together. It was our desire that the contest would reach elementary, middle and high school-aged students, and speak to the significance of having a sense of community through the concept of "One Miramar." We're pleased to have had the support of Sunset Lakes Elementary with 11 submissions, and Somerset Preparatory Middle and High Schools with 14 submissions, and Coconut Palm Elementary with two submissions to this project. They help us see ourselves, as we celebrate the anniversary of our beautiful and purposeful city. It is appropriate to acknowledge and appreciate the hardworking teachers

also involved. It is our commitment and passion that continue to inspire and educate our City's children in these challenging times and always. In total, 16 posters created by 12 talented students will eventually be on the faces of the City's utility boxes, but today for your viewing pleasure are on display in a student gallery in the lobby of the City of Miramar's Cultural Center/ArtsPark. Again, we are pleased to have many of these students with us this evening display their creations and present them with their certificates. And, now, our "One Miramar" certificate recipients. I'd ask at this time, Madam Vice Mayor and Commission if you'd please join us, as we honor these great these great young people, our future. And, basically, what I'm going to do is I'm going to call them up by school, so we have some students that are here. I will acknowledge the ones that are not, just as -- as a way to have full accountability of all the support. So the first school that we're going to talk about here is Coconut Palm Elementary; we had Taylor Kennedy, Great Vibe; we want to acknowledge her teacher Abby Doganieri, and the Principal Terri Thelmas. Olivia Camps, grade four, and Benicio Mehl in kindergarten. Benicio is not here, but also the teachers, Emma Labrador, teacher, Melanie Piedra, and Principal Janice Guolette. Thank you, Olivia. And last but not least -- and, again, a great support of a lot of these events that we do and activities, is Somerset Preparator Middle School, Somerset Miramar High, and teacher Shannon Hand is here. Shannon, you're amazing, Principal Athena Guillen, and we'll start off with Sarah Munroe; as I call your name, please come up. Zoe Black, grade 11, and Zoe is on our advisory board for Parks & Rec. Destiny Charles, grade nine, two pieces were selected. Christine Galloway, grade 11, not here but acknowledged -- she is, yah, you're here. Christine worked hard for this moment. Now she is going to get your poster; not a problem. Ariagne Filion Garcia, grade ten, where three pieces were selected, not here. Hannah Hanson, grade ten, also not here but acknowledged. Ashlenne LaRochelle, grade ten. Hale St. Louis 16:51, grade ten, two pieces were selected, and last but not least, Ezcarlet Shanlatte -- you all giving me a workout, Shanlette, grade nine. So proud of you guys. All Somerset Preparatory Middle and Somerset High. Shannon, can you get in that one?

MAYOR MESSAM: Let's give all of our participants another round of applause.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor, I just want say --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I just want to say thank you to all of the participants, everyone who's here today, the family who are -- who are here to support the kids. I do -- I do hold one Miramar very high -- in high regards, and it means a whole lot to me, so it means an awful lot to me to see the kids do these paintings, these different projects that involve one Miramar, because it's about all -- each and every one of us when we say one Miramar. We're a very diverse community, and it's great that we can embrace that, especially on Miramar's birthday too. Happy Birthday Miramar. Thank you all.

MAYOR MESSAM: I'd like the record to reflect that Commissioner Barnes is showing present on the Webex portal. I know there were some audio issues that we did not hear him during roll call.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Thank you.

A Presentation: Education Advisory Board Scholarship Award. (Education Advisory Board Member Teneshia Taylor)

MAYOR MESSAM: Moving the agenda. Our next presentation is from the Education Advisory Board Scholarship Award. I would like to, at this time, ask if IT would unmute the mic of Education Advisory Board member Teneshia Taylor who will be doing the presentation.

MS. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mayor Messam. Good evening, Vice Mayor, City Commission, City Attorney. My name is Teneshia Taylor, and I'm the chair of the Education Advisory Board Scholarship Fund. The first recipient is Krisha Sanghavi from Nova High School will attend the University of Florida in the Fall. Our second recipient is Alishay Sarwana, who's graduating from Nur-Ul-Islam Academy and will be attending Florida International University in the fall. And our third recipient Lauriernst Frederique, who's graduating from Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy and will attend UCF, University of Central Florida in the fall. Congratulations to all of you, and a job well done; we look forward to your future accomplishments. I'd also -- I also want to thank our donors, our committed board members for their continued support, and to give special recognition to the scholarship's corporate sponsor, Kaiser University of Pembroke Pines. The support and commitment of the university campus president, Mr. Piotr Lechowski, and Director of Admission, Ms. Monique Tablada resulted in an additional \$50,000.00 core scholarships to qualified applicants. This commitment is significant, because 20 of the EAB scholarship applicants now have an opportunity at scholarship with Kaiser University. Now I'm not sure if Mr. Lechowski and Ms. Tablada are on, if they would like to share a few words. No? Okay. Well, nonetheless, we thank them. And, again, the tireless work of our board members, Dr. Macmilian, Italia Thurston, Louis Kushner, Jen Gachelin, and Joan McLean, and our liaison, Katrina Davenport, Kimberley Danvers, and Kelly. Thank you so much. Nothing of significance is ever done alone, so this is a great moment, and congratulations to our award winners, and thank you again for all your support. Thank you, Mayor and Commission and Vice Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, let's give them a round of applause, and congratulations to all of the EAB scholarship recipients, and thank you Board Member Taylor. I remember the EAB was discussing ways on how they could be more involved in the community, and the thought of this scholarship came about, and it's amazing to see how it has grown, and how it's helping our Miramar students continue their education, so thanks so much for your commitment, and thanks to the sponsors that help make this possible as well.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mayor, if I may.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I just want to say thanks to all the board members. And one of the thing I notice with this board members that's here, they have good representation with some veterans on that board, like Italia Thurston, and Joan McLean, and it's nothing like when we have good people that mean well for our student that sits on a board like this. So I just want to thank everyone that serve on the board for their wonderful support and knowledge. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: We do have a -- a member representative from -- from the Kaiser, Jakeline Miranda, who will be representing the -- from Kaiser College, and I would like to give her an opportunity to share a brief word. Ms. Miranda.

MS. MIRANDA: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: You're recognized, Ms. Miranda.

MS. MIRANDA: Can you hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we can hear you.

MS. MIRANDA: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. On behalf of Kaiser University, the Board of Trustees, our Campus President, our students, our faculty, and of course the community, thank you, Mr. Mayor, and the City of Miramar for your humble invite, invitation to participate in today's meeting. It's an honor that our campus can actually help those students that are going to start a new career in college. We invite community to actually visit our campus here in Pembroke Pines, and our philosophy is always student first. Thank you for having us today.

MAYOR MESSAM: You're welcome. And thanks to Kaiser University for your support.

MS. MIRANDA: Thank you.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: Moving on to Consent Agenda. Items listed under Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately. The Clerk received no requests to speak from the public on the Consent Agenda. If any items are pulled -- at this time, let it be known if there are any items that need to be pulled. If not, I'll take a motion on the Consent Agenda. May I have a motion on the Consent Agenda, please?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor, I'd like a presentation on item number two.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: And I'll make a motion to move the rest of it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Go ahead. If there are no other items, may I have a motion for Consent Agenda.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to move the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, please 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 Chambers, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, the Commission voted:

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



1. Minutes from the Commission Workshop of March 23, 2021 and the Regular Commission Meeting of April 21, 2021.

**Approved**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number two, please.

2. Temp. Reso. #R7399 supporting applications for funding from the **Broward County Transportation Surtax** for projects within the City of Miramar. (*Senior Project Engineer Leah dreidel*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, supporting applications for funding from the Broward County Transportation Surtax for projects within the City of Miramar; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Good evening.

MS. DE RIEL: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of the Commission. Leah deRiel, Engineering Services. This item is for supporting applications for funding for Broward County Transportation Surtax projects. First an overview of this issue. In September of 2018, municipalities entered into inter local agreements with Broward County and the Broward MPO for implementing a proposed transportation system surtax. Broward MPO has requested that the City adopt a resolution supporting the projects for which the City will request funding from the Broward County Transportation Surtax Mobility Advancement Program. Now an important thing to note, this applies to projects for which surtax funding has not yet been secured, or otherwise known as Cycle 2 projects. A little bit of background. The City seeks to submit applications for funding from the Broward County Transportation Surtax for a number of Cycle 2 projects; they're listed on your screen. There are four bike lanes projects, eight roadway expansion projects, and three drainage projects, for a total of 15 individual, separate projects. Next slide. Up on your screen you can see the project locations for all 15 of these, and the City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. As mentioned before, the City Clerk received no requests from the public to speak on this item, so discussion will come back to -- to the dais. Vice Mayor Colbourne, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. I just wanted a presentation on -- on the item. I've -- I've met with staff. I am -- I do serve on the MPO, but this is a -- a surtax -- these are surtax projects; they'll be paid from surtax dollars, and it's something that the community voted, and I just wanted the community to see what's being done with it, so that's why I asked for a presentation. Thank you so very much. Appreciate all the work that you're doing on that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other comments or questions? May I have a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: 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 Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7399, the Commission voted:

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

### **Resolution No. 21-98**

3. Temp. Reso. #R7398 approving the final ranking and award of Request for Qualification, No. 21-10-05, entitled “**West Water Treatment Plant Capacity Expansion and Upgrades**”, to the highest evaluation scoring, most qualified, responsive and responsible proposer, AECOM Technical Services, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed Professional Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for the proposed utility services

in an amount not-to-exceed \$315,595.00. *(Utilities Assistant Director Ronnie S. Navarro and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 21-99**

4. Temp. Reso. #R7400 approving the **purchase of water meters and associated meter parts** from Sensus USA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$295,356.38.00; waiving the competitive bidding requirements in accordance with City Code Section 2-413(3). *(Utilities Assistant Director Ronnie S. Navarro and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 21-100**

5. Temp. Reso. #R7404 authorizing the execution and submission of an application to the **Florida Division of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Matching Grant Program** for the purchase of storm windows for the Utilities Department Building A in the amount of \$107,782.00 of which the grant provides 75 percent or \$80,836.50; authorizing the acceptance of grant funds and associated match requirements upon the award of the grant. *(Utilities Director Dr. Roy Virgin)*

**Resolution No. 21-101**

6. Temp. Reso. #R7408 approving Amendment No. 1 for the provision of construction administration and permit comment design services for the **Miramar Regional Park Amphitheater Back of House project**, in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,505.00 and allocating a contingency allowance of \$5,000.00; authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed amendment with Synalovski Romanak Saye, L.L.C. for a total project cost of \$25,505.00. *(Support Services Construction Administrator Daryll Johnson and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 21-102**

***End of Consent Agenda***

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

MAYOR MESSAM: It is now 7:30 -- thank you. It is now 7:30, and we will break for public participation. The following people have registered and expressed a desire to speak. We have -- I see on the record one individual from the public that's has requested to speak, and that is Ilene Spence. Can I get confirmation if Ilene Spence is on and unmuted? Ms. Ilene Spence, you're recognized. One more try; Ms. Ilene Spence, you're recognized. Okay, I've received confirmation that Ms. Ilene Spence is not online, and not seeing any other additional requesters to participate in the public participation, I will now close public

participation, and we will now move on to our ordinances. Actually, no, before we move on, we have a couple of resolutions.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number seven, please.

7. Temp. Reso. #R7415 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. All right, continuing from our last Commission meeting, we still have a couple more vacancies on various advisory boards. Those advisory boards are as follows: Blasting City Advisory Committee, there's one at-large, Country Club Ranches seat that is open. Economic Development Advisory Board, Mayor Messam has a vacancy, as well as a vacancy for at-large minority-owned business. Education Advisory Board, Everglades High School Innovation Zone at -large one, private charter school at-large one, college university at-large one; Firefighters' Pension Board at-large has one; and Historic Miramar Advisory Board, Vice Mayor Colbourne has a vacancy, Commissioner Davis has a vacancy, and non-Historic Miramar resident at-large is vacant. Planning & Zoning Advisory Board, Vice Mayor Colbourne has one -- has a vacancy. And Police Pension Board, there are two at-large vacancies. Before I open it up for the Blasting Citizen Advisory Committee for any nominations for the Country Club Ranches at-large vacancy, I would like to see if Madam Clerk could confirm that the applicants that are listed, that can confirm that none of them are already serving on any boards.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: No, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank you, Madam Clerk. All right, so let's try to run through these. Blasting Citizen Advisory Committee, one Country Club Ranches at-large; we have one, two, three, four applicants. Do I have a nomination to fill that seat?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We could do Tiffany A. Marquez.

MAYOR MESSAM: Tiffany Marquez.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I guess so.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other nomination options. Hearing none, Tiffany Marquez. Moving on to Economic Development Advisory Board, Mayor Messam appoints Trevor Wade. We have one, two, three, four applicants for the minority-owned

business at-large seat: Anneline Brown, Dollys Burgos, Valerie Cineus, Dr. Esther Lambert. Do we have a nomination for the representative for the minority-owned business at-large?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Anneline Brown.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Colbourne nominates Anneline Brown. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, Anneline Brown. Education Advisory Board, Everglades High School Innovation Zone at-large; you have three applicants: Ashley Ferguson, Dr. Karren E. Hollis, Dr. Elinor Milian.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Dr. Milian.

MAYOR MESSAM: Dr. Milian. Are there any other nominations for Everglades High School Nomination Zone one? Hearing none, then moving onto private charter school at-large one; Dr. Eileen Fluney, Natalie Williams.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Natalie Williams.

MAYOR MESSAM: Natalie Williams. Are there any other nominations for private charter school? Hearing none, moving on to college university at-large: Denise Ledgister, Luke Nelson, Dr. Herb Payan.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Denise Ledgister.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, Firefighters Pension Board at-large one: Patricia Barry is recommended by the Firefighters Pension Board, and John J. Murphy.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Patricia Barry; that should be a correction to last meeting.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, Patricia Barry. Historic Miramar Advisory Board, Vice Mayor Colbourne, do you have an appoint -- appointee?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Not this evening.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis, do you have your appointment?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Christopher Jarrett.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. We have one non-Historic Miramar resident at-large.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: George McLean.

MAYOR MESSAM: Can you repeat that?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: George McLean.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other nominees? Hearing none; planning & Zoning Advisory Board; Vice Mayor Colbourne, do you have your appointment?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Eddie Edwards.

MAYOR MESSAM: Police Pension Board, there are two at-large seats, and we have two -- two individuals: Willis Eubanks, Jr., John J. Murphy.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Willis Eubanks, Jr., and we can go with John Murphy.

MAYOR MESSAM: Do we want to move the two that are on there?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Okay. All right. I will recap all of the appointments, and we will --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: What's that?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: One more. On -- on the Historic Miramar Advisory Board, I do want to appoint Christina Sprouse.

MAYOR MESSAM: Christina Sprouse; okay. Thank you. All right. I'll recap the appointees and we will move forward under one motion and vote. Blasting Advisory -- Blasting Citizen Advisory Committee, Country Club Ranches at-large seat, Tiffany Marquez; Economic Development Advisory Board, Mayor Wayne Messam appoints Trevor Wade; minority-owned business at large representative will be Anneline Brown; Education Advisory Board, Everglades High School Innovation Zone at large, Dr. Elinor Milian, private charter school at-large, Natalie Williams, college university at-large, Denise Ledgister; Firefighters Pension Board at-large seat, Patricia Barry; Historic Miramar Advisory Board, Vice Mayor Colbourne appoints Christina Sprouse, Commissioner Davis appoints Christopher Jarrett, non-Historic Miramar resident at-large, George Mclean; Planning & Zoning Advisory Board, Vice Mayor Colbourne appoints Eddie Edwards; Police Pension Board, two at-large seats: Willis Eubanks, Jr., and John J. Murphy. May I have a motion for the appointees for our various advisory boards, please.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, please 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 Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7415, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 21-103**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number eight, please.

8. Temp. Reso. #R7414 approving a three-year **Collective Bargaining Agreement** between the City and the **Police Benevolent Association of Broward County, Florida**, representing City Police Officers and Sergeants, for the period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024. (*Human Resources Director Randy Cross*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving a three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the

City and the Police Benevolent Association of Broward County, Florida, representing City Police Officers and Sergeants for the period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. CROSS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, members of the Commission. Randy Cross, Human Resources Director. The item before you this evening is a three-year agreement with the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and the City. A little background. The PBA represents all police officers and sergeants employed by the City. The current collective bargaining agreement expires at the end of this September. Last November, the Commission approved an amendment to the current agreement, raising the starting salary to step three, \$56,423.88. Some other noteworthy accomplishments over the last five or six years; the Commission has approved Police Headquarters, the Historic Miramar Public Safety Building out east. Again, like I said, the contract amendment, the body-worn cameras. The item that's before you this evening had an overwhelming vote of support from the members that voted, as well as the amendment. So some plans for the contract; the total cost of the contract is approximately \$10.7 million over the next three years. During that contract period, 14 months out of that contract period, the steps are paused with the savings of about \$1.29 million, COLAs are also paused, with a savings of about a half a million. COLAs for the contract are a 1, 2, 2, so the first year of the contract is a one-percent COLA, the second and third year are both two-percent COLAs. Three steps were added to the top of the step plan, and you'll see that on the next slide, to address the compression issue, and to address the salary range in the market. We also did some minor adjustments to some of the other incentives in the contract to make it consistent with other contracts in the market, and we adjusted some of the City holidays to also match the other collective bargaining agreements in the City. So this is a little hard to see, but the main thing I want to draw your attention to is the starting salary. If you look at the column all the way over on the left, that was the contract that's -- step plan that was in place prior to the amendments that was approved by the Commission last November. The second column from the left is the contract that was approved with the amendment, as well as adding in a ninth step, which would have been the old 12<sup>th</sup> step. Each year into the contract, the officers scheduled as a step added, so we're adding in step nine, ten, and 11. On the sergeants pay plan, we're adding in a step six and step seven. Other highlights on the contract that were negotiated, emergency pay, we -- we worked hard with the union on that to get clarification for when the emergency pay starts and stops for the members. The union also agreed to adjustments to the health insurance and other wellness programs that we offer, and we're -- we're going to do more tracking on the union representation; they're going to have to have hours actually reported back to Tennille's group and to the Chief's office. And Manager recommends approval, and I'm ready for any questions you may have.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. The City Clerk received no requests to speak on this item, so back to the dais. I'm not sure if there's any representative that wanted to speak on this item.



MR. TIBERIO: Good evening, Tom Tiberio, Broward County PBA, vice president, the address, 2650 State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale. We've done exactly what was asked of us. This is a -- a long-term process; we passed the amendment to increase the starting pay, and a three-year plan going forward to hire new applications to transition the police department. That's exactly what was done. We worked very hard with the HR director, the budget director, everybody who was in the meetings, and it was full blast of this, and we came to a successful resolution for a three-year contract; thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. All right. I see a request for two speakers; Vice Mayor Colbourne, followed by Commissioner Barnes. Vice Mayor Colbourne, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. First off, I want to thank staff for working on this contract, and for bringing it to us. I want to also thank the PBA for working with staff and getting this contract to where it's at. There are a number of things in the memorandum that I could certainly highlight, I was pleased to see, in terms of things that -- that we have done for our police officers. So, overall, I'm pleased. I'm pleased to see that we are taking steps in this contract to improve the salary of our police officers. In addition, the work we have already done in November, where we increased the salaries by having new officers start at step three, and increase the salary of the other officers. I do, however, -- would like to see all of the contracts brought before that. I know that this one you have negotiated, but I know that staff is still negotiating a contract with fire, and with G.A.M.E. And as we go into a budget season, it's important for me to get a full picture of what's before us, especially when it comes to salary, because we do know that that is one of our -- our biggest expense, because our staff is the ones who are doing the work. So I -- I am very pleased with what has been done, and -- and supportive of this, but I would -- I do not want to -- to vote on this contract before I have the opportunity to know that you have negotiated the other contracts, and you're bringing those contracts with us before September. I do acknowledge that this is not -- this contract -- the current contract has not expired, so, from that standpoint, I know there is -- there is no urgency. I think the work has been done, and that is -- and that is great, and when you complete the work on the other contracts, and bring them all together is what I -- is -- is what I'm looking for. And, with that, I would ask for this to be deferred until which time we have the other contracts aboard, and that is with the assumption that it would be before September, before the end of September, because we do want to get them approved before then.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yeah. I just -- just want to add how relieved I am that a conclusion was arrived at regarding this contract. Relieved, if only because a request was made of me to meet with representatives of the PBA, and then I wondered where did that request go; nothing came of it, apparently, and that is evidenced in the agreement we're looking at today. I -- I also applaud the HR Department for taking the initiative and moving right away to the recommendations that were made regarding the entry-level

salary for -- for our police officers going forward. And -- and what this means, it is -- it -- both a commendation of the work that the office have -- the officers have done over the years, and also -- and also the fact that the Police Department has been so patient over the years to have had to deal with the rates of -- of remuneration that they've had to deal with over the years. And I thank both sides for coming to this agreement. And -- and look forward to similar negotiation of outcomes going forward.

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

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I, too, would like to thank staff for their hard work, and the -- the union. I -- I -- I do like the fact that there was an agreement reached in terms of the step three, because when we had brought that up previously, it wasn't given to the membership, so I'm pleased to see that the membership did agree with the step three starting pay for new officers. There's some other things that I would also like to see, and maybe they don't need to be brought up, in terms of your bargaining, but we're -- we're in the midst of trying to hire officers now, and other cities have offered incentives. I -- I would hate to think that somebody who gets hired with ten years of experience gets hired at step three, and so I -- that needs to be looked into as well, to see how we can offer incentives for folks to come on board here in the City of Miramar, and to see how that would factor in, in terms of any negotiations, if it has to come up in that, or there's other avenues in order to give these incentives to police officers to come on board. In terms of the request by my colleague to bring this back in a few months when other unions have been negotiated, I -- I can't see how that would hurt if that's the desire of the Commission. Again, but I do -- I do like what I've seen so far, but I -- again, I would like to see where there are some incentives given to the officers who are going to be hired based on their experience, and -- that they wouldn't start at step three having, you know, many years of experience, compared to somebody just coming out of the academy. So that -- that's my two cents on that.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. And I just want to thank staff and everyone, especially the PBA who been patient, and work diligently with staff to come to an agreement. I also want to thank the men and women who work day in and day out to keep the City safe, and to make it into who we are, a very safe and wonderful city to live, work and play in. So I just want to give all of you a big shoutout. Just to touch on what - one of my concern that Commissioner Davis had touch on, which -- the hiring of someone coming in with already experience, five, ten years, and that was one of my questions during the staff meeting as to -- you're going to take a look at that, making sure that we have some sort of increase pay for someone coming in with experience instead of the base pay. I just want to say, also, that the increase is some concern of mine for quite some time; I did mention it to staff from quite a while back, and we were told to wait a bit, but this is a good thing. But I just want to ask Mr. Randy Cross, when would this goes in effect?

MR. CROSS: Commissioner, the contract is scheduled to go into effect October 1<sup>st</sup>.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. So that's wonderful. So this is a good thing, and to my fellow Vice Mayor request, I -- I think we could grant that request as to look at all the different contract, but we're working on fire, G.A.M.E., and so forth just to make sure we have a complete, overall picture. As you know, we are still dealing with the brunt of COVID-19, and we look forward to funds to come in, so we can address everybody equally, and making sure that we -- and good for them, but I think this is a go. We just want to honor my colleague request to make sure we have everything in front of us. So, at the appropriate time, when this come back, I'll definitely be in support of it, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Chambers. Couple of comments. I, too, would like to thank our staff and the PBA for bringing forward a mutually agree -- agreeable contract that would serve for the basis of the benefit of our public and our law enforcement professionals that are serving our community on a daily basis. I support this item brought forward by the City Manager for adoption and -- and approval. I would -- would urge the Commission to move forward on this agreement as -- as presented. I do hear and recognize some -- just some of the -- some of the items that were brought out, in terms of incentives to -- for recruiting other officers, which I think is spot on. We -- we need to be as competitive as possible. Increasing the starting pay is a start. I do believe, however, that as long as the City and the PBA agrees on any incentives for these -- and I understand there has already been some discussion since this -- since the vote has been done by the PBA members on this item, that incentives could, indeed and in fact, be offered for officers, and that could be done at the administrative level, in terms of each qualified candidate that would come over to the City; that's independent of this agreement. The PBA is here, and they are saying that they do support that, and I think the issue raised by Commissioner Davis was an important wrong, and one that is definitely relevant, and there is a resolution to that that does not impede this contract from moving forward. In addition, I think because we -- we negotiate these contracts for each bargaining unit individually, they're all independent. I -- I don't think that any collective bargaining agreement with a specific employee -- employment group of our city should be preconditioned by the successful negotiations of other bargaining units. I do support the thought of understanding what the fiscal impact would be for each respective bargaining unit and its impact in our budget process; that would shed some light in terms of what the fiscal impact would be. But I don't think it should be a precondition. I will -- if -- if the majority of the Commission moves in that direction, then -- then that, obviously, would be the direction of the Commission. But I just at least address the fact that, in terms of incentives, that is not an issue that this current item would impede or not be possible, and we would definitely be able to do so. And -- and I think that -- that this specific agreement does not or should not be a precondition for fire or for general employees in their specific agreements. That's just my position on the item, and I would trust that -- that if there any additional questions in terms of clarity, or at least some more specificity, in terms of what some of the apprehensions are, so that at least staff will know specifically what are they looking for. It would not -- there would be nothing to go back to

this union or this bargaining group for, because all the terms have been addressed, which just further underscores that. And when we look at the condition of where we would like to be for our city in the ability to fill the 27 vacancies that we currently had right now with candidates -- there's an excellent campaign going on right now at the Police Department, and I'd like to applaud our HR and our Police Department in your recruitment efforts, because you're all over the place and everywhere. I think you were even at the Air & Sea Show the other day. And you're using social media tremendously. So -- so for the sake of our community, putting our -- our command staff in the best position to fill these positions that we don't hold up that ability to do so. Because September -- that's two and a half months. We could lose candidates in between that time, and -- but I'm not saying that the sky is falling, but I just think that there would be nothing to go back to this bargaining unit to resolve. What are we going to learn from the fire plan that would then be grounds or means for reopening the negotiations to change the terms of this specific contract? What are we going to do? Reduce their salaries? Are we going to take back benefits? I'm just trying to understand what would be accomplished once we -- or once those items are uncovered that is being sought; how does it specifically address this specific agreement, and where we need to be as a police department. So just my thoughts, nothing adversarial, but that would just -- I would just urge the Commission to move this item forward. We have three speakers, and I will say who they are: they're Commissioner Barnes, followed by Commissioner Chambers, then followed by Vice Mayor Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes. I, took, would like to see this motion move forward, because I think it is extremely important that they message we send to the PBA, to -- to staffers, as well as to the community, is that we've resolved this matter, let's put it to bed. We -- we don't want to give any excuse, any reason for pause on the part of any police officer, any potential applicant for -- for our police department. And -- and as you say, Mayor, if nothing material is going to change, regardless of what happens with -- with our negotiations with the Fire Department, why don't we just literally put this one to bed, and -- and send the message very clearly to staff and to potential police department officers that, yes, we've -- we've -- we've acted in a positive fashion, we've done the due diligence, and let's just put this to rest, so, as you say, we -- we don't have to go back to any other situation that is going to amend this agreement, so why not just deal with it and put it in its rightful place. That -- that is where I stand on this matter.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. I -- I think the message was very clear from all five elected officials, Vice Mayor Colbourne was very clear, she's in support of the item. I'm in support, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Davis, so as a courtesy to my colleague, and she was very, very clear as to making a statement that we want to take a broader picture look at all the different union bargaining agreement to make sure we could have a good picture going into the September budget. So there's no doubt that the complete support on the record for this agreement, as far as I understand it, so I don't think anyone will go back. The advertisement is out, everyone is onboard, it's out before

we approve it, it's going to stay out, and I think we're all in agreeance that where we going with this. Fortunately or unfortunately, we have a lot officers that was hired, some leave for whatever reason, and, you know, as the Mayor said, the sky is not falling. So I think we're doing good, we're on the right page, we're on the right footing, and we're looking forward dot the increase in the starting salary. If you look at the statistic that comes out, Miramar is no way at the bottom; we're pretty much at the top when compared to some of our neighboring cities, so -- and -- and that's a credit to our team here at the Police Department. They continue to perform and do a great job day in and day out, so I have no doubt they will continue to do their due diligent, and do their job well, as they always do. But, yes, you've all been short for a long time, and I don't think another few months going to hurt. They're starting to hire; people are knowing they're coming at the new salary; it's not going to change, but, like I said, we work together here as a team, and we want to take a good look at the overall budget, and make sure that everybody is on a good footing, and no one is left out. So we have been moving in the right direction over the last two or three years with all three unions, and we're not going backward, so that's where are tonight. And I'm in support with the Vice Mayor to hold off another two months or so, whatever it takes, but not too long. And, like I said, the budget gets set in September, and this going kick in in October. If there's a retroactive, then so be it. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Colbourne, you're recognized. I just wanted to clarify that my intent is not to precondition anything. I do -- I did -- I did and I do show support for this item, but I do, however, want it deferred until we have the other contracts in place. I do not believe that it will have any impact on our vacancies. I've actually been working with staff, and encouraging staff -- that making very strong statement in terms of -- of having staff take a -- a very active role in terms of letting our community know that we have vacancies in our police department -- in our police department that we want to fill. It is my understanding that we have applicants. And in terms of -- of the entry level salary, I think all of this has been stated. Nothing in this contract will -- will be in effect prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>, regardless of when it is -- it is actually approved. So I -- I really don't feel that there is any harm for us to de -- defer this until which time the others -- until which time you bring all of them together.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. And -- and thanks to all of my colleagues for your inputs, and -- and I know that all of us support PD and support -- support this item, so we all are voicing our respective positions. So the item on the -- on the -- on the floor is for the adoption of this -- of this -- of this agreement. Everyone has said what they've had to say. Is there a motion on the table if there's no other discussion?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to defer.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Usually a deferral date is in there.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Wait, hold on -- hold on the roll call --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: Hold on the roll call. Before we go to the vote, in terms of date, is there a specific request from staff that you're looking to be answered to resolve the unreadiness, so when it does come back -- so for the record, the staff knows what to prepare for, and the public would know as well.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: My question -- my question is whether or not we're required to put in a deferral date, a date as to when it comes back.

MAYOR MESSAM: But I think that drives what the date is, because staff would need to know how much time to allocate. So if we're just going to put an arbitrary date, you know --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I don't want a arbitrary date. I was just asking if by the rules -- by rule, do we need to have a date, and --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: And it sounds like the answer is no.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Through the Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes, Vice Mayor, you would need to put a date.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: So that's -- that's why I ask the question, in terms of -- I'm asking the question, so staff can at least consult -- at least let us know how much time they would need to be able to prepare whatever information that is being sought. That's the purpose of why I asked the question.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: So the motion is for it to come back before or -- or by our September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting -- by our September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

MR. CROSS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. You know, if we can, we'd like to get the -- get this all resolved before the summer break, so whatever the last meeting is before the Commission goes on break, we'll try to resolve the e other union contracts by that date. That would be our target.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I -- I -- I couldn't hear what you're saying.

MR. CROSS: I said it would be -- our -- our -- you know, our preference to try and get this resolved before the Commission goes on its summer break. So if you have to set a date, I would suggest set the date for the last meeting before the summer break, and we would try to get all three union contracts on that meeting.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Well, I would be okay with you coming as soon as you have all three contracts.

MAYOR MESSAM: That's what he's saying, by the summer break.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Right. But I would like to -- I don't want for you to come back and -- and you don't have all the contracts, so I'm giving you to September 15<sup>th</sup> to make sure you have all the contracts, giving you more time for the contracts, but you can -- you can bring it as soon as you're ready. That was my intent.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Attorney, by -- if -- if we set a date for September 15<sup>th</sup> and staff -- have negotiated them earlier, would there be anything that would preclude staff from bringing it prior to the -- the 15<sup>th</sup> of September?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: No, sir. If you set a date of no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: So we address everyone's -- all right. There's a motion and a second on the floor, so Madam Clerk, record the votes for the deferral of the -- of this item for September 15, 20, or by September 15, 2021.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No.

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: No.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commission Chambers, to defer Resolution #R7414 until no later than September 15, 2021, the Commission voted:

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

**Deferred to no later than 09/15/21**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number nine, please.

9. Temp. Reso. #R7418 approving the investment banking team of Siebert Williams Shank & Co., L.L.C. and Loop Capital Markets for the **issuance of Taxable Special Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021** and other money and/or refunding bonds; declaring by four-fifths affirmative vote that applying the City's Competitive Procurement Procedures is not in the City's best interest. (*Financial Services Director Kevin E. Adderley*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the investment banking team of Siebert Williams Shank & Co., L.L.C. and Loop Capital Markets for the issuance of Taxable Special Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 and other money and/or refunding bonds; declaring by four-fifths affirmative -- affirmative vote that applying the City's Competitive Procurement Procedures is not in the City's best interest; authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate agreement; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir. Welcome.

MR. ADDERLEY: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City attorneys, and City Clerk. I'm Kevin Adderley, director for Financial Services. TR number 7418; investment banking services for refunding of bonds. Issue: Pursuant to City code, City Commission approval is required for the selection of investment banking firms for the issuance of taxable special obligation refunding bonds Series 2021. Next slide, please.



Background: From time to time, the City has issued bonds to finance various capital improvement projects. Due to the decline in interest rates, the City can achieve substantial savings by refunding the Series 2013 revenue bonds through the issuance of taxable special obligation refunding bonds Series 2021. Next slide, please. The refunding of the Series 2013 bonds are estimated to yield interest rates ranging from .35 percent to 3.1 percent, a total debt savings of approximately \$7 million, or 500 thou -- or \$500,000.00 per year over the 18-year life remaining of the 2013 Series bonds. With the new 2021 bond series having a maturity date of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2038, which is the same maturity date of the current 2013 bonds. Next slide. The City Manager recommends the selection of the investment banking team of Siebert Williams Shank & Company, LLC, and Loop Capital Markets for the issuance of taxable special obligation refunding bonds Series 2021, and other new money and/or refunding bonds. Both firms are minority, women business enterprises. This recommendation is made following a review of limited opportunities; minority and women-owned businesses have experience in doing business with the City. The City is committed to working with more minority, women business enterprise organizations to achieve a greater level of inclusion and diversity citywide. Both of the recommended firms have been deemed by the City's financial advisory to be qualified to assist the City in its investment banking services needs based on their being among the top three ranked minority-owned underwriting firms in 2019, 2020, as determined by Refinitiv -- pronouncing it -- Refinitiv, the industry standard for ranking investment banking firms based on the par amount and the number of transactions completed. Next slide, please. The City's procurement code states contracts for services are exempt from the competitive bidding process when the City Commission declares by a four-fifths affirmative vote that a competitive process is not in the best interest of the City based on specific, factual findings. The specific factual findings for the selection of the recommended investment bankers are as follows: In the last 20 years, there have been eight contracts awarded by the City for bond financing; none were awarded to a small business enterprise (SBE) nor a minority women business enterprise as lead manager. The City engagement of these two minority women business enterprise (MWBE) firm increases the equity -- equitable participation of minority women business enterprise organizations in the City's procurement process. It is in the financial interest of the City to move expeditiously to take advantage of current taxable interest rates to lock in substantial debt service savings through the refunding of the special obligation refunding and improvement revenue bonds Series 2013. As interest rates increase, the debt service savings to be realized decrease. In late 2020 and early 2021, interest rates were near historical low levels. As a result of improved economic conditions, and stimulus efforts of the federal government, interest rates have started to trend upward. A delay in completing refunding could lead to reduced savings if interest rates continue to increase. Next slide. City Manager recommends approval of this item.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. City Clerk received no request to speak on this item, so back to the dais. Do we have any speakers? If not, I'll take a motion. May I have a motion, please.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I have -- I have a couple comments.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

MAYOR MESSAM: You're recognized, Vice Mayor Colbourne. And if -- if there's -- just let me know if you having a issue with your speaker request button, so I'll know to look. Otherwise, if I don't see a request to speak, I assume that there's no comments. Vice Mayor Colbourne, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yeah. I just wanted to say thank you to staff for working on this item. I know when it came before us a couple meetings ago, you know, the Commission -- you know, the Commission unanimously objected. And one of the statements here on this page that really means a lot to me that shows that this is making a difference is the statement that shows that of the eight contracts for bond refunding in the last 20 years that the City has had, none have been awarded to SBEs or NWBE as lead manager, so I do -- I do commend the Manager for bringing this to us today, and I'm in support of the item.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Are there any other comments on this item? Seeing none, may I have a motion, please.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes. If you can just have whoever is making the motion to specifically adopt the findings that staff read into the record as part of the motion, which is required by the code section.

MAYOR MESSAM: Can you repeat that, Madam -- Madam Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: In other words, this is being brought forward pursuant -- pursuant to a specific code section.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: And when you make the motion, if you could just adopt the findings that were specifically outlined by staff as a part of the motion that you comply with the code.

MAYOR MESSAM: So you want to restate your motion, Vice Mayor Colbourne, per the City Attorney.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'm sorry. You're saying within the motion?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Within the motion, if you can -- the specific section that you're bringing this under requires that you adopt the specific findings, but staff has already done the findings as a part of the memo. They read them out loud in the record, and you just need to -- if you would specifically state that you are adopting those findings as a part of your motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. --

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: So motion to approve adopting the findings set forth by staff, something along those lines.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to move forward as the attorney just stated.

MAYOR MESSAM: No, you got to say it.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: She says it's okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: It's okay? It is legally sufficient?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes. You're -- you're just -- she's just adopting the findings set forth, read into the record by staff that the Commission is adopting those findings, and if you can make that a part of your motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to adopt with the findings as set forth by staff.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: That's all.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a second, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: 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 Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7418, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 21-104**

**ORDINANCES**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to ordinances. Item number ten, please.

- 10.** FIRST READING of Temp. Ord. #O1775 approving an additional paid holiday for employees, **Juneteenth**, occurring each June 19<sup>th</sup>, changing the designation of Washington's Birthday to President's Day; and providing for an effective date. ***(Sponsored by Mayor Wayne M. Messam) (Human Resources Division Director Tennille Decoste)***

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving an additional paid holiday for employees, Juneteenth, occurring each June 19<sup>th</sup>, changing the designation of Washington's Birthday to President's Day; and providing for an effective date.

MS. DECOSTE: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, --

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MS. DECOSTE: -- Vice Mayor, Commission, City Manager, and Clerk. Tennille Decoste, division director of Human Resources. Issue: Currently, the City does not recognize June 19<sup>th</sup>, also known as Juneteenth as a observed, paid holiday. City Commission approval

is required to amend the City code to include Juneteenth as a observed, paid holiday. Additionally, staff is seeking Commission direction to update Washington's birthday to be called President's Day in the City code; other cities are also making those changes. Background: Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of African Americans who were enslaved in the United States. The holiday is celebrated annually on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Other cities have implemented Juneteenth as a holiday, like Dania Beach, Deerfield Beach, Miami-Dade County, Miami Gardens, Pembroke Pines, Tamarac, and West Park, also universities like Harvard University, and other companies like NFL, Target, and so forth. Background: Article 15: Holidays and Leave Time, section 16343, Holidays, stipulates that employees shall be eligible for the following scheduled paid holidays, and those are the holidays. The fiscal impact: The estimated cost of implementing the new paid holiday is approximately \$103,000.00 a year, that includes wages and FICA. This will be a annual and reoccurring expense to the City. City Manager recommends approval for the first reading.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. The City Clerk received no request to speak on this item, so back to the dais. I would like to thank my colleagues on the Commission, when I brought this item up for research regards to seeing the -- the prospects of adopting Juneteenth as a official city holiday in the City of Miramar, and they presented a presentation with all the supporting background information. Obviously think it's long overdue in terms of the significance and what Juneteenth means in this nation and in this country, and as a leading city in Florida and in Broward, that we also join our peer cities in Broward County that have already adopted this as a city holiday; that would be the appropriate thing to do in recognition of the significance of emancipation of slaves here in this country. So I'd like to thank staff for bringing this item forward. This is -- it will be two-reading item, because it will be amending our City code, so I would ask that -- ask for the support, continued support of my colleagues on this item. We do have some speakers. Commissioner Barnes, followed by Vice Mayor Colbourne. Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yeah, thanks, Mayor. I think this is a whole lot more important than we might suspect. It does come at a cost, but especially at a time when a certain level of reckoning is taking place in this country, and I also want to hope that it will prompt a number of people to do the research into serious history components of this country that is not usually talked in classrooms across this country. I think this will better bring an understanding of a very important part of -- of -- of the history of this country; it might not be contemporary history, but it definitely brings in impact and effect to what currently takes place in the country, and I'm convinced -- not necessarily only African Americans, but everyone who are involved in the country as this present time, have an interest in the country going forward should, I'm convinced, have a better understanding of some of the places this country is coming from. So I wholeheartedly support this.

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

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I would like to thank you, Mr. Mayor, for bringing this item to the Commission, and thank you to staff for working on it, and I wholeheartedly support this.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Don't see any other requests to speak. May I have a motion on this item, please.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: 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 Ordinance #O1775, the Commission voted:

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

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

MAYOR MESSAM: On to --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mayor, I just want to thank Tennille Decoste for her presentation, thank you. Good job.

MAYOR MESSAM: And the second reading is -- for this item is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>; June 16<sup>th</sup> will be the second reading for this item.

SECOND READING SCHEDULED FOR June 16, 2021

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to public hearings. Item number 11, please.

11. SECOND READING of Temp. Ord. #O1772 relating to water conservation; amending Chapter 21, entitled "Utilities," Article II, entitled "Water," of the Code of the City of Miramar by **repealing, reenacting, amending and renaming Division 2 "Water Conservation Regulations" as Division 2 "Water Shortage"**, to provide for updates, in furtherance of the local enforcement of the water shortage plan of the South Florida Water Management District, as created under Chapter 40E-21, Florida Administrative Code, or water shortage orders issued in accordance therewith; making findings; providing for intent and purpose; providing definitions; providing for applicability; providing for declaration of water shortage or water shortage emergency; providing for variances; providing for enforcement; providing for penalties; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing for interpretation; providing for administrative correction of scrivener's errors; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. ***(Passed 1st Reading on 04/21/21) (Community Development Director Eric Silva and Utilities Assistant Director Ronnie Navarro)***

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, relating to water conservation; amending Chapter 21, entitled "Utilities," Article II, entitled "Water," of the Code of the City of Miramar by repealing, reenacting, amending, renaming Division 2 "Water Conservation Regulations" as Division 2 "Water Shortage," to provide for updates, in furtherance of the local enforcement of the water shortage plan of the South Florida Water Management District, as created under Chapter 40E-21, Florida Administrative Code, or water shortage orders issued in accordance therewith; making findings; providing for intent and purpose; providing for definitions; providing for applicability; providing for declaration of water shortage or water shortage emergency; providing for variances; providing for enforcement; providing for penalties; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing for interpretation; providing for administrative correction and scrivener's errors; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Good evening, sir.

MR. NAVARRO: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, City attorneys, City Clerk. This is the second reading for the water con -- water shortage ordinance. There has been no change since the first reading.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. The Clerk received no request to speak on item 11, so back to the dais. There's been changes to the first reading. Are there any questions or comments? If not, I'll take a motion.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes. Commissioner Barnes.

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 Commissioner Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Colbourne, to approve Ordinance #O1772, the Commission voted:

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

**Ordinance No. 21-16**



MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 12, please.

12. SECOND READING of Temp. Ord. #O1773 relating to water conservation; amending Chapter 21, entitled "Utilities," Article II, entitled "Water," of the Code of the City of Miramar, by adding a new Division 3, entitled "Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Measures" **to support the South Florida Water Management District's Mandatory Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures**, as comprised in Chapter 40E-24, Florida Administrative Code; making findings; providing for intent and purpose; providing definitions; providing for applicability; providing for year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures; providing for exceptions to the landscape irrigation schedules; providing for additional measures; providing for variances and waivers; providing for enforcement; providing for penalties; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing for interpretation; providing for administrative correction of scrivener's errors; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. ***(Passed 1st Reading on 04/21/21) (Community Development Director Eric Silva and Utilities Assistant Director Ronnie Navarro)***

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, relating to water conservation; amending Chapter 21, entitled "Utilities," Article II, entitled "Water," of the Code of the City of Miramar, by adding a new Division 3, entitled "Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Measures" to support the South Florida Water Management District's Mandatory Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures, as comprised in Chapter 40E-24, Florida Administrative Code; making findings; providing for intent and purpose; providing for definitions; providing for applicability; providing for year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures; providing for exceptions to the landscape irrigation schedules; providing for additional measures; providing for variances and waivers; providing for enforcement; providing for penalties; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing for interpretation; providing for administrative correction and -- of scrivener's errors; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Welcome back.

MR. NAVARRO: Hello again, this is Ronnie Navarro, assistant director of Utilities. This is the second reading for the year-round landscaping revision measures ordinance, and there has been no change since the first reading.

MAYOR MESSAM: The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item. Back to the dais. If there are no questions or inquiries, I'll take a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: 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 Chambers, to approve Ordinance #O1773, the Commission voted:

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

### **Ordinance 21-17**

## **QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to quasi-judicial public hearing.

13. Temp. Reso. #R7402 approving **Application No. 2101010**, to vacate and abandon a 25-foot-wide portion of unconstructed SW 36th Street platted right-of-way within the **Gateway Bible Church Sub. Plat** recorded in Plat Book 83 Page 11 of public records of Broward County. (*City Engineer Salvador Zuniga*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving Application No. 2101010, to vacate and abandon a 25-foot-wide portion of unconstructed SW 36th Street patted -- platted right-of-way within the Gateway Bible Church Sub. Plat recorded in Plat Book 83, Page 11 of public records of Broward County; and providing for an effective date.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Before you get started, Mr. Mayor, may I read the announcement into the record? Florida Courts have determined that there are certain types of matters, including the following application, that it be treated differently than other issues considered by the Commission. Most decisions of the Commission are legislative in nature, which means that the Commission is acting as a policymaking body. In contrast, in quasi-judicial matters, the Commission is applying existing rules and policies to a factual situation and is, therefore acting like a judge or a jury in a courtroom. In such cases, the courts have decided that due process and fundamental fairness requires that more formal procedures be followed. The City of Miramar's procedures for quasi-judicial hearings are as follows: All who wish to speak shall be collectively sworn in by the City Clerk. The hearing shall be conducted in an informal manner. The title of the item to be considered will be read into the record. Staff will present a brief synopsis of the application and make a recommendation. Next, there will be a presentation by the applicant. The Commission will then hear from participants in favor of and in opposition to the application. All witnesses are subject to cross examination by City staff, City Commission, and the applicant. A participant may request that the Commission ask questions of a witness. The applicant and staff may make concluding remarks. No further presentation or testimony shall be permitted, and the public hearing shall be closed. All decisions of the Commission must be based upon competent and substantial evidence presented at the hearing. All backup materials presented at the hearing will be automatically become a part of the record of the hearing. All approval will be subject to staff recommended conditions, unless otherwise stated in the motion for approval. Madam Clerk, will you swear the witnesses in?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: All of those wishing to provide testimony on the following quasi-judicial item please stand and raise your right hand. For those in the Commission Chambers and those appearing virtually, do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? Thank you.

MR. ZUNIGA: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. This item is for the vacation of a portion of right of way along SW 36th Street. Emmanuel Apostolic Church, the property owner applicant, have requested for the vacation of an existing 25-foot-wide right of way within their property located at 6114 SW 35th Court. Pursuant to section 307.15 of the City's Land Development Code, City Commission approval is required for the vacation of rights of ways. This sketch shows the location of the property highlighted in yellow. This is the church located just east of SW 62nd Avenue, and south of 35th Court. Their main entrance to the parking lot is from SW 35th Court to the north. The portion of right of way that they're seeking to

vacate is highlighted in red on the southern border of the property where there's no access to the property from there. Next slide. So this 25-foot-wide right of way was dedicated by plat, as recorded Plat Book 83, page 11 of Broward County records. The right of way right now is undeveloped and unconstructed land that does not provide connection to any road or access to any residence. This right of way is not needed, it does not affect access to adjacent property owners, and if it was to be vacated, it wouldn't be inconsistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan or Broward County's traffic way plans. The applicant just wants to make use of this subject area within its property for potential improvement, such as landscaping, installing fence for privacy along the southern border of the property. The City Manager recommends approval with one condition; the applicant must also obtain approval from Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department for the vacation of this right of way. And the applicant is also here virtually to answer any questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any questions from the dais for staff on this item? Seeing none, and I'm not sure if the applicant wanted to speak. It's pretty straightforward, but they do have that opportunity. Okay. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I just want to ask. That right of way was established for --

MR. ZUNIGA: Roadway purposes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Roadway purposes?

MR. ZUNIGA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: But beyond that property, there's no property that need to be accessed?

MR. ZUNIGA: No, there -- there isn't. And just as an info -- just as an additional note, the property to the south, which is the Positano Villa, they had a similar situation, and they -- they had also a 25-foot right of way for the same street, and they vacated that right of way in 2002 to be able to construct the -- the -- the new townhouses that are under construction right now.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So -- so next door had used their 25-foot right of way for different purposes?

MR. ZUNIGA: It was dedicated, but -- for that purpose -- but nothing has ever been built since it was dedicated on those properties, and there is no need build, --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right.

MR. ZUNIGA: -- and there's never going to be an intent to build, because it would be a dead end to nowhere.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right. And -- and this is just for landscaping and fencing and stuff like that?

MR. ZUNIGA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. No problem. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. I have received indication that the church -- a Bishop McDonald may be on the line, or a representative from the church. If we can unmute their mics, and allow them an opportunity to speak. Bishop McDonald, are you there? Bishop McDonald? They're online. I don't know if they hear us. We hear them. Bishop McDonald? All right. While we're trying to get Bishop McDonald, are there any other questions for --

MS. MCDONALD: Hello?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, hi, good evening. How are you?

MS. MCDONALD: Yeah, this is -- I'm great. What happened is that the mic was locked. We were trying to unlock it. So --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MS. MCDONALD: -- so yes. Yes. This is Bishop McDonald's wife, Yvette McDonald, as one of the representatives on the line from the church, Emmanuel Apostolic Church of Miramar, and we are attempting to acquire that portion of land that we would like to be able to utilize it for landscaping purposes.

MAYOR MESSAM: You still there, Mrs. McDonald.

MS. MCDONALD: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Yes. Is there anything else you would like to add?

MS. MCDONALD: Well, we would just -- we realize that where that land is located right now, it's probably -- it would be of benefit to us, and also to the City for the purpose of, you know, drainage and beautification, so I feel that us acquiring that property would be a great asset to the City and also to the church.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Thank you -- thank you so much for your comments and contribution to this item. Are there any other comments from the dais on this item? If none, may I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: 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 Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7402, the Commission voted:

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

### **Resolution No. 21-105**

MAYOR MESSAM: I'd like to thank the church for all their contributions that they do the City of Miramar, and give our regards to the Bishop and members.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## **Reports and Comments:**

### **Commissioner Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. On to other business. Commission reports. I have a couple of announcements

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can I go first.

MAYOR MESSAM: I started on that end last time, right? Yeah. I think so, yeah, so -- so myself and Vice Mayor will be able to go first this time. Okay. I would like to invite our residents that live in the vicinity of the proposed location for the Innovation Technology Village, just an effort to collect additional resident input in terms of the project, and to provide more conceptual information. There's no commitments or movement on this project; there's nothing been approved or -- or -- or finalized by the City Commission, but there are some preliminary information, so I just wanted to present that to our residents, and get additional information from our residents, so that our staff can ensure that those -- that our residents' concerns, thoughts, and even ideas can be considered, as we work collaboratively as a city and commission regarding this proposed project. It'll take place on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Multi-Service Complex, or you can view online, and you can register at [mayortownhallitvillage.eventbrite.com](https://mayortownhallitvillage.eventbrite.com). I had an opportunity to be on a national panel with the African American Mayors Association just to discuss the -- or look back at, and to look forward regarding COVID-19 vaccine education and broadband access. I had the opportunity to serve on the panel with Mayor Steve Benjamin, actually past president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, as well as African American Mayors Association, and Mr. Cartrell Cawtry from AARP. I have a video. It'll play some, we'll hear some excerpts from it, but I'm not going to go through all of it, so you can go ahead and play -- play a few seconds, but I'm not going to play all of it. I figure since we were ending -- (video shown). Okay. So in that discussion, obviously AARP was the sponsor of the panel; they had an interest in the impact on our seniors in regard to testing and vaccinations, and I shared some of the great assets that the City of Miramar offered for our seniors, in terms of getting them tested, vaccinations, our various food programs that we all do. And it's just a testament of not only from the respective efforts from each elected official, but our City staff, and how we came together in this COVID era to look out for our most vulnerable. Also, I'm humble to announce that I have been reelected to serve the African American Mayors Association Board of Trustees for a second term. Just installed Mayor Sylvester Turner, who's the mayor of Houston, Texas, and we -- the African American Mayors Association really has a mission in regards to dealing with municipal issues for all Americans, but specifically for the underserved communities, and underserved issues that may not necessarily be met with the resources that the various issues demand. And it's a -- a pleasure to work with colleagues across the country, and what's really of note of this is that the City of Miramar really has an opportunity to collaborate with our peers, but many of our peers get a lot of ideas from our city, and -- and how we're serving our community, and that's a testament for our City staff, and ideas

that come from the Miramar City Commission that -- that, basically, benefits Americans all across this country when other cities adopt the things that -- that we are doing. And, in turn, our residents get to benefit as well from great ideas that come from -- from cities across the country. Last Saturday, had an opportunity to spend some time with many of our mothers in the community at the Miramar Regional Park at the corporate pavilion. I'll let the video play (video shown). And Saturday, we rode the block with our first section; we started in west Miramar; we'll be working our way to central and east, it's a very nice event with our Miramar Police Department with the Community Resources Unit, where we actually went out and visited residents in the Huntington, Windsor Palm, Monarch Lakes, and our major shopping centers in that area, and -- which was a nice touch to the event that we had residents that actually showed up and asked to join us. So it kind of gave us an idea, so for our next tours, we will be inviting more residents to participate. So I'd like to thank all the officers. We actually rode 17.6 miles; didn't feel like it, but I was kind of surprised to see Acting Chief not only lead the pack but was kind of energetic along the way, so -- going to play a short video here; it's only a few seconds (video shown). And wrapping up the report, had a -- participated with our Boy -- our Cub Scout Troop 441, fire hydrant painting. Earlier, towards the end of last year, we did a street cleanup on one of our Adopt-A-Streets in the City of Miramar with the troop cleaning up Island Drive, and one of the cub scouts is getting his -- one of his medals to do a special project. And the idea came up to paint some fire hydrants in the community that need some painting, so I was aware of some of the poor painting conditions the fire hydrants - - actually, in the Country Club Ranches area, and along Old Miramar Boulevard; they painted all of the bollards and fire extinguishers. So I'd really like thank our Public Works Department and -- who helped us with -- and our community partners that provided the paint and materials. It was a warm day, but it was a great attitude, and -- and you could really see the -- the -- the young men really get into -- and the pride that they took into painting those fire hydrants. So it was a great project, and we're looking to see where else we can be impacting the community. Next. I would just like to announce the City's NSP homebuying lottery that is now open. The City has acquired two properties, two single-family homes that are -- that will go for -- for lottery for two future homeowners; one property is for \$200,000.00, and the second is for \$210,000.00, and there -- it is a income limit for these. It's for -- to assist low-income future homeowners an opportunity to move into our city. And \$200,000.00 and \$210,000.00 is a steal anywhere in the City of Miramar. You can't buy a house or a single-family home for less than \$300,000.00 in the City of Miramar, and this presides -- this provides an excellent opportunity for two future homeowners and -- that will be able to qualify for this. So just -- information is on the flyer regarding -- to getting with our -- our Community Development Department. You can get more information at our City's website [miramarfl.gov/neighborhood-stabilization-program](http://miramarfl.gov/neighborhood-stabilization-program) nsp. Look forward to getting more information out to our residents, because we want as many people to have an opportunity to be selected in the lottery. Next slide. And every Saturday right here at City Hall, we have free yoga, so if you want to clear your mind, you don't have to be in any physical shape. It's a really diverse community, where you get an hour to relax and stretch your mental, spiritual and physical limits with a -- with a -- with a welcoming crowd. And we'll see you on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. And, finally, we are continuing our free internet for needed families in regards to getting access to internet in



the City of Miramar in partnership with Comcast Internet Essentials Program. And that concludes my report. And we will next have Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'm going to pass this week. I don't have a report with me.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I think I'm ready. Before we begin, I just want to acknowledge the passing of one of our longtime employees, Mr. Gene Samuel, who was a giant here in the City of Miramar. And, you know, he serves the City honorably. I know the residents, they always speak of him, and the way he represents the Code Department, and the way he carry out his duty in the community. He's someone who get along with everybody, so he's going to be surely missed. I know he lost his mom a while -- back in November last year, which -- you know, he and his mother was close, and now he's gone. My condolences to his family, to his wife and his children, and to his colleagues in the Miramar PD and the Code Department. I know all of you going to be surely miss him, you know, and especially all the employees here at the city who know him over the years, and the residents. He was just an awesome, awesome human being. I just can't say enough about Mr. Gene Samuel. I want to thank him, and may his soul rest in peace. He was a great, great person. I just want to acknowledge yesterday was the Haitian Flag Day, and to all my Haitian brothers and sisters, we celebrate your Flag Day with you; we want to make it a Flag Month. It's such a pleasure to have such a diverse, wonderful folks from Haiti here, and this great United States. I thank all of you for your contribution over the years, and not now, from many, many years back to this U.S. And coming up next Thursday -- next Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, we back on track with our Family Fun Night, it still be at Miramar Regional Park. It's free to the public, and I know we going to have free food for the first 300 families, children and families, you know. We're going to have food for youngsters, and food for the grownups. It's going to be fun, so we have live entertainment, and I know we're going to have a lot of vendors, and anyone want to get vaccinated, they will do that there, and COVID testing and so forth. So I want to encourage Miramar residents and -- to come out and celebrate with us, and have a wonderful time. Family Night got cancelled last year, and it's back this year, and next year it's going to be really exciting and much bigger, so looking forward to this event next week Friday night. Next. Some great pictures from previous Family Nights, and there's more pictures. And I hope we could bring it back here at the City Hall next year. So we were trying to social distance at Regional Park, and now that the restriction has been lifted, we can have -- accommodate more residents. It's always fun to celebrate Family Night, and I think that's the band that's going to be performing next Friday night. The following Friday night, we're going to have the "When a Man Loves" book launch at the Regional Park, and that will take place the 29<sup>th</sup> at the Miramar Regional Park, so anyone want to come on out and support; it's \$30.00 and \$35.00 a ticket; \$30.00 in advance, and \$35.00 at the gate, so another wonderful event by Mr. Pete Kennedy. I just want to -- graduation is coming up for all different ages, and I just want to thank the -- and congratulate all the graduation class of 2021 from all the different schools here in Miramar, from early childhood all the way up to high school. And, also, there will be a graduation

ceremony and prom -- there will be a prom at the Miramar Amphitheater next Thursday night, I believe it's the 28<sup>th</sup> also; we're going to have a Miramar -- not Miramar, Everglades High School will have their prom there; looking forward to those children who -- just to exhale and breathe from the last year and a half pandemic. It's been challenging for a lot of our students, so let's hope they have a good time. Thank you, and wish everyone a good night, and enjoy -- and have a safe rest of the week. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. I just wanted to bring up an issue before I begin my report. This is an issue that I take pretty seriously, and I brought it to the attention of the Deputy City Manager on numerous occasions, and just recently was told to bring it up to the City Manager. I've spoken to the police chief regarding it, and what concerns me is the level of communication by the PIO to this Commission when it comes to media inquiries with regard to police incidents. I take it very seriously when I get my news about this city from Channel 10 or NBC 6, or even from next door. That is totally unacceptable. This past weekend, there was an incident at Club 7; I happen to be just looking at the news at that time, and, lo and behold, Miramar's name came up. And there was a shooting by the club. I don't expect to get my news about Miramar, again, from -- just happen to be passing by the TV. That is not how this city is supposed to operate in terms of giving this Commission all of the information they need about the City, good or bad. But when it comes to media inquiries, to our PIOs, with regards to incidents that occur with the police, there needs to be a clear-cut policy on how we receive the information. Up to now, that particular incident has yet to be reported to this Commission. I haven't seen it on a text; it's like, poof, okay. What the Commission cares about doesn't affect me. But I want you to know, as a commissioner, I report to the public, and when the public wants to know what's going on in the City with regards to crime, they're going to be looking at me or others to see if we knew or are aware of what is happening. Just recently, I looked at the Nextdoor, and one of the headlines was "Murdermar"; "Murdermar". And so we need the facts, folks. We need the facts so we can defend the City, and unless we get the information directly from you, we're just going to go by hearsay, what's on the news, or what's on social media. Monday I asked the City Manager for the policy; I figured there must be a policy, or maybe there's a training issue. Today is Wednesday; I have yet to receive a response from the email that I sent to him, and I have yet to get the policy. So my question now is to the City Manager: Do we actually have a policy that the PIOs follow giving information to this Commission about incidents that occur in the community that the media has asked the PIO for? Is there a policy of giving that information to the Commission before we get it on the 6:00 news?

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Let me start off by saying this here. I got five boss; five, plus one is the community. When I get a request from the Commission, don't ever expect me to jump right then. All right. It don't work that way with me. I have given --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I expect a response --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I have given my staff direction --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I expect at least an acknowledgement --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: But you give me -- you gave me something on a Monday here, and --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I expect acknowledgement --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: -- and you bringing it up now. Look, I'm not going to listen to that.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I expect an acknowledgement.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Shaun, you can go ahead.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I expect an acknowledgement of any communication that I send to you, and if I've sent you a communication about an incident -- yet, I've not received a text about the incident -- again, I'm getting it from the 6:00 news. I send an email to you; I don't get a response that you've even received it, let alone read it, and here I am Wednesday, asking the same question about a policy.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Oh, so you didn't -- you didn't have no conversation with me? Because I told you -- I came in your office; what did I put on your desk? My priority is God, my family, and the job.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Again.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: All right.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'm asking about a policy. Do we have a policy?

MAYOR MESSAM: Assistant City Manager Gayle.

MS. GAYLE: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners, Shaun Gayle, Assistant City Manager. So the City Manager did task us with coming up a policy for communication. I know we have procedures and practices that we have done over time with the Police Department and the City Manager's Office. We've created text message groups that we send information out. With regards to the policy that -- I met with the Police Chief and the PIO for the Police Department, and that was today. They are working on a policy detailing what it -- what issues, incidents would be relayed, because in their normal course of duty, this is something that they do 24/7, so they're developing that policy as to the communication and notification for the City Commission. The expectation would be that they would meet with their command staff and have something by early

next week that we can show to the City Manager for his approval, and then we can disseminate to the City Commission. So I apologize for the response not coming to you.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you so much, Shaun, for your reasonable response. I would suspect that reasonable timeframe is a couple of days to at least respond to an email to say I'm working on a policy. That's the only reason why I brought it up, because nobody got back to me to say they're working on it, not working on it, that they've read the email or not, so thank you so much for your response; I appreciate that. So I'll continue with my report. So we still continue with our drop and go deliveries. We will be doing that up until June 10<sup>th</sup>. We certainly appreciate all the assistance we get from staff and our volunteers. To ensure that our residents who are shut in, our seniors or disabled or with small children are able to get deliveries at their homes. I had the pleasure of working with Pembroke Park Mayor Jacobs, along with Commissioner of West Park, Joy B. Smith, Katrina -- Dr. Katrina Touchstone, Ms. Eveillard and others to enable a drive through food distribution. The organization, ICNA Relief provided the boxes, and we certainly appreciate our Muslim brothers and sisters for providing these food boxes, which the delivery took place drive through in Pembroke Park, which is one of our neighboring cities, and I'm grateful to the Pembroke Park staff for facilitating us over there for this drive through food distribution. All right, so of course I know Haitian Flag Day was yesterday, and Commissioner Chambers mentioned it in his presentation. And we wanted to get our young people involved, and there's no better way than through the arts to get them to express themselves, and what Haitian Flag Day or the Haitian culture meant to them. We had around 33 submissions, and the three winners in the three categories are listed here, so Arielle Cherry, grade four from Annabel C. Perry Elementary School was the winner in the elementary category. Isabella Roque was the winner, grade seven from Glades Middle in the middle school category. And Jonah Fleurimond from Somerset Miramar High, a grade 12 student was the winner in the high school category. Each of these schools will receive \$300.00 for their art supplies, and they will be presented that at our event this Saturday, which is the Haitian Cultural Celebration. So kudos to all those who submitted their entries; they will be visible online at the [culturalcenter.org](http://culturalcenter.org) website. And, again, we certainly thank the teachers, the parents, and, of course, the students for their submissions. Every Thursday, we still have our drop and go and, again, it will be ending in June 10<sup>th</sup>, and we will provide information to those folks who still are food insecure as to how they can work with our Social Services Department to be able to get items that they may need, maybe from our food pantry, and what other options are available to them. Again, want to thank our volunteers and staff for assisting with us in this process. Community and Cops is a series that I began, I think it's in 2019, but we are continuing the series with our police department, and we are going throughout the City; the last one was in our Historic Neighborhood. This one will be out west by the Winn Dixie Plaza, and we want folks to come out to hear all of the good things that our police department is offering between jobs, volunteer services; they will have equipment out there, they will have their mascot there, and you'll get to meet your community resource officers. And it's so important that we build that level of trust between our community and our police department because that's what's going to sustain us, and enable us to be the great city that we are when we can communicate with each other, especially with our police officers

once they're in our community. This Saturday, we are looking forward to our Haitian Cultural Celebration. This will take place at the Shirley Branca bandshell, again it's going to be -- sorry, Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. One of the highlights of the evening will be Harmonix band, which -- they will play some really good music for us. We'll have poetry, dance, and we'll also have a special guest appearance by one of the NBC 6 reporters who is of Haitian descent. She'll be on hand as well. Bring your lawn chairs, your blankets; we'll have, again, food for sale, but we'll also be treating those with tickets to a free meal of Haitian fare and, again, it's going to be a great evening for all. We hope for good weather and, as you can see, we have COVID testing that will be available. We certainly appreciate Broward County for making themselves available at all these small events, so that folks have access -- easy access to the COVID-19 vaccination. In this place, it will be Pfizer, the first dose, and the second dose they can have here -- at anywhere, but they will have it here at the Town Center at the appropriate time. Following Haitian Heritage Month, which is the month of May, we move on into June, which is Caribbean American Heritage Month, and that's all encompassing, in terms of whether you speak French, Spanish, or English, in terms of the Caribbean nations, and we will be kicking off that celebration June 1<sup>st</sup> here at the Town Center. And we really want folks to come out, represent their flag, wear their colors, as we highlight the various things that are taking place throughout the month of June, and we'll have our guest speakers and sponsors out there, and music, you know. Sampling of Caribbean fare will be on hand as well. So that's Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. right here at the Town Center. Our business community was hit hard throughout COVID-19, and some of them are still reeling from it, and we wanted to make sure that they are aware of some of the resources available to them as we continue our BizFit tour; this one will be virtual, and every month there'll be a series of opportunities for businesses to learn new things and be able to survive and thrive throughout this pandemic. And the first of our series starts on June 8<sup>th</sup>, and we will have more information as we go along towards that -- that date. But it's going to be a three-part series, June 8<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, and finally August 10<sup>th</sup>. We're certainly proud of our partners, we certainly thank staff for their efforts, and the partners that they brought in from the county level, as state level, federal level to support this event. I am partnering with A Light for Girls, LLC, to bring awareness and featuring information for parents raising girls. We'll have Lavern Deer, who will talk about the human trafficking aspects, and -- and also, our speaker, Cassandra Davis, who will talk about parenting young girls, and making sure that our parents have all the tools they need to raise their daughters. Continuing in Caribbean Heritage Month, we will close out the month with our Taste of the Islands that will take place right here on the plaza June 26<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 10:00, and we'll have entertainment, we'll have food vendors, food trucks, local restaurants participating with all sorts of Caribbean fare, and this will be a free event, of course, but you will have to purchase these items. And we want the folks to come out. We, again, pray for good weather, but I think the taste of the Islands will have all sorts of goodies for folks to participate in. Still rounding out the month of June, we have our job fair; every year we do have a job fair; this one will be virtual, and we'll have more information forthcoming. But, for certain, we're going to have -- I believe it's over 40 companies who will be in our virtual platform, and you'll be able to interview, submit your resumes, and get a job, pretty much, on the spot here at our virtual job fair.

So we're all looking forward to that, as we continue to do what we do, whether it be virtually or in person, but this year, of course, we're choosing to do it virtual, simply because of COVID. I'd like to also thank Waste Pro for participating in our Youth Apprenticeship Program; it's very important that -- especially as schools are out, coming out -- not everyone is going to go to college, but there are other opportunities, and the waste business is big business. These jobs, there are internships, and they will start from \$15.00 an hour up -- up to \$21.00 an hour, and we want our young people to have a good opportunity. We're working with the Police Department to identify those youth that are at risk that could benefit from this opportunity at Waste Pro. They have guaranteed us at least ten positions, and I think that once we -- we've already -- they've already gotten response from a few residents of Miramar who are interested in this program. And as we continue to promote it, we are hoping that we get more young people involved, and gainfully employed by -- by Waste Pro. The skate park that was scheduled to open in spring has been pushed back to summer, and everybody that I know that skates is looking forward to the opening of our skate park. And we'll have more information as to the exact date, but we certainly thank staff for working hard to bring this to fruition. It's something that I've wanted to do back from 2013, and to see it come, you know, where it's basically almost here, it's -- it's really a testament to the hard work and the -- the -- the way we're actually doing business in the City of Miramar to cater to especially our middle school students. They're the ones that really tend to do a lot of this skating on their skateboards, and I cannot forget my middle school student who died in his gated community on his skateboard trying to -- to skate. So this would be a great addition to our parks, and I'm looking forward to the opening of -- of our skate park towards the end of the summer. And, finally, if you in the luckiest one percent of humanity, you owe it to the rest of humanity to think about the other 99 percent; Warren Buffett. Thank you and have a good evening everyone.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis, so that means I can ask you for a loan, since you're in the lucky one percent. Okay. There is an announcement that the -- there will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. a solid waste disposal workshop in the Commission Chambers, on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Manager, you have a report?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Mr. Mayor, I'd love to do a report.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner Barnes. Yeah, you're so quiet, I keep forgetting you. I don't see you on the screen.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yeah, right. Yes. I do.

MAYOR MESSAM: Sorry about that.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No problem. In case you're wondering why our trees outside are lit with green and blue lights, there's a particular reason. I was asked to participate in an awareness program put on by an organization known as Shine A Line on NF. The disorder is neurofibromatosis; it is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on

nerves throughout the body, and they cause blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer. I -- I thank our resident, Shannon Osorio for bringing this to our attention, as her baby, I mean she's like, I think, five years old. She suffers from this malady. And what is incredible about this is that it has no particular target. It basically affects the young, the not so young, seniors among us, and what I learned from -- talking with her last evening when we had a little reception, is that it is difficult to even get the situation diagnosed. In fact, I think she said she wrote five different doctors who were basically saying nothing was wrong, you know, this is something that would go away. It is a genetic disease, which means it's not something that you catch, it -- it simply presents itself shortly after birth. So what we did is, in recognition of the Children's Tumor Foundation request Shine a Light on NF, the lights in our little plaza are green and blue as they represent the organization. What we're hoping to do is to bring awareness of this disease in our presence, because so little is still known about it. Because one of the things I learned from Mrs. Osorio is that a particular pharmaceutical product, a medication that is being used to treat NF got authorization only last year, which means that in its processing, in its presentation to -- to victims of this tenor, they're not sure yet whether children can -- can -- can be treated with this medication. So I ask members of the Commission, and anyone in the City of Miramar to be aware of NF. Get as much information as you can about it. It is something that doctors, to a certain degree, have no clue whatsoever about. And what is -- what is really, really strange and sad about it is that there are no signs. The -- the -- the growths can take place around any nerve lining in our bodies, and it does not show externally, which means that extensive testing has to be done to identify it in -- in -- in -- in -- in a victim's body. So, if nothing else, I ask that the Commission and our residents, anyone in the City of Miramar understand the significance of these blue and green lights that you see as you walk out from the meeting tonight. It -- it -- it demands our attention, because, so far, there's no cure; there's only treatment, and, as I said, if the -- if the medication is so brand new, we are yet to find out a lot of different things. So -- in fact, I mentioned the Osorio's daughter, she's really three and a half years old. She was diagnosed with NF type one; there are three different types. Raising awareness at this point is the most important thing that we could do for NF. And just a final word, I beg and plead with staff that somewhere somewhere before for example, when we have members of the public talking during a Commission meeting, that -- I don't know if it is done just before this person goes on, or when they call in, but please, if you can, share with them the protocol that is usually used when they're making a presentation, asking a question, or joining a discussion. So -- so we won't have to be prompting like had to be done earlier in the evening for -- for the caller to say what they need to do. Just a small request. Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

### **City Manager Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Manager.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I find it very important to let everyone know how I recognize the staff, and what they've been going through. We went through a pandemic, we went through an election, we came in 2019, we set our vision, and everything just kind of slowed down. In our meeting with Commissioner Davis in here, what was identified as a lot of things that we need to do. But in order to do these things here, the staff, they have time. The feedback I'm getting from my staff is they do not have time to do the things that the City Manager has placed on their table. Therefore, I think that we need to go back to the table and take a look at what we learned in 2018 when we had to do a spreadsheet to talk about how much time is being spent in marketing, how much time is being spent, period, with staff. I'll be glad to be able to provide the Commission, so they can see the amount of manhours the staff are being pulled away from the City Manager to keep them focused. We're on a mission. This city is -- this is not by accident. We have a purpose to make this city the best, the greatest, and we are passionate about it. But there's no way that the staff can do that if they do not have time. When I look at my executive staff, and I see them beat down, and I can see fear in their eyes, something is wrong with that picture. I'm bringing to everyone's attention that we all families. We're all family here. And we can all work together to be the best, but you got to recognize that staff, they've been going through a lot. So I ask that everybody just take a little time, take a deep breath, and recognize that we still got a long ways to go, and we can make it, but it can't be on one person's -- that's guiding us. It's all of us together. That's why we have five Commissioners, and you have a city manager form of government, and we can do this by working together in here, but we can't have staff being intimidated with fear. I just leave that for a conversation of thought. There is fear starting to rise again. Thank you.

### **City Attorney Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: There's no report from the City Attorney.

### **FUTURE WORKSHOP:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
05/26/21	4:00 p.m.	Solid Waste Disposal	Commission Chambers/ Virtual

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR MESSAM: This meeting is adjourned. Everyone have a wonderful evening.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

---

Denise A. Gibbs, CMC  
City Clerk  
DG/cp