



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 2, 2021

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:06 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: 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 this Commission unless modified by the chair. This evening's meeting is being streamed live at [Miramar.gov/commissionmeeting](https://www.miramar.gov/commissionmeeting), and televised on Comcast Channel 78 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 for City of Miramar subscribers. As of June 2nd 3:30 p.m., no members from the public have registered to view and listen to this meeting. If someone has registered later than this time and 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, will you please call roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

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.

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 have a commemoration list from City staff, recognizing employee Jean Davis, office of the City Manager, lost his nephew; Fernando Carrera, Fire Rescue, grandmother; Edgar Antonio, Public Works, lost his grandmother; and, in addition, the South Florida community lost a trailblazer this week -- past weekend by the name of Albert E. Dotson, Sr. Many of you may recognize him as the first African American president of the Orange Bowl Committee. He made history nationwide when he became the first store manager of Sears store when he was transferred from the Midwest and took over a store in Hialeah back, I think, in the late '70s. His son is currently, right now, the managing partner of Bilzin Sumberg, a prominent law firm in Miami, and daughter, Miramar resident and Parks & Recs member. So, at this time, we would like to take a moment of silence, and recognize all the condolences, including those from our City staff and -- and the Dotson family. Thank you.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

MAYOR MESSAM: Now on to presentations. We have a few proclamations.

A Proclamation: CPR/AED Awareness Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our first proclamation, I would like to ask Chief Palmer and staff from Fire Rescue to join us. I don't see Palmer; it's a deputy, I think. And this is a proclamation in recognition of CPR and AED Awareness Week. Welcome. CPR and AED Awareness Week, June 1st through 7th:

Whereas, according to the American Heart Association, one person dies every 36 seconds in the United States from heart disease, about 655,000 Americans die from heart disease. One out of every four deaths in the United States as a result of heart disease; Whereas, nearly 80 percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrest die. However, cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival; and, Whereas, hands only CPR has been known to be as effective as conventional CPR for cardiac arrest at home, at work, or in public places; and, Whereas, a pro -- approximately 46 percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims survive when bystander CPR was administered; and, whereas, hands only CPR has just two steps: step one, call 911 if you -- if you see someone collapse, step two, push hard and fast in the center of their chest to the beat of a song that has 100 to 120 beats per minute, such as Staying Alive by the Bee Gees -- you all remember that song, right? And Crazy In Love by Beyoncé, featuring Jay-Z, Hips Don't Lie by Shakira, or Walk the Line by Johnny Cash. Left no one out, so everyone should be able to recognize those songs; and, Whereas, an automated external defibrillator, also known as AED, when used by a bystanders, is safe, easy

to operate, and if used immediately after onset of sudden cardiac arrest, highly effective in terminating ventricular fibrillation, so that the heart can resume a normal, effective rhythm. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, by virtue of the power vested me -- in me as Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of June 1st through 7th as CPR and AED Awareness Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we thank our Fire Rescue Department for all the work that you continue to do, especially over this last trying year during the pandemic, how you selflessly go and save lives every day, so thank you so much.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next proclamation, I would like to ask the Parks & Recreation Director Liz Valera and staff to come forward. We call our Parks & Rec staff forward, because they're responsible for all of our community-wide events that our City's calls forward, and this is in recognition of Caribbean American Heritage Month, June 2021:

Whereas, our nation is linked to the Caribbean by our geography, as well as our shared path and common aspirations; and, Whereas, during Caribbean American Heritage Month, we honor America's long-shared history in the Caribbean, and celebrate the Caribbean Americans who have enriched our nation and our city; and, Whereas, this month we celebrate the triumphs of Caribbean Americans, a diverse community that encompasses many nationalities and languages who have become leaders in every sector of American life, while maintaining the varied traditions of their countries of origin; and, Whereas, Caribbean Americans embody the American spirit with their talent and hard work, contributing greatly to America's economy; and, Whereas, a significant portion of the Caribbean American community are proud to call Miramar their home, thus helping Miramar earn the distinction of being one of the most diverse cities in South Florida, as well as America. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as Caribbean American Heritage Month in the City of Miramar. And I urge the residents of the City of Miramar to join in the activities designed to facilitate recognition, understanding, and appreciation of the significant contributions made by Americans.

MAYOR MESSAM: So our -- asking our community to pay attention to our bulletin boards and announcements; there are several events that will be recognizing Caribbean American Heritage throughout the month, and we welcome the public participation, and thank you so much.

A Proclamation: National Gun Violence Awareness Day (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Is Mrs. Omorose Butler here? Come to the dais, please. I'd like to ask my colleagues to please join me on the dais to recognize this next proclamation. Good evening; how are you? As you all may remember, Ms. Butler is the mother of Mendell Butler. Mendell, who was tragically killed in a drive by, and has become a very strong advocate in regards to gun violence in our community, as well as ensuring that no other promising future like Mendell will be lost to another gun violence event. So we invited Ms. Butler here to receive our next proclamation, which is in observance of National Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 4th, 2021:

Whereas, every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; and, Whereas, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developed countries; and, Whereas, support for the Second Amendment rights of law abiding citizens goes hand in hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people; and, whereas, Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old teenager who marched in the President Obama second inaugural parade was tragically shot and killed just weeks later in Chicago; and, Whereas, to help honor Hadiya and the 100 Americans whose lives -- hundreds of Americans whose lives are cut short, and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day, a national coalition of organizations has designated June 4th, 2021, as the Seventh National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and, Whereas, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange, choosing this color, because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, and because orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and, Whereas, the tragic events of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School where gun violence resulted in the loss of 17 students and faculty and the -- and wounding of 17 others, brings greater attention to the need for awareness; and, Whereas, anyone can join the campaign by pledging to wear orange on the first weekend in June of 2021 to help raise awareness about gun violence in America, and to honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and, Whereas, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence, and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and to encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children in our community safe. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, and in accordance with National Gun Violence Awareness Day, do hereby proclaim June 4th, 2021, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: Want to say a couple words?

MS. BUTLER: Oh, yes. Thank you so much. I would first like thank Mayor Messam and all the Commissioners here today for recognizing June -- the first weekend in June as Gun Violence Awareness Day. I accept this proclamation on behalf of

Moms Demand Action, and also all other gun violence survivors. Thank you all very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

A Presentation: Legislative Update (Senator Shevrin Jones)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our first presentation will be a legislative update by none other than our State Senator Shevrin Jones. Welcome, sir, good evening.

SENATOR JONES: Good evening. Thank you so much, Mayor, and good evening to the Commission. It's good to see all of you all in person and not on Zoom; I know we all are tired of Zoom right about now, but it's good to -- good to be here before all of you. And I must say to -- to the Commission, I give hats off to you all for what you all just did to honor -- to look at the gun violence that's taking place around South Florida right now. I think it's -- it's also fitting for us to keep in prayer our -- our dear friend, former Senator Daphne Campbell, who lost her son to gun violence on Tuesday. And, you know, we -- we called the Governor's Office to speak about this recently, to talk about what is the plan, and what we're going to do as a community to deal with this, looking at, as a week, in the last seven days, we are ten days -- ten killings already in -- in the last seven days. And so to the City of Miramar, thank you all for the work that you constantly do to keep issues, such as gun violence, at the forefront for all of us. Now looking at this last legislation session that we -- that we just came out of, and over the last 60 days, I must admit to you that it was a -- a very tough legislative session, because of a lot of the bills that went about in -- in the -- in -- in the body. Some of them -- some of them good, but the majority of them that -- they affect our community -- to be honest with you, especially here in the City of Miramar, and the area in which I represent, Senate District 35, which is the largest black district in the State of Florida, and the third largest black district in the country. Whether we look at Senate Bill 90 that looks at the voting -- the new voting laws that just passed here in the State of Florida which is going to limit how we vote, and how we do things in the upcoming election, or is -- if it's HB1 that's going to tie the hands of local government who look at -- and what they do when people come out to protest against the -- the social -- social justice issues, and the injustices that's happening in this country. This -- this morning, the -- Governor DeSantis, he signed a 1.1 -- 1 -- \$1.5 billion budget, which is the largest in our State's history, which includes about \$169 million in tax relief. The Governor did veto \$1.5 billion in total spending, including \$1.35 billion from federal funds received under the American Rescue Plan. Although the Governor vetoed the \$2.7 million from our community, roughly, 1.9 in funding did survive the pen with the help from the Mayor, who I want to thank for coming up to Tallahassee. I know that the Senate side was closed, but you still came up, and that's why I'm happy to report that we did bring back home for the City of Miramar, as of today, \$250,000.00 for the Historic Miramar Drainage Improvement Phase IV, and we also brought back \$50,000.00 for the FRDAP

Grant through the Florida Department of Environment Protection. Mayor I do know that the one thing that -- that the entire Commission was adamant about was the \$500,000.00 for the City of Miramar Water Main Infrastructure Improvement Country Club Ranches Phase I. Although the Governor did veto that, we did call Christopher -- I did call Christopher Spencer, and I'm going to have conversation to figure out what is it that we need to do before -- in the next legislative session, knowing that it starts in January, to see what can the City of Miramar do for us to get that in the next year, or if can go through an agency to get that done. The Legislature's budget ultimately keeps \$6 billion in reserves, and from that, \$350 million is slated for the Budget Stabilization Fund from the American Rescue Plan. I'm going to through some of the things that happened in this last -- last -- last session. We know we just came out of this pandemic, and we know the amount of Floridians that are -- there still are many of them who are still hurting badly from the global pandemic, especially when we look at our unemployment system. You know, our -- our office, we help thousands of constituents deal with their unemployment, and their unemployment -- unemployment claims, and I know that there are constituents who are watching this, and I want them to know that as of June 26th, the State will no longer -- they will no longer receive the \$300.00 federal grant -- the federal dollars that was coming to their unemployment. As sad as that is, because we know people are still trying to get on their feet, there are other entities, and which our office can connect constituents to -- to be able to get dollars if they find themselves falling short in the unemployment. And I'll make sure I get our office number from Amal's or Malik, if you could write that down, I can give it to the constituents who are watching before ending my presentation. A lot of the solutions -- a lot of the problems that were brought up in -- in this last legislation session, they -- a lot of them were solutions that were in search of a problem, but one of them I spoke about was through Senate Bill 90. And I'll be honest with you that it was clear that this last -- this last election that we came out, you know, it was told -- it was said that this was the most safe, this is the most secure election that we -- that we had, but yet, still, come to find out that the -- the rules were changed. The many of the rules that are -- that have been put in place, whether it's the limiting of the ballot boxes, whether it's ensuring that if I -- that I cannot pick up somebody else's ballot anymore. You can only pick up the ballot of your immediate family member. Wherever -- wherever those entities are and what was put in that bill, it is going to put a huge barrier -- it has already put a barrier, especially within in our community. Or whether it is the -- the -- the amount of feet that an individual can engage with the -- a voter, knowing that in the State of Florida, you know, some of those 150 feet are out in the road. Some of these barriers that have been put in place are difficult for -- for our community, and they have been sued by the League of Women Voters and other entities, and I'm -- I'm looking forward to the - the victory that will come down to that, because, truth be told, and I made it clear on the Senate floor, and I'll make it clear here, that over 600,000 people use the vote by mail system this last legislative session. And, unfortunately, my colleagues, they found the need to change the rules because of that. And I'm praying and hoping that we, as a -- as -- as elected officials, that we find what is

the best way that we can engage with the community when it comes to the voting process, whether that is also us being able to partner with third party organizations to help with the voting process. I know others -- others -- other cities are looking at how to help constituents. I know Supervisor Joe Scott came out last week and spoke about the things that they're going to be doing to ensure that vote -- of that ballots are turned in, whether it's a new tech system, whether it's a new bar code system, they're going to do everything in their power to do it. But as I've been going around to the cities that I represent, I have been asking many of the elected officials that we partner together to make sure that we -- that this barrier that has been created, that we climb over that to know what needs to be done to make sure the constituents are able to -- to vote, and make sure that their vote is counted. Some of the things that we were able to get across the finishing line is -- which I'm happy to -- to make mention of is Senate Bill 836, which the Urban -- Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force, which investigates the system failures, and the causes of high crime rates and firearm violence, incidents in urban core neighborhoods and communities, which we're going to have to go back and do that again next legislative session, considering everything that has been taking place. Senate Bill 258, which authorizes a tax credit of \$2,000.00 for each degree-seeking student intern employed by a corporation, as well as detailing the responsibilities for unused portions of the tax credit. And so what -- what this bill was -- I -- I filed this over in the House; we know that there are a lot of young people, after they're graduating from college, we're losing this good talent to Texas, we're losing the good talent to New York, and all these other places, because of the cost of living. Well, not New York, because they cost a lot living in New York, and they're moving here too. But -- but places like North Carolina and Atlanta, that's where people -- the young people are moving to. So we were trying to figure what would be the best way that we can keep the good talent here in the State of Florida, so we did pass internship tax credit, which was in the Governor's tax package, which -- which says that a company, if they hire a student who is a intern, who -- who they have interned for their company, if that company keeps them and hire them, that student, one, gets a job, two they company receives a tax credit, and here in the State -- State of Florida, we receive -- we keep the good talent here. They are going to try it for two years, and after the two years, it can sunset, and then we'll have to go back and see how many students actually stayed here within the State of Florida, and whether or not they actually worked. So I'm looking forward to the OPPAGA study in the next two years to see whether or not this is a tool that we can -- that we can expand more within the State of Florida to -- to keep other students here. And the last bill we did was a -- Senate Bill 1426 that requires -- and I'm sure many of you remember we did the Dignity for Incarcerated Women, and the Dignity for Incarcerated Pregnant Women to ensure that our women who are incarcerated, not only do they have access to free feminine hygiene products, but also women who are pregnant, to make sure that they are not confined in solitary confinement when they are incarcerated. This bill required that every female who is arrested be notified upon booking that she has the right to request a pregnancy test, and it also requires the sentence of a pregnant woman who is convicted of a crime and

sentenced to any level of incarceration be deferred up to 12 weeks after the delivery of the baby, allowing the mother the opportunity to spend time with the baby before putting her -- before she have to serve her time. Some other things that -- that worked on was some police reform that -- that went forth that was a bipartisan effort between the -- the House and the Senate, and Republican and Democrats. There was a Early Learning VPK Bill to help the youngest learners prepare for school and for life. There was a comprehensive reform to the Child Welfare System to keep kids safe in care. We looked at the loopholes in the Florida Law which allows sex offenders to avoid registration, and predatory adults to evade background checks. Prohibiting the use of seclusion and unsafe restraint in special education classrooms. We also looked at the reform Florida's Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation, which is called NICA to delivery badly needed benefits and protection children and families are served. In a year where we thought we would have to make really tough decisions and deep cuts, we were able to develop and pass a \$100 billion budget, which contains billions of dollars for the environment, \$750 million for maintenance -- maintenance and construction for K-12 and higher education, \$46 million for children experiencing home -- homelessness, which I would really advise that the City -- and I could get with Mr. Norman, I could get with you on this, because those dollars are readily available to cities who -- who know children who might be experiencing homelessness. And raises for our State employees, which I believe is well overdue. The last few things that I would like to -- to point out to -- to you all is the special session that we -- that we came out of just two weeks -- two weeks ago, which were the historic gaming Compact between the State of Florida and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. And this agreement will generate the State a minimum of \$2.5 billion in rev -- in new revenue over the next five years, and an estimated \$6 billion through 2030. And so this will generate about 2,200 jobs for Floridians, and probably even more. The Compact also allows the Seminole Tribe to offer craps and roulette at their casinos, as well as online and retail sports betting as early as October 15th. I don't want to end without making it known of the amount of lives that have been lost due to COVID. Of the 35,000 lives that we've lost in areas where we are doing well in spite of some of the failed leadership within the State of Florida. We were -- I want -- I do want to thank Congress for -- who -- for prioritizing federal dollars in the American Rescue Plan, and the \$1,000.00 to our first responders, the \$1,000.00 to our teachers. Grateful for Congress for -- and the President for doing what needs to be done to make sure that those who are putting their lives on the line every day to make sure that they are taken care of. I am going to utilize each of your help over the next couple of weeks to -- to meet with each of your constituents, whatever way that you believe is the right way to do it, and to talk to them, and see what ideas that they may have moving forward, because we do want to get the -- the constituents engaged and involved in what's happening, and what we can bring to Miramar, and what we can bring to District 35. We have started this new thing within our office called "Sit with Shev", and that is for people who don't want to come to a community center. We said that: You know what? Invite your neighbors, and we will come to you. And so we have been doing outdoors in people's

backyards, people living room, and people been inviting their neighbors, and we've been doing legislative updates at people's houses. And so for those constituents who want to do that, you can reach out to our office; our office number -- this is the office in Tallahassee -- does it ring -- okay. That office number is 850-487-5035, that's 850-487-5035, and ask for Emily or Marina, and they will connect you, and we will -- we will come to you, because we believe that it's important. I see the work that all of you are doing in -- in the community. I think -- there are certain months that Miramar recognize I didn't know existed, but I thank you all for -- for doing the work that you all do, and I really appreciate -- and it's a pleasure to serve the City of Miramar, and I'll open it up for questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. State Senator, for the update; it was definitely a -- an interesting legislative session regarding just a host of -- host of issues that you all, as our representatives had to face. I did have a -- a couple of questions. First, in regards to water projects; one thing that was stated when I was able to visit Tallahassee this past session was that for water projects that was not funded, that there was a push to -- to have municipalities submit those projects for grant opportunities. Has that process been identified, and is -- are there any dates that may be shared at this time?

SENATOR JONES: Thank you so much, Mayor. So -- that's correct. So this year you all weren't the only one that were -- that was vetoed in some of the water projects; City of West Park, which I also represent, some of their water projects as also vetoed also because of that very thing which you just said. Because they -- they took some of the dollars, and they funded it through the GR, and there are other dollars they have put towards -- for the grant-making process, which we could -- our office and through the City Manager's Office, we can work on together to -- to make -- to send that through to the Department of -- the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. We could work together to get those -- those grants through to get those water projects for the City.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Thank you. And I know our staff will take heed with -- with -- with that directive and -- and recommendation, so that -- with -- for the project that was not -- and for the balance of the rest of the project that wasn't funded, it can, perhaps, be funded through that grant application. Also, and the final thing is I would like to invite you to meet with our Blasting Advisory Board, our residents in the community that -- we have residents from respective neighborhoods in our city that are represented that are impacted by -- by the blasting. As you can recall during the past legislative session, that the bill that was brought forward by one of our -- State Representative Fabricio, who represents west Miramar, basically, that bill wasn't even heard; it was basically dead on arrival; the chair just refused to bring the item up for committee discussion and debate and, therefore, it just died. I would like for you to meet with our advisory board just to explain to them in regards to -- just the jurisdiction of the State on this matter. The -- the process, as it relates to the regulation, and -- and what it would

take for the regulation to be -- to be changed. Some of the ideas that -- that I've suggested from -- getting ideas from residents as well is, basically, in a nutshell, they don't want to feel the blasting, and they would like a less punitive process to -- to file for claims. Right now it's very punitive for the average homeowner to prove the damages are -- are taking place, and there are some thoughts in regards to how these repairs can be funded by the industry. But we know that we're going to need some help from Republicans in the State House, as well as the Senate, to help get this issue through. But we'll follow up with your office in regard to when - - and what would be the best meeting; we just appointed a new advisory board, so get them settled in and -- and, perhaps, before the legislative session to see if there's anything in the upcoming legislative session in terms of a new bill that may be able to have a chance to at least be heard, so that this issue can be addressed.

SENATOR JONES: Mayo, yes. I -- I would definitely meet with the advisory board. But I also want to see if -- and I'll get Miles and Malik to start on this tomorrow, and that is to get in contact with Doug, who represents the blasting area, and maybe - - I don't know if you all would have to notice this; I don't know how this works, if all of us go for a tour of the area, and so we could talk to them, one, directly. They did -- they did offer me to come to take a tour of the area; I told them that I would do it after session, but I think it would be good if all of us go, and -- because I think last year -- this last -- this last legislative -- last legislative session, I had heard Representative Fabricio make mention of it, but I'd never heard anything about it in -- in the Senate, so I don't know if it was ever even filed over on the Senate side? Do you -- I don't know if anyone know whether it was.

MAYOR MESSAM: No, I don't think there's a filing, but I know --

SENATOR JONES: Do you know the Senate sponsor? Okay. So -- yeah, well, if that's the case. Two things; one, I will -- I will have them pull -- pull the bill from last year, the bill draft, and then just -- the drafting period just opened up yesterday, and so we will go ahead and pull the draft. If the bill was something that is conducive, that The City is okay with, we will go ahead and put that -- and draft it; I don't mind filing that. But I think, at the same time, I think it would be good for us all to go on a field trip.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. I think some of us have -- have toured --

SENATOR JONES: Have been already?

MAYOR MESSAM: Have been -- been -- been there, and, perhaps, maybe if we can find additional republicans to, perhaps, help with the -- maybe a co-sponsorship, so that it can -- because it's going to need some help getting over the --

SENATOR JONES: Yeah.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- getting over the hump, so --

SENATOR JONES: I will do that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, that concludes my questions, and we have speakers who've raised their hand; Vice Mayor Colbourne, followed by Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I just wanted to say thank you for all the work that you do during the session and, you know, you always make sure to come by and give us a update. And I know you're looking out for Miramar, so thank you so much, I appreciate it.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Vice Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, Senator, for coming. Thanks to your staff, also, for -- for being here. A couple of questions. I know in the past that, from what I understood, I've -- I've -- I've been here for the last couple of years that most of our projects, every last one in the last four years, even though they pass the House and Senate, once they get to the Governor's desk they've been vetoed. So you're saying that this year it wasn't vetoed, and it passed the House -- House and the Senate?

SENATOR JONES: That's correct. So the -- the ones that weren't vetoed was the -- the \$250,000.00 for the Historic Miramar Drainage Improvement Phase IV, and the \$50,000.00 for the FRDAP. The only one that was vetoed was the \$500,000.00 for the City of Miramar, the Main Infrastructure Improvement, Country Club Ranches Phase I. So I stand corrected. So the \$500,000.00, it never made it into the budget at all, and in -- in -- and thank you -- the Mayor did come up, and that was the one project that we were trying to get into the budget. Thanks for that correction, Miles. And so, yeah, I don't know what we can do differently when it comes to -- to that. I do see that that, you know, there were certain projects as far -- like I -- like the Mayor was making mention of water projects that just were not placed into the budget, because I do know water projects did not come out until the end, maybe even during that week when you came up, Mayor, that's when the water projects were being placed into the budget. So we -- I think we have a few ways we can go: one, we can go through the grant making process, in which my office and staff, we will work on together for that \$500,000.00. And, two, I think it could be very beneficial; we have invited the Senate president to come down into the district to do a tour of, not only just Miami, but also Broward, and to show what are those things that are -- that are important, and why we need to get those things funded. I think that will also help when we go through the budget process.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Perfect. Thank you. And the other thing is, with the elections, there are a couple of things that either been floated around; I just need to know if they are exactly true. One was in terms of the elections, and the ability of the Governor to appoint in municipal vacancies.

SENATOR JONES: Right.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Is that something that has been approved by him, and --

SENATOR JONES: That has.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- and can he do that?

SENATOR JONES: Yeah. So the -- so the -- the resign to run law, which was included in -- Senate Bill 90, it now says that the Governor is the one who will now -- well let me -- let -- let's go through history. In the past, it was if a seat was vacated, then the people would decide who would -- of course, who would take that seat. Now the Governor is the one who will select that seat until the next election -- the next election happened. He can't do it with -- for congressional seats; only thing he can do is pick a date for when that election would take place, but for other elections, yes. So, yes. That is the resign to run law that was placed in Senate Bill 90.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. So now it affects -- I know it affected county, now it affects municipal, so that's good to -- to clear -- to clarify. And, additionally, there was made mention about special elections, and so, for example, in Broward County, there is a county seat that's up in 2024.

SENATOR JONES: Right.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The person is going to vacate it running for congressional, but there is an election in 2022, and so, generally speaking, that position would be up in 2022, because it's a special -- it's the next election. So is it true now that will not be the case, and that that person will have to wait until 2024?

SENATOR JONES: That's correct. So that seat will -- will have to -- it will -- it will finish the term of current County Commissioner Barbara Sharief, so that means in 2024, is when that seat --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: This is Dale Holness's seat, sorry.

SENATOR JONES: Oh, Dale Holness's seat. Well -- yeah, right. For Dale Holness's seat, correct. So anyone who's running within that -- within those -- on

the County, those seats will be vacated, and the Governor will appoint for those two. And I don't know if you all saw that August 9th is qualifying, so -- which means that the qualifying -- the August 9th qualifying, they are going to have to resign then, and the Governor will -- will have to appoint.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So just so I'm clear. So, for example, when you mentioned Barbara Sharief, her seat is up in 2022, there's an election in '22, so for Dale's seat is the one I'm questioning, his seat election -- he wouldn't term out until 2024, and normally they would have that election in '22, which would include that seat, because he's now vacated it. So are you saying that that seat will not be --

SENATOR JONES: It would not. It would --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The appointment will go until '24.

SENATOR JONES: To 2024, that's correct.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. That clarifies that. And then in terms of -- you mentioned about absentee ballots and -- and all of that, when will that information be given to the public? Are we to wait for our Supervisor of Elections to give us all the rules, so we know in upcoming elections, which there's going to be an election in November? I've -- I'm not sure when it's taking -- taking effect. Is it going to take effect in 2022, taking effect right away?

SENATOR JONES: So, that -- that's a very, very good question. So the current - everyone who's currently enrolled for absentee ballots are grand -- they're grandfathered in, currently. So the next election cycle, everyone -- and moving forward, everyone will have to apply for a absentee ballot every cycle now. So it's not as if it was in the past, which was beneficial for everyone, because you didn't have to request it, it would just come -- it would come to you. So now you have to now request it every cycle. But, as of now, everyone will be grandfathered into it, and you won't -- you won't have to do that, because you'll receive it this cycle. I will say that Supervisor Scott did make a good point at the -- at the forum that we did two weeks ago, and that was that if -- if those people who are unsure on whether or not that their signatures match or not -- because you are going to have to present an ID at the -- at the ballot box, so just to making sure that your -- that your signatures match, he did -- they did say that they're going to have brochures now to allow individuals who want to reregister to -- to vote with an up-to-date signature, they will make them readily available. For -- for churches -- and then he said there would be a -- a -- a fee to ordering them in bulk, but they're going to try to make it as accessible as possible to make sure that people who need to register, who will need to change their signature, that that can happen as soon as possible. They're not going to mail them out, but they're going to make them readily available at the Supervisor of Elections officer.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So I guess, finally, are you going to work or it's just the Supervisor -- who should we expect to get the updated information? Because it seems like it's a lot, and we have to educate the public, and educate those people who are running as to what they can or cannot do, and when this begins. So is -- is that going to come out of Tallahassee, it's going to come from our local Supervisor to give us the dos and don'ts, and what has changed this legislative session, so that we can be aware?

SENATOR JONES: Yeah, so we -- we're going -- what we're going to be doing is we -- we just did one -- one voting forum to -- last week, and we're going to do another one, and -- and our goal is -- actually, Marina and I just approved the -- the email is going to be coming to -- to commissioners, because our goal is to partner with cities to be able to do community forums, and inviting a representative from the Supervisor of Election office to walk people through what are the new laws, and that looks like how it will affect constituents. So if you'd like, you -- you and I, we could -- we can partner, and with -- with all of the -- your colleagues on the dais, and we can do something together to just have one big forum, so people can -- in the City of Miramar specifically, they can be aware new changes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you, appreciate that; I'll certainly take you up on that offer. Thank you.

SENATOR JONES: Yeah.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: How are you, sir?

SENATOR JONES: I'm all right.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Good to see you. I haven't seen you in a while.

SENATOR JONES: Good to see you. Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: You looking great. Good, good, thank you. Give my regard to your family.

SENATOR JONES: I will, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Good. I just want to touch on the Country Club Ranch water project; that's one of my agenda item that I brought, and I -- I just -- I just want to share my sentiment.

SENATOR JONES: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: You know, this Commission or this administration, we are very committed to our resident here in the City of Miramar to make sure that we attend to any needs that they have, and Country Club Ranches, our last part of our city that does not have potable water. And, you know, \$500,000.00 is really a moot point. We're not going to sit back and wait; this is a eight to \$10 million-dollar project, and I just want you to know, and the Governor, that we are moving forward. We are putting in money, we're getting it done, and, you know, at a minimum, you know, on the dais we have the support. And like I said once more, I want to reiterate with the management and the staff that we have, we are -- we're making stride, and we are -- I think we're more than \$3 million already, so we are starting our project. We don't have the luxury of playing, you know, politics, you know. At the city level, we none partisan, we got to represent everyone, and that's where we are, so -- and thank you for your effort, but we send a lot of money to Tallahassee, and 500 is more than what we paid our lobby, so I just want you to know that, and our residents to know that we are -- and they know, they do know that we're here working hard for them, and making sure we're going to move this project forward with or without the County, with or without the State; we're going to make it happen. But -- but we thank you, we love you, and keep doing what you're doing, and we appreciate you.

SENATOR JONES: Yeah, and I appreciate you, and definitely love you too, Commissioner. I do want to let you know that the -- the \$500,000.00 that -- that was -- was submitted through the City, we -- we submit what -- what's given to us, and just for clarity, was that what was submitted from the City? Okay. So the \$500,000.00 was submitted by the City, and so we submit what was given to us, and you're right, there is -- there is a lot of politics involved in a lot of the stuff that happened in -- in Tallahassee, but my -- my goal and the goal of our -- of our office has always been as -- to put our best foot forward to -- especially when you're bringing resources back home, that we put that aside to make sure we meet with the Governor's Office, we meet with the people who represent you all, who you have -- you have phenomenal people represent you. And, also, the Mayor -- I'll be honest with you, the Mayor coming up this session -- during session was a huge help for us, because there's nothing like -- and I know that many cities weren't traveling due to COVID. But when you all come up, it definitely changes the dynamic of helping us to walk you around through the Capital to talk to chairs of committees, so you can -- they can hear from you on why these type of things important. So I'm looking forward to you all definitely coming up, and also looking for your -- looking forward to the next legislative agenda, which should be coming

soon; because the session starts early, and the committee week starts in September.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I'm looking forward to seeing you sometime this year.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Barnes, do you have any comments or questions?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Basically to -- to just thank our State Senator for bringing this information to us, comprehensive information, if you would. I tell you why it makes a difference, and -- and he remembered we visited with him January last year at a different level. But why it is important is that you see reports from time to time, especially in print, and when he is able to make the time and come see us in person, it makes all the difference and, if only for that, I thank you, sir, for coming in to talk with us.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you so much, Commissioner Barnes. Good to hear you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thanks so much, --

SENATOR JONES: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: - Mr. Senator, State Senator, and your staff, and we look forward to working with you coming up.

SENATOR JONES: Mayor, --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah, you want to introduce your staff?

SENATOR JONES: I -- I do. Because there's -- I do have a new staff. I do have Miles Davis, who's here now, and also Malik Woody, who's also my staff. Devon used to be with me, but he's with you all now, so you all -- thank you all so much. Appreciate it.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thanks so much, and thanks for taking the time to come out to give us an update.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. And our last presentation will be COVID-19 Emergency Management Rescue Public Relations Specialist Tara Smith.

MS. SMITH: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, City Manager. It's another month of good news, declining across the board, so for the State, we are -- from a positivity rate, went down over two percent at 4.16 today. Almost 75 percent of the last month, Florida State has been under five percent. Now our average daily increases for the State in cases and deaths, and actually as well for the County have decreased over 50 percent since the last time that we met. Broward County's positivity rate is at 1.56, and it has been hovering in that range, and that's down almost three percent from the last time that we met. And you'll note that the highest days were actually right around the last time that we met, and our lowest days are now right around now or today, so we are certainly trending down across the board, both at a state and county level. Miramar is also trending down as well, and our average case increase was at 44 percent last time we met, but now we are down to 18, and we actually had five days with no cases reported in the City, so that's certainly something we haven't seen in a while, and is very good news. Now for our testing sites in the City, they are now all, at this point, officially closed, but we certainly have disseminated a lot of other testing alternatives, as well as our in-home testing. But the Vernon E. Hargray Youth Enrichment Center was open for 345 days, and tested over 120,000 people in that timespan, so it had a very good run. For our vaccinations, the State level is over ten million individuals that are either fully vaccinated, or have at least one shot, and for Broward County, that number is over one million that have at least one shot or have been fully vaccinated. Now, for Broward County, that represents 52.54 percent of the population, and to drill it down further into the specific zip codes that are affected by Miramar, we are actually pretty even keel across the board, working from east to west, we go from 43 percent to 37 percent, 39 percent, and 41 percent, so they're all trending around the same. The Vizcaya Park vaccination site is open, and is currently giving out second doses of the Pfizer vaccine and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and that site will be open until the 18th of this month, and then it -- as trending with a lot of the smaller individual sites, will be closing. We do, however, have a popup site that's going to be right here at City Hall on June 12th from 10:00 to 12:00, so that's another opportunity for individuals to become vaccinated. And it's also good to note that both Lyft and Uber, through July 4th are still offering free rides, so if individuals are finding themselves in that position where they don't feel like they can get to a -- the vaccine site, as it's still open in Vizcaya, they certainly can take advantage of that both in the apps, and there are toll free numbers to call for both of those, and they cover your ride to and from. So for Lyft, it is \$15.00 each way, and for Uber it's \$25.00, so that is certainly a good benefit, and a lot of individual companies are also starting to give out incentives, and those change fairly regularly, so would just encourage individuals to look to see what -- they certainly could benefit from raffles to be entered in and the like. And we still have the information from -- the number and website has not changed in order to get vaccination appointments, and then our COVID hotline number has also -- remains steady to answer any questions that individuals may have. Questions?

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Thank you so much for -- for the presentation. Just a quick question to the City Manager -- you can designate whoever you want to respond. As it relates to The City reopening up our -- our facilities, what is the proposed -- what is the recommendation, in terms of mask mandates, entering our facilities? What would be the protocol that -- that we will be following regards to the public, so the public can be prepared as they begin to reengage The City services by visiting our facilities? Ms. Gayle, good evening.

MS. GAYLE: Good evening, Mayor Messam, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. So with -- with -- with the recent guidance that came down about mask wearing, the City Manager did propose a policy for the operation of city buildings, that we would still require masks in City buildings. With regards to capacity, we put a limit on capacity for -- for indoor activities and outdoor activities, and so those are the -- the -- the measures that are still in place.

MAYOR MESSAM: And --

MS. GAYLE: For -- for employees, of course, we would -- we would still do masks.

MAYOR MESSAM: And can you share with the public how this -- how this -- this guidance, our protocols will be communicated to them?

MS. GAYLE: Okay. So our buildings still have signs on the doors that says masks are required. We still have hand sanitizing stations in all of our buildings whenever individuals come in. We do still have our thermometer for -- for screening and -- and so on, so we still take those precautions. We still advise for handwashing and so on for City buildings. We are going to be opening up to -- for full, in-person services on June 14th, and a memo was prepared to be sent out by the Manager, advising staff of that fact, and -- and people have questions about how do we operate when we return to -- to -- to in-person services. So we do remind them in the memo, you still need to wear your mask, you still need to practice handwashing, and the practices that will keep us all safe.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank you for the update. Commissioner Davis, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. In terms of for our Fire, and I appreciate the report, the testing sites that we have is closed, correct? If you could -- I don't know how often you're going to giving these reports, if it's until we break for the summer break, but if you could also list in your report -- because I know you have up-to-date information, the sites that are currently available for testing. So just rather than just have sites closed, so where can someone in Miramar go, because that changes regularly. So if -- if the Hard Rock is still open for testing -- is it?

MS. SMITH: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And also in Pembroke Pines, the park still open there? You're not sure?

MS. SMITH: Markham Park is still open.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Markham.

MS. SMITH: There's several sites that are open, larger scale, and then the private at CVS and Walgreens. We actually worked with marketing to update the flyers.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, I've seen that. But we just want to make sure we use every avenue. And since there's people that are watching this, that you would provide that information in your report. And it would be more up to date than, maybe, what we might get, because I could say -- even the -- the vaccination site is closing June 18th, so then it would be good to know what is open in our area. So, again, I know the Walgreens, CVS, and in terms of major vaccination sites in around the area that folks can go. Because I do know some people are not getting the information. And I had somebody who came up and -- and went over to the testing site; it was closed. So whichever way we can the information to folk, that's what we should be using, and for those that watch our Commission meeting, that would be very helpful. The -- the other -- the -- the other information that was just given to us by -- by Shaun, and I know you mentioned masks, but there are occasions, for example, in the parks where they don't use masks. There's -- it's not everywhere that you requested masks, so I just want us to be clear to what the policy is there in the park, they're playing there by the pool, they're renting a pavilion, that sort of thing.

MS. VALERA: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney. Liz Valera, Parks Director. Right now, in any event that's on the out -- outdoors does not require masks. We definitely recommend that they continue using masks, and in every event that we've held, or any of our facilities, we -- with the help of Fire, we've been providing masks for those that don't have one. We also encourage the -- the thermo -- the temperature taking at our events. So we'll continue recommending it, but we can't enforce it when it's outdoors. Like ACM Gayle said, for our facilities, those that are using -- like our fitness centers, we're still requiring mask usage, as well as our staffing; we're all using our masks. And as -- as of now, any rentals that we're having, not in the pavilions, because those are outdoor, but any rentals that are indoor, we have been requiring masks, and we are encouraging social distancing, not at the six feet, but ta the three feed, like CDC was -- has recommended.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'm glad you mentioned the rentals, so if somebody is renting inside the Multi-Service Complex, and I mean that comes under Community Services, like the banquet halls, or any other area, since we're not there to police anyone, it would be safe to say that we're just recommending it. Because if they're renting our facility, because we're not there, because they're having a party, we're not enforcing it because, first of all, we can't enforce it. Am I -- am I right in that regard?

MS. VALERA: With the exter -- with the outdoor events, we can't require it. Again, like I said, we recommend it, but with the indoor events, we are requiring masks, and we're still following certain protocols. When they do a rental agreement with us, we're still giving them guidelines to follow, because we still are encouraging to try to keep that distancing. We're still requiring if there's food, that it be prepackaged, that it not be a buffet style. So we're still keeping certain requirements, and there's a separate form that we're asking them to complete that has kind of those limitations, so they're familiar with it, so when they rent, they're aware of what we're going to required. And, right now, the rentals are at a 50-percent capacity, so if the room is 150, we're only allowing a capacity of 75.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I understand that. I -- I just wanted to be clear that we are not enforcing -- we're not enforcing, correct?

MS. VALERA: We're not enforcing our --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: On our rentals, because --

MS. VALERA: Outdoor rentals.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So you are -- you're actually policing the indoor facility when they rent some place, we're actually going by and checking?

MS. VALERA: Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And if they don't, what's the consequences?

MS. VALERA: We -- we -- when they do the rental, they're advised of what they have to make, what restrictions we have, and they agree to those restrictions. So all our rentals are usually staffed by two or three people, depending on -- on the capacity on the attendance of the event, but we always have staff monitoring. They're aware that we will shut down the event if -- if they're not abiding by what the agreed terms. We haven't had that case. If anything, we find people being a little more cautious that what we even anticipated.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And, lastly, so for the executive, at what point are we doing away with the 50 percent? At what level, what stage are we at right now? And when do we plan to move along?

MS. VALERA: For -- for Parks & Recreation, we are eliminating the 50 percent on June 14th, and that's the notification that we've been putting out on social media, on our website. So June 14th is when we would eliminate that 50-percent capacity.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. And as far as the other limitations that you have?

MS. VALERA: I'm sorry?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The other limitations. I mean the CDC basically is telling people, if you are vaccinated, you don't need to wear a mask. So I'm asking about the other limitations, and maybe that's something for Shaun to answer. The other limitations that you're putting in place, what timeline do you have for those to be removed?

MS. GAYLE: So the -- the masks -- the other limitations would include the masks inside City facilities, and at this point, we're continuing with that, as we have not established an end date for that, for -- for having -- for wearing masks inside City facilities.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And so are you working together with the Manager to determine at what point is it when we are at zero percent? We are currently, in Broward County 1.6 percent positivity rate, so do you have a set guideline? And, if not, could you work towards that, so we as a commission, can have some idea. When we got into this, we had different stages we were going. Now we're getting out of it, I'd like to see the stages.

MS. GAYLE: Yeah, we'll talk about -- we'll talk about what -- what stage we -- we're comfortable doing that. What we are doing is working with the County on a -- on a vaccination campaign to see if we can get as many individuals vaccinated as possible. So as -- as part of that rollout, we'll talk with the Manager to see if we could determine, you know, when we would be comfortable lifting mask mandates in The City buildings.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So it's going to be based on you -- and I know we can't drill down, so -- unless you've been able to drill down; I'd like to see that, in terms of how many folks are being vaccinated in the City of Miramar. If we're looking to get that herd immunity at 70-percent vaccinations before we determine that we are no longer going to enforce -- require masks inside City facilities. So if that's the plan, I'd just like to know how we're going to achieve that; and that's it, really, how are we going to go towards that. And you said you're working with Broward County?

MS. GAYLE: Right. And they still have mask mandates in their, you know, transit terminals and so on, and we've been working hand in hand with them, so I think that will provide the avenue for us to develop some kind of thresholds at which we'll be comfortable saying that we no longer will require masks under certain circumstances. So we're -- we'll work to get that -- to get that done.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And the idea is really -- the CDC guidelines is not for everybody not to wear masks, it's for those who are vaccinated not to wear masks, is what they're saying right now, and those who are unvaccinated need to wear masks. So that is where they're at. So I'm not advocating for everybody to just abandon masks, and -- and it was -- it's -- it's almost like you're policing yourself, but, at the end of the day, that's where they're at. So I just want to make sure -- and you said you're working with the County to see where we're at with that in terms of those who are fully vaccinated, who can wear masks, and those who are not.

MS. GAYLE: We're working with them on the -- on the vaccination campaign, and -- and we'll develop with the Manager a threshold to determine when we'll -- we'll talk about lifting -- lifting the mandates.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. Appreciate it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, followed by Vice Mayor Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. ACM Gayle, Mrs. Gayle, question. With all the different departments, -- I know Ms. Valera just mentioned June 14th. You have the City Clerk, we have the City Hall, Parks & Rec, and MC, and so forth. Have we have a different timeline as to when we'll go back to full operation, or are we all on the same -- June 14th?

MS. GAYLE: We're all on the same, June 14th, Commissioner Chambers, understanding that some departments could not operate under teleworking situation. Some departments you had to be there to do the job that's required to be there. So some operations did not go to -- did not scale back as others, and so those -- those operations have been running. On June 14th, we anticipate that every department in The City would go back to full, in-person services, as we were in a pre-COVID situation.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can you say -- like for Building Department, I know people been going in and out. Are we at 50 percent? Are we at fully operational?

MS. GAYLE: We're fully operational in the Building Division.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: In the Building Division, okay.

MS. GAYLE: Yes. Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And then Parks is -- is -- is at what? 50, 75?

MS. GAYLE: I'm sorry?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Parks & Rec, are -- are we at -- what are we at now, 50, 75?

MS. VALERA: Staffing has all returned now. The only limitations we have is like the 50-percent rental, and we're still at a reduced hours at some of the parks. On June 14, we'll return to regular working hours, and fully operational.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay.

MS. VALERA: But right now, all staff has returned.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And -- thank you. And -- and what -- what are doing with MCC here? Is it the -- the theatre going to be fully operational June 14th, Mrs. Gayle?

MS. GAYLE: I'll -- I'll allow Director Cevieux to answer. I know they have programming planned; I'm not sure if -- if that will start June 14th, but I'll allow her to answer that question.

MS. CEVIEUX: Commissioner Chambers, I'm sorry, I didn't hear the question.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: No. What I'm asking is that June 14, that ACM Gayle said The City would be fully operational, in person June 14th. I'm -- I'm trying to see if all the departments is on the same schedule. As far as the theatre, is that going to be fully operational June 14th, or is there a different timeline?

MS. CEVIEUX: No, that's the same for us. We'll all be full masked on June 14th as well.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. And -- and we -- we'll -- we'll be at full capacity -
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MS. CEVIEUX: No, no, no. Capacity restrictions are --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Still be in place.

MS. CEVIEUX: -- still in place.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Still be in place.

MS. CEVIEUX: And, actually, in September we'll go full masked.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. Great. All right.

MS. CEVIEUX: All right.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And then, once more Ms. Valera, as far as the amphitheater, I know we're at, what 50 percent now or --

MS. VALERA: I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: The amphitheater, we at 50 --

MS. VALERA: The amphitheater is -- because it's an outdoor venue, we have been able to lift the restriction, so they're able to rent at full capacity.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you. I have a question for legal. Based on the Governor action, are we playing paper police? Or is there any challenge that we

could have from any patrons based on the guidelines we have in place? Is that possible, based on the Governor order? Ms. Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Can you please repeat -- repeat the question, through the Mayor?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: No, I'm saying, based on the Governor order that we -- in regards to all of the restriction, and we are keeping some things in place, is it possible that we could get a challenge from a -- patrons, as to the restrictions that we are keeping? Is there a possibility there?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Well, the -- the changes that are being made, staff -- actually, we work with them on these -- on the -- the guidelines that you just heard, and we did them in a way that have to do with, really, the City's proprietary duty and responsibility for its buildings. And so there are certain things that The City can do because it's the owner and the proprietor of its own buildings. And with that, The City can decide, legally, that, you know, there will be certain restrictions dealing with time, place, and manner that are not necessarily related to COVID. So we're not looking at these as being so much COVID restrictions, we're looking at these things as falling within the City's own proprietary guidelines of things that it desires to do within its own building.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So, legally, we're covered? Okay. Great. Thank you so much. I think what we're seeing so far is that people are taking personal responsibility. It's just about everywhere, they're -- from what I'm seeing, people are really wearing their mask. And, in addition to COVID, it's been a great reduction this flu season, so that's another benefit there for us to encourage everyone to continue to wear their mask when possible. I know a lot of us want to get out of it, but for some people, they will continue to do that, so -- all right, that's it. Thank you.

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

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Just a couple of questions. First, on the vaccination sites, do we have -- is there a deadline when all of the vaccination sites will be closed?

MS. VALERA: Not that it has been communicated to us thus far, no.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: We don't have any deadlines?

MS. VALERA: Not for every single one, no.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. Very well. And the senior centers, when do we expect to have our senior centers and the Adult Daycare Center open?

MS. GAYLE: We are -- we are anticipating a scaled back operation at the senior center come June 14th, understanding that we cannot have all of our seniors back inside the

space at the same time. As a matter of fact, we've already started senior programming by having the seniors transported for walking at the park, especially for those who are vaccinated, just to get them out of the house and get them active; we have been doing that for a number of weeks, and they have really appreciated that, because it gives them some activity to do. In terms of activities inside of the banquet hall, we have been doing the reassessments that have been necessary to get some folks back. Katrina, I don't know if you want to give more details, but to that end, understanding that we can't bring them all back. We are planning scaled back operations.

MS. DAVENPORT: Good evening. What we're doing right now, as Shaun mentioned, ACM Gayle mentioned, is we're assessing the seniors, since they've been away for such a long time, because that age group, that population come -- sometimes can decline in a very short time, so we want to make sure that when we bring them back, that it's the appropriate setting for their safety. That being said, if it turns out that that's not the case, then we would transition them to the Adult Daycare, where they have most of the provisions, they can still have the interaction and the support that they need.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'm sorry. I didn't hear a date when this transition would start. I know you started to do walking with them, but in terms of bringing them back to the building, --

MS. DAVENPORT: The 14th.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: -- I know you're going to do a scaled back, but when can the first group expect to be back to -- at the center?

MS. DAVENPORT: June 14th.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: June 14th --

MS. DAVENPORT: Yes.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: -- you'll have a group at the center?

MS. DAVENPORT: Yes.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. Would that be both centers?

MS. DAVENPORT: We're going to start off with the Multi-Service first, --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'm sorry?

MS. DAVENPORT: Multi-Service Center first.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay.

MS. DAVENPORT: And then depending on the -- the -- the demand, we would then also open up Sunset Lakes.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. So -- and that would be every day you'll have a different -- your plan is to have a different group? They'll be able to come out once a week, or how is that being done?

MS. DAVENPORT: So, because of the fact that we're not really sure what the interest is going to be yet, because it's hard to say. They say they want to come back, but it's a big change, so we have several plans that we can roll out; if the numbers are larger than we anticipated, we would do something where they would get to come once a week. If the numbers aren't that great, we can have them come, maybe, twice a week. It really does depend. We also have the -- the luxury of having a very large facility, so we have a lot of space to work with, so we will accommodate the seniors as best we can to ensure that they have the activities, as well as being safe.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. And I guess the numbers will be based on the amount of individuals that you have reevaluated?

MS. DAVENPORT: Right; initially, yes.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: What percentage have you reevaluated so far?

MS. DAVENPORT: I actually don't have an exact number. We did have a short discussion today, because the process is very lengthy, and normally that evaluation is done face to face, but because of COVID, it's something that we're not doing. So it's very hard to give a firm number, just because of the fact that, perhaps, the telephone assessment didn't really produce the results we're looking for, so it's going to require face-to-face assessment, which would require staff to go to their homes. So we're just being very cautious, not only for COVID, but also just to make sure that they're still appropriate, and it's a safe place for them to participate at the senior center.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. And we are reaching out to all those new individuals who have been receiving other services from our program -- from our City?

MS. DAVENPORT: I'm sorry, ma'am, could you please repeat --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: You -- you are reaching out to all of the new seniors that are receiving new services from the City?

MS. DAVENPORT: Absolutely. The number that we're reaching out to is a little over 500.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. Thank you very much; appreciate it.

MS. DAVENPORT: My pleasure.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: And actually say thank you -- you know, thank you to City staff and everyone and who has -- you know, and all the individuals who have been doing different things during this -- this period, and I do look forward to everyone coming back on the 14th.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Before we move on to Consent Agenda, I just wanted to check in with Commissioner Barnes to see if he had any comments or questions.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I tell you, my -- my -- my -- the one thought I've -- I've been carrying has been more or less answered, maybe not comprehensively, but the matter of how we operate within the restrictions that the Governor keeps placing on the entire State. From what I gathered, though, is -- basically, my -- my intention is to maintain contact with our attorneys to see how far we go, and get some more details from those that were provided this evening. That -- that is my real concern, because you -- you -- I mean you look around, there's another change, there's another restriction, so I think that is going to be one of the important things that we need to look at going forward when we start making our changes, because you -- you get -- you get a -- a change, an order or whatever from the Governor almost every week, so I think that is going to be one of the important things that we need to look at in collaboration with our attorneys.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks to everyone, and thank staff for the presentations and updates. We are slowly but surely getting back to normal.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: Before we -- the Consent Agenda items, I would like to inform the public that staff has asked to continue item number six, so it will not be included in the Consent Agenda. 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. Are there any items from the Consent Agenda that wish to be pulled?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Item number four.

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number four. Are there any other items? If none, may I have a motion to pass the balance of the Consent Agenda.

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 Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3 and 5, the Commission voted:

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

1. Minutes will be placed on the June 16th Commission Meeting Agenda.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R7405 approving the award of Invitation for Bid No. 21-016, entitled **“Landscaping, Irrigation Maintenance & Litter Control Services”** to DynaServ Florida, L.L.C., to perform landscape maintenance work for various City parks, in an annual amount not-to-exceed \$395,713.00. *(Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Billy Neal and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 21-106

3. Temp. Reso. #R7407 approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., in a lump sum of \$37,506.00 for the provision of professional services for the **Wastewater Reclamation Facility Monitoring Well**

Assistance Project. *(Utilities Assistant Director Jinsheng Huo and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 21-107

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number four, please.

4. Temp. Reso. #R7419 approving the purchase of technical stage personnel services with AV Technicians, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$111,000.00, to continue with contracted **technical stage personnel services** at the **Miramar Cultural Center**. *(Cultural Affairs Director Camasha Cevieux)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the purchase of technical stage personnel services with AV Technicians, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$111,000.00, to continue with contracted technical stage personnel services at the Miramar Cultural Center; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. Presentation, please.

MS. CEVIEUX: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commission. Camasha Cevieux, Cultural Affairs Director. So, again, this item is about funding increase for contracted stage -- technical stage personnel for MCC through AVT. Some background. Cultural Affairs actually competitively bid this proposal already; it's a contractual technical state personnel, where AVT was awarded for continued services -- with a continuing services agreement. The -- we had negotiated in the process consumer rates for AVT that our consumers are used to at this time, and at this time, they've been successfully servicing the facility and the clients with the resources to date. So COVID's impact on the facility, as you know, as much facilities of our type has been -- made this an unusual operational year. So FY '21 service levels were uncertain under the current consumer climate; these conditions allowed our department to pace planning and our funding with AVT, so this approval of this item is, basically, just in response to the climate, as it has changed. Provides the ability to continue funding these critical facility services, and respond seamlessly to the operation as it starts to get back to normalcy. Issues that the Department of Cultural Affairs requires the use of production service that -- that service is indigenous to the building. Such services require for both the theater and the banquet hall. Production services are utilized for programming and -- for programming of MCC and rentals. So, as of July 1, the department will meet or exceed the City Manager's threshold of \$75,000.00 to offer these services, that's why we're here today, so in anticipation of overshooting this threshold, we're seeking to -- permission to continue our negotiated rates with AVT that our consumers already accustomed to. So funding is available in the production services related to contracting technical service personnel in FY '21. City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. As mentioned before, the City Clerk received no requests to speak on this item, so back to the dais. There are a couple of Commissioners that did have a question; I think that's Commissioners Chambers and Davis. Commissioner Chambers, you have any questions or comments?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: No. I already have the presentation. That's good enough, thank you.

MS. CEVIEUX: Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. First, I wanted to ask -- so is this an annual -- is this annual?

MS. CEVIEUX: It's actually a two-year arrangement. Procurement -- Natalie is here; it's a two -- when we actually secured it, it was two years.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So the two years began when?

MS. CEVIEUX: The year before COVID; I don't have the exact date here on -- with me --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So are we saying --

MS. CEVIEUX: Oh, Alicia is here as well.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.

MS. AYUM: It's a two-year contract. I don't know the exact date it expires, but it was awarded some time last year, so we should have another year on it.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So it was awarded in 2020?

MS. AYUM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: For how much?

MS. AYUM: It was expected to be under 75, which is why they're bringing it to you guys for approval tonight; it was anticipated to be under 75 during the time of COVID.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But it was a two-year -- so it was a two-year contract at \$75,000.00 a year?

MS. AYUM: No, under 75. The contract was never anticipated; it was on an as-needed basis, so they just awarded it under the City Manager's authority, anticipating if it was

ever to go over, that we would bring it to the Commission for approval, like they're doing tonight.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So what has been done prior to this? What was -- what was being done prior to this award for these same services?

MS. CEVIEUX: They were contracted out to Klass X.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So when you contracted out to Klass X, that was under the 75?

MS. CEVIEUX: No, it wasn't. It wasn't -- well, we -- our contract with Klass X was -- included box office services as well, so it wasn't just one service, so it was more than that. I believe the contract was over \$300,000.00.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And when this contract was drafted, it was done during COVID, and you said you weren't going to have -- or what was the rationale for it to be under 75?

MS. CEVIEUX: Well, it wasn't during COVID; we actually didn't realize COVID would impact us so significantly, but because COVID -- with the onset of COVID, we recognized we would have to scale back our operations, and that's what we did. And so, because utilizations scaled back, production scaled back, and so we were able to stay within the 75 threshold. We didn't anticipate in '20 or '21 that we would hit that threshold, and as things started to loosen up, we responded to the marketplace, and now are opening up to -- so, essentially, we've -- we -- we did set an amount into the budget, that's why we're able to say funding is available for \$111,000.00, so we had up to \$111,000.00 in the budget, not certain of what the climate would be, based on the marketplace. So we, basically, monitored the contract, and that's why we're here today.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So, moving forward, you --

MS. CEVIEUX: Right.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- believe that you will have to come to the Commission for this item, because it -- it was under -- it was under budgeted when you did the award -- I mean you didn't do the award. I guess you -- it was under 75; you just gave the contract to the City Manager. But, looking at the scope of work, and based on you said what you did with Klass X, it seems like that was just under -- underbudget --

MS. CEVIEUX: Right. So that's perfect --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- initially.

MS. CEVIEUX: That's a perfect observation. So, yes, we have discussed with procurement to come back to Commission with an appropriate threshold for this organization.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And -- and so this particular 110, you're going to utilize -- and it ends when?

MS. CEVIEUX: It will end this fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So between now and the -- and say, September?

MS. CEVIEUX: Correct.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: What exactly do they do in the theater?

MS. CEVIEUX: So they basically hire stagehands and staff; so in this period of time, they're actually working rentals for us. We also do maintenance in August; they'll be assisting with that process as well, so -- and they also help in both the theater and the banquet hall. Theater cannot go without production. Once we turn the lights on -- you know, we have a very sophisticated theater, because of you guys; you know, the rigging system, all these things need to be monitored, including the lighting system. They all operate those things, so they staff the venue with that. If we're in the banquet hall, they're also dealing with AV and tech on that end as well. They have an onsite manager on duty with regard to the client. So --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So in terms of -- and I know we spoke about this previously, but in terms of, for example, a concert in -- in the theater, these would be the folks?

MS. CEVIEUX: Yes. So, traditionally, in FY '22, we'll have production manager and these folks as well.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So, for an event to take place this fiscal year, which is the concert, --

MS. CEVIEUX: Right.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- the cost would be covered under this for that?

MS. CEVIEUX: Correct.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So that would already be in -- that would already be covered under --

MS. CEVIEUX: No, we --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- the budgeting cost?

MS. CEVIEUX: Every time we have an event, we -- you know, we don't know in particular what the production services of that event need -- may need; some are greater, some are less, and --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But right now you'd have \$111,000.00 --

MS. CEVIEUX: Correct.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- to work with between now and the end of September. Have you identified the use of this funding?

MS. CEVIEUX: Yes, we have.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And how many -- what productions, how many are you doing?

MS. CEVIEUX: That's based on rentals that we have. And, again, they're limited because of the capacity, so they were not requiring -- we have -- basically, what's -- whose using the facility right now are dance competitions and such; we have some corporate clients that are using the facility for trainings; our staff is using it for training.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But if -- in terms of rentals, I'm assuming that you're getting the cost back for -- for this. It's -- this doesn't -- if somebody is renting, --

MS. CEVIEUX: Correct.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- then they are paying, and it doesn't come out of that.

MS. CEVIEUX: Yes. Yes, they're reimbursed.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So -- huh?

MS. CEVIEUX: Yes, you're correct, I'm saying.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I just want to be clear on that, so rental wouldn't affect this, because you're going to cover your costs.

MS. CEVIEUX: Right.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: We're not paying for their production, so -- anyway, I wanted just to clarify that, because I want to make clear that you are looking for this money to be used up, and it -- it -- it -- it covers the cost for stagehands if there's a concert, it would cover that cost if The City is putting it on. And so that already be covered.

MS. CEVIEUX: Well, again, if it's The City -- go ahead.

MS. KELLEY: So just for clarity -- good evening. I'm Zakiya Kelley, assistant director for Cultural Affairs. So I heard you say that for the rentals we wouldn't need that funding, but we actually would need to pay the vendor through that account. Even though we are reimbursed when we see the revenue, we still need the funding to cover it, so we do have to --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: But you get reimbursed the amount, correct?

MS. KELLEY: We get reimbursed it, but we still have to have it within our budget.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, I understand; but you're going to get reimbursed?

MS. KELLEY: Correct.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: All right. Perfect.

MS. KELLEY: Right, for rentals, we get reimbursed.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right. That's what I'm saying. All right. I -- I think I'm clear on -- on -- on -- on what you're asking for, and what the funds will be doing. And I just wanted to make sure I understood that. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: If there are no other questions or comments, may I have a motion on this item, please?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: 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 Davis, to approve Resolution #R74219 the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-108

5. Temp. Reso. #R7409 approving the award of Amendment No. 2 for the project entitled "**West Water Treatment Plant Lab & Office Space**", and authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed amendment with Walters Zackria Associates, P.L.L.C., in an amount not-to-exceed \$59,720.00 and allocating a contingency allowance of \$10,000.00, for a total project cost of \$69,720.00. *(Support Services Construction Administrator Daryll Johnson and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 21-109

6. Temp. Reso. #R7406 approving the final ranking and award of Request for Proposal No. 21-01-10, entitled "**Grant Administration for Community Development Block Grant, State Housing Initiatives Partnership, Home Investment Partnership, Neighborhood Stabilization Program and Other Housing Programs**", to Community Revitalization Affiliates, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute a consultant management services agreement for an initial three-year term, with two optional one-year renewal terms. *(Community Development Director Eric Silva and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

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End of Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: On to resolutions; item number seven, please.

7. Temp. Reso. #R7429 approving an **appointment** for replacement to the **Education Advisory Board**. (*City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving an appointment for replacement to the Education Advisory Board; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. We -- there is a vacancy on the Education Advisory Board. The business community at large, there's one seat. We have several applicants: Patrick Blanc, Valerie Cineus, who was recommended by the Education Advisory Board, Ashley Ferguson, Dr. Eileen Fluney, Jenny Gachelin, Dr. Karen E. Hollis, Gwendolyn Lampkin, Luke Nelson, Dr. Herb Payan. Are there any nominations for the business community at large?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I would nominate Valery Cineus, since she is being recommended by the Board.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. We have one nomination. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we'll close nominations. An appointee for the business community at-large seat for the Education Advisory Board, Valerie Cineus, Cineus -- I'm not sure if that's the pronunciation, who was recommended by the Education Advisory Board. There are no requests to speak on this item from the public, and at this time are -- may I have a motion on the appointment of Ms. Cineus?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: 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 #R7429, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 21-110

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

Commissioner Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: On to other business, reports and comments. Just a couple -- I did want to bring an item forward to the City Commission. We -- during the report by State Senator Rep -- State Senator Shevrin Jones, who talked about HB1, there's been a lot of discussion about -- about this bill that was signed into law by the Governor. Most of the comments that have come out of this has been issues surrounding -- surrounding the freedom of speech, the right to public protest. However, there is an issue that directly impacts municipalities across the State, and there is an effort for municipalities that will - - protesting or are filing suit against the State, as it relates to the home rule overreach. Specifically, with the bill, currently, right now, it -- it covers the issue as it relates to funding of the police departments. The City of Miramar has already passed a resolution that we won't defund the police. However, what HB1 does is it does impede our ability to do various things as relates to -- for example, when The City publishes a tentative budget, and if there's \$1.00 that's lower than -- for the police department's budget lower than the previous year, there can be an objection to that. It could be for items as simple as salary items. Let's say we get a new chief, and the next chief is cheaper, or his salary is less than the prior chief, or let's say, for example, a youth program is put into Parks & Recs, opposed to the police department, it eliminates the City's ability to have ownership over

its own budget. And what is being requested is to -- I'm asking the Commission to authorize our -- our City Attorney to work with legal advocacy organizations like Community Justice Report, Publics Rights Project, Southern Poverty Loss, and the NAAP, or the ACLU, all whom -- which have had already filed in some degree federal lawsuits as it relates to the public administration piece, and freedom of speech, and -- and there will be state suits that will be filed, as it relates to -- to home rule. So as we've always been a part of the leadership in regards to standing up for home rule for municipalities, I'm asking the Commission to authorize our City attorneys to -- to work -- and, by the way, these organizations don't charge the City; this is all pro bono, so there's no legal cost -- there's no legal fees associated with this organization -- like these organizations. They're funded by bar associations and various foundations to support different issues, so -- but this is more so for -- our -- our residents elect us to pass our budgets. We already have demonstrated our support of our police department, and making sure that they have all the resources needed to keep our community safe. But to have just designees, just in terms of state attorney, or the Governor's Office to approve our budget, if there is an objection to our budget is -- is in -- is in many's opinion -- many individuals' and organizations' opinion is an over -- an overreach on home rule. So there's no vote that we're voting on at this point, but -- but with successful collaboration with these organizations, a item will be brought forward, a resolution authorizing The City to take action, and being either a sponsor or a plaintiff named in a suit to fight for our home rule authority. So if there are any questions on this request, I'll take them at this time, or we just give consensus to the -- to -- to -- to allow our attorneys to work to bring this back to the Commission. Are any questions -- Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes. Isn't that something that the Broward League of City -- they usually handle a lot of that stuff for us, so -- the League of County -- I'm not sure how much more our attorney, given their busy schedule and so forth, how much more weight it's going to add to what already in place to -- to challenge the Governor action. I'm not sure if this is just a -- I don't know.'

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, good question. Good question. So your question is this is something that the Broward League of Cities or other organizations could take, I guess, can advocate for. Well, first, there's no heavy lift by our attorneys for this. The organizations will be doing the heavy lifting; it's just more so that our City attorney can interpret what HB1 means, and how it impacts us and authority, and what we can and can't do from a statute standpoint. And our attorneys are very versed in understanding legal counsel organizations for issues like this, so they are, basically, our vetting -- our vetting arm for the City. Third, I would add is that the City of Miramar is directly impacted; other cities are directly impacted. Advocacy organizations don't speak, legally, on behalf of municipalities, so if there's a suit that is filed fighting for home rule, we are the municipality, we are the -- the corporation that has been chartered to represent our municipal jurisdiction. So we are taking the need, and we are the plaintiff, Miramar, and other cities would be the named plaintiffs, not Broward League of Cities, not Florida League of Cities, it's the impacted league of cities. Very similar -- bless you. Very similar and consistent when we joined on wit our peered sisters across the State regarding the -

- the firearm lawsuit, when we filed the lawsuit regarding oil drilling right outside of our city in the -- in Everglades. It was not these organizations named in the suit. So -- so I hope that provides some -- some clarity on why it's important for the City of Miramar to control our own destiny and our representation of our residents, and leading the way as it relates to being an example for other cities standing up on this issue. Because this bill was just a horrible bill in all -- all -- all types of ways. There are other ways that concerns could have been addressed regarding public protests, but it's definitely a far chilling effect on us, and our abilities to govern our -- our city. Yes, Vice Mayor Colbourne, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you. I think it's a good -- it's a good item. It is something that's -- it definitely should be of interest to the City of Miramar and to this Commission. My question or my clarification that I'm looking for is in terms of when you say working with the groups, more or less, what would they be doing, and I -- I assume that there is a impact -- when you say working with the group, financially, how -- how much are we -- are we allowing them, in terms of spending towards this -- this task.

MAYOR MESSAM: So -- yes, good question. So when I say working with, it's just basically -- like any department in our city, if The City is contemplating representation in a particular industry or area, we would lean on the appropriate department to represent The City and bring back that information to us, correct? So in this case, if -- in this issue, this would be a lawsuit, so, for example, if it's the -- if the organization is the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the NAACP, along with the ACLU, filing the lawsuit, they're the legal representation, the attorney that will be litigating on behalf of the named plaintiffs. In our case, it would be the City of Miramar. So they have their own budgets; they -- they have assessed this issue, they are funding the lawsuit, so there's no come back to the City of Miramar, or the City of Gainesville, or the City of Miami or Fort Lauderdale, and all the other cities that would be represented in this suit, asking for reimbursement or for any costs. So when these organizations are representing particular issues, they're funding these cases, so they're representing -- the plaintiffs are their clients.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. I'm -- I'm good with it. I definitely want the attorney to come back to us, and provide us reports on it, and we'll be able to see just how much time is being spent on something like this.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Earlier I heard the Mayor state they'll be working pro bono; is that the attorney -- our attorney would not be paid; that's -- what's what he was saying earlier, right?

MAYOR MESSAM: No. What I'm saying is our attorneys would not be the litigators.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: No. I understand that point.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. So -- so when I say in terms of the lawsuit -- like for example, when -- when --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So who -- who would be working --

MAYOR MESSAM: When Weiss Serota -- when Weiss Serota led the lawsuit against the firearms, there was a ask for cities to pay a certain amount for the legal fees. So they -- they -- they were compensated by the -- the -- the parties that were being represented. So, in this case, cities aren't being asked for, let's say \$10,000.00 is their part of the fee. They already are -- are -- are funding that fee. So this item would be no different than our attorneys reviewing any other issue that any of us would bring to the Commission to ensure that it's -- has legal standing, and falls within our Charter, and falls within our City Code, or our Land Use correct. And if the City Attorney wants to add in any comments or object to anything I've said up to this point.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So we can agree that there going to be a fiscal impact, right?

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes, Mr. Mayor, just to weight in, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. This -- there are social justice-type organizations that are on the ground, and they're looking for some of them, municipal clients, and so some of the organizations that the Mayor mentioned earlier are some that are sort of in this fight, so to speak, to push back against HB1, because there are provisions that really do fall into infringing upon home rule authority of cities. And one in particular, which weighs a municipality's sovereign immunity for damages caused by a riot or unlawful assembly. If the governing body of the municipality intentionally obstructs or interferes with the ability of law enforcement to provide reasonable law enforcement protection during a riot or unlawful assembly, there are so many issue that are within that that could have a very detrimental impact on municipalities. And so these organizations, along with the NAACP, and some other potential clients are looking to find some municipal support for these things, because those -- at the end of the day, they would be one of the beneficiaries. Now some organizations are going far and broad with munici -- with the home rule issue, some are just focused on specific issues, and those are the kind of things that we can bring back to the Commission for your consideration to see how much involvement, and we'll certainly look at the legal issues to determine what kind of things we think are appropriate for the -- The City to be a part of. And -- and so if it's the direction of the Commission, we will work with and bring back information for your consideration to see whether or not the Commission or The City would like to be a plaintiff in some of this litigation, and -- and exactly what that entails.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Madam Attorney. Commissioner Davis.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. I'm in support of us, you know, making sure that we protect home rule, and get involved, in terms of these organizations and -- and the fight for that. But I -- I did notice that -- it seems like we're going to be focused on just a home rule issue, and some of these organizations are also focused on the rights of folks to be able to protest. Am I clear on that?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. So to -- some of these organizations, they -- they cover many areas. Like, for example, the ACLU and NAACP; the ACLU and NAACP, and I think even the Southern Poverty Law Center, they have already filed in federal court the First Amendment issue, because that has to be dealt at the federal level. As it relates to the home rule issue, then that would be a separate state filing, because that's in the -- the jurisdiction of the State, in terms of our -- our home rule, so that's why there's kind of some bifurcation of -- of -- of the -- the -- the -- the complaints that will be filed.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Perfect, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: So -- so is there consensus to direct our attorneys to bring back to the Commission recommendations, as it relates to this -- this matter?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mm-hm.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes, there is.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank you.

- Commission consensus directing The City Attorney to work with legal organizations/foundations in response to HB1 and report findings and make recommendations to the City Commission

MAYOR MESSAM: Also, I did want to ask the Manager if he could provide our staff just a status -- there's been some discussion regarding the ShotSpotter system in the City of Miramar. Obviously, this has been a discussion that has -- hasn't had much traction, as it relates to being proposed, its implementation, but recently it has come forward. So -- especially in light of the incident that took place yesterday at Sherman -- in the Sherman Circle area, where there was a shooter in Verano, I think that's the name of the development, that was later apprehended; and kudos to our police department for another -- what would -- what would be considered a uneventful arrest of an individual with a firearm that could have, otherwise, turned tragic. Where PD responded to gunshot fire in our city, audit was in one location, set up post, and sat all to find out it was in another area, so, obviously, in a situation like this, the ShotSpotter system, obviously, would

provide more direction, ping, you know, the location to assist with this. So I just wanted to get an update on -- in terms of where we are in the process of implementing this -- this technology, so for the benefit of the Commission and the public.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Mayor, Commissioners, I'm going to probably pass this over to the department of police in here, but I think I can -- to address this here, because I've been spending some time with the -- the Police Department, especially the Chief and staff in here. I have some expectation from the Police Department to have an agenda item prepared for the 16th requesting approval of \$250,000.00 for the -- always get confused if I'm saying it right, ShotSpotter. There's no reason why we cannot move forward this year. I have communication with IT today, I have talked with the Chief yesterday; we're our own hold up. And, therefore, I have a high expectation to make sure that at the next Commission meeting, that we will bring this item to the Commission for approval. It's been overdue in here, and we have shots that have been fired in our -- in our residence areas in here, and 441 in particular, which really got to my attention when three young men got murdered, and there was no way that we knew who it was, no license plates, no nothing. So we realized that, as the Police Chief said before, crime do not go away, it just moves, and therefore, we have to move forwards. We've had tours in here, Miami Gardens, as well as BSO in here, and it's just time in here, not talk about it, but we need to act on it now. We cannot have other cities around us doing this here; this is progressive, this is smart city thinking in here, and, therefore, there is an expectation that at the next Commission meeting, there will be a presentation, and there'll be a request for approval by the Commission.

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

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. And I'm glad you brought up the ShotSpotter issue, because that's something that I'd raised with the City Manager some time back, and with the police chief. At -- at that time, there -- there was some issues in terms of funding, but since then, as we've seen an update in shots fired in and around certain areas of Miramar, I -- I brought it up again to -- to the executive, and, at this point, we've done several tours, as was mentioned. We went to BSO, as well as to Miami Gardens, and it involves not just the ShotSpotter, because you have to have a real time crime center, in conjunction with it, and as -- as was mentioned, the Police Chief has been, pretty much, abreast of this. He came from Miami Gardens where they have this in place. And -- and also a system of license plate readers as well, so I think it's a -- an overall, comprehensive look at -- at how we can be at the forefront of technology, using technology, rather than necessarily we don't have a full police force, we're understaffed compared to where we should be. But to be able to use technology as best we can, and it's working in other municipalities, for example, Pompano. I read recently where the ShotSpotter actually enabled them to catch the persons who were firing their weapons prior to any 911 call, and the stats show that the majority of the times, there are folks who will not call, because it's so commonplace, that you may not get a 911 call. And when you do, by then folks have already scattered, and the ones that you do interview may not want to -- want to talk at all. So I think we should have a comprehensive look, and when

the item is brought forth, just to have a presentation adds to what was gathered from these other locations, from BSO, and from Miami Gardens, and what it really entails to get this up and running, and how -- you know, obviously, you'll start small, but how it then can -- can grow into what we need it to be. So I think a comprehensive look would -- would suffice. I've had a comprehensive look, and our colleagues would also need that, that same information to be able to make a decision. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Yeah, I'm very familiar with the ShotSpotter system. They're -- they're one of the -- they're a significant sponsor with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, as well as the National League of Cities; they have -- they're always at exhibit booths, and it's definitely a system that is scalable, as it relates to its implementation, so it definitely can meet the -- the constraints or the resources of a municipality, depending on their needs, and the available funding. Commissioner Chambers, followed by Vice Mayor Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank Mayor. I'm familiar with the ShotSpotter, something that we come across at League of City. And I -- I know some cities ran out and got it real quick, and they don't have a choice; it's like every day they have a lot of issue. But I just want to let our Miramar residents and our businesses, and potential residents and business owners know the facts, because there's misinformation out there with the media and so forth as far as Miramar is concerned, and this is not, by any stretch, murder Miramar. We have one shooting back in January, three fatality on 441, and, I guess, for a young man that reside in Miami Beach at the hotel. We don't know where they came from, whether it's the Hard Rock, Hollywood, West Park; we don't know where they were coming from, but it just happened on 441. Today is June 2nd; we were six months in, and we had two more fatality this past week. They both domestic, where -- I was on the phone with one of my resident this morning. She witness one of the shooting, where relationship -- the young man decided to shoot the young lady for some jealous reasons over in east Miramar. Horrific, you know. The whole family, husband and wife witness the shooting; that was domestic. The second one was another relationship gone wrong. So -- and that's -- this was all within the last week, so we are six months in; I'm sure in Jamaica, we have over 800 murder already. So I just want people to understand that sometimes when you watch the media, they doesn't give you the facts. The City is safe, and the men and women that protect The City day in and day out do a fantastic job. In addition to that, this is a credit, also, to our resident, to have a median income of \$31,000.00 in this city, and have these residents behave exceptionally, and provide the level of service that we provide, this is a great thing. So we just want to make sure for those people that watching, the facts don't -- don't lie, okay, we are doing everything that we can, and Miramar is safe. Just look at what's happening here. I'm not making it up. You could check it for yourself; comes in our -- on our cell phone when something happen, we get the notification, we can see it, and compared to where we at, adjacent to Pembroke Pines, West Park, Miami Gardens, on the border of Dade County, we got to give our men and women credit that operate our police department every day. And we might understaff, but we're not under skilled. Might be a little bit underpaid, but we work full time for this wonderful City, so I want to thank them for everything that they do. I want to thank you

guys so much to -- looking out for our residents, looking out for this community. I know a lot of you don't live here, but this is home for you, and this is where you call home, and there's many, many reasons why you stay. A lot of our officers stay, not because of pay, but because of the resident that they encounter every day, the relationship, talking to the residents, and what they give back. It -- it's really, really make a difference, you know, so I can't thank you guys enough, thank you.

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

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I had requested some statistics from the Police Department concerning shootings and -- and just crimes with guns in general. I haven't received those, so I just want to go ahead and take this opportunity to make that request again. And -- and certainly to have that information as part of the report that will be presented when we present this item.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. And, finally, to close out my report -- thanks, Mr. Manager, by the way, for that -- for that response.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I want -- I didn't want to take the thunder from the police when they do their presentation.

MAYOR MESSAM: No, it's fine, it's fine. It's a -- it's a -- when I said that -- that -- share that they could benefit from, and -- and -- and all I can say is that if a shot takes place in any one of our neighbors -- in our neighborhoods, the residents want a quick response. And any tool, and any technology that we can put in the arsenal to be able to address the situation is welcomed by our -- our residents of -- of concern, so looking forward to that report. Quick two announcements. As you may have seen on -- on social media, the City of Miramar is one of 20 cities, actually, who are finalists in the All-American City Award, and we should find out pretty soon if we get that designation; but just to be a finalist is -- is testament to our wonderful city, our residents, and our -- and our staff, and -- and our business community that makes us a great place to -- to live. And if that isn't enough, also the City of Miramar was just notified that we are one of 50 cities worldwide to be designated a -- to get the Smart 50 Awards winner, and that's international award, so the City of Miramar has been recognized for our smart city concepts that have been developed into our city for the benefit of our community. When we're using technology to drive decisions, and to increase and improve our efficiencies in the way that we provide public service to our community. That concludes my report. And starting with Commissioner Barnes, you have a report? Commissioner Barnes, you have a report? Hearing none. Going to Commissioner Chambers; you have a report?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes, sir. Once again, I just want to say my condolences to Senator Campbell and her family for the loss of her son. He do live here in Miramar; this murder, killing took place in North Miami. It's very saddened, 23-year-old young man to lost his life in another domestic relationship way just -- really -- really saddened that we can't find better way to address our lover's quarrel or -- you know, it's just really, really

saddened, and there's nothing any police department can do to police those kind of senseless killing. I also wanted to, once again -- this coming weekend will be the funeral for Mr. Gene Samuels, our beloved brother that served Miramar Code Department for many years, and live in the City. More of my condolences to all the employees and his family; he will be missed. Also want to thank my colleagues for supporting the Everglades High School prom this past Friday night at the amphitheater, and I'm just going to expand a little bit on that. I hope we can find a way to make sure we don't get the sound system echo in the amphitheater; I have some idea on how we can sit down with staff and see how we can improve on that when we have an event there. It was a bit bad this weekend with the prom there, having to use the microphone; it kind of echoed, so hope that staff can reach out to me or anyone to see how we can improve on that. Also, this past Friday night, I want to thank the Parks & Rec for their involvement in another great event, Family Night, for our residents; it was a success. I want to thank my colleagues for coming out and showing their support, and greeting the residents and so forth. It was really, really fantastic, the band was great, all the support was great, food was great; no complaints. So I just want to thank everyone. Also, June is Caribbean Heritage Month, and we have quite a few things. I want to thank my colleagues, especially Commissioner Davis for kicking off the event yesterday, and we're looking forward to -- to Taste of the Islands. And, as you know, upcoming -- that's June 26, and also June 19, we'll have the Island Hopping Experience at Shirley Branca, 6900 Miramar Parkway, so -- and that's going to be from 5:00 p.m. to -- is it 10:00 or 11:00, somewhere there -- to 10:00, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; thank you, Ms. Valera. You're going to have Kevin Little; he's going to be on hand just to support his island that was devastated by the volcano, so we're going to give them some support. Bring your donation to support them. Also, we're going to have representation from Haiti, Bahamas, Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, and the St. Vincent, and the Grenadine, so it's going to be a great event. I think this coming Saturday we're going to have a High Five race at the Miramar Regional Park, and we hope that all of you come out and support that. If you have not already purchase your ticket, please do so, and come on out and walk, run and support that event. Anyone have any questions in regards to Island Hopping please call my office at 954-602-3154. And that's it. Everyone have a wonderful rest of the week. I'll see you guys right back here. Look out for yourself, please.

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

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. Thank you. I just wanted to -- to just bring up an issue when it comes to events. As The City is opening up, and our staff is coming back, and we're going back to having events and so forth, I know pre-CO -- during COVID, the City Manager, rightfully, cut back on -- on the events, because we were not having events. But now that we are having events again, we have Fourth of July coming up, you know, which we would expect a great event for Fourth of July. We -- we have Caribbean Heritage -- I'm sorry -- yeah, Caribbean Heritage events that -- that's also coming up, and we know we're going to have a great event there, Hispanic Heritage coming up. So I just

wanted to bring up the conversation. I would like to -- to see that the City Manager fund those -- those events to the pre-COVID funding. That's -- that's my request.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Are we having Fourth of July?

MAYOR MESSAM: Mm-hm.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We're going to have a celebration, Fourth of July, fireworks?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah, there's a --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I -- I, too, would like to see how, just as we have -- just through tonight, actually, approved funding for the Cultural Arts based, really, on the uptick of events, and things that are taking place at -- at the Center. Because of where we are, obviously, last year this time, nobody knew we'd be where we are, close to one percent positivity rate, and -- in Broward County. And so I think as we start to open up, and if things weren't budgeted to the full level, that we could look at that. One of the things that -- that I -- again, the -- the Island -- Taste of the Islands is -- is an event that we're doing -- we scaled back, as we normally would. We did not do the -- the Afro Carib event this year, and so we've realized some savings. But, as we start to open up, I -- I -- there is also an opportunity, which I spoke to the Cultural Arts about, as we go to full capacity in -- in the theater, the Love 'N Laughter event, which would see the return to patrons being able to go into the theater and enjoy comedy and also an R&B artist all at the same time with Melissa Morgan and Marvin Dixon to start that off. To be able to appropriate some of that money that would have been used in the -- the Caribbean event or the Afro Carib event, just to start off, because, clearly, when I ran the numbers, and not to overshadow what you're trying to do, Vice Mayor Colbourne, but in addition to what you would like to see, that this Love 'N Laughter item, it will be funded by ticket sales, at 60 percent of ticket sales at like \$35.00; you'd realize most of the cost will be covered. But it's just initial to pay the -- the acts the 50-percent deposit before we realize the sales of the -- the tickets, is what I'm -- I'm seeking for as well. So while we're looking at the -- the events, some events have passed, and we didn't hold them; the Caribbean event, the Taste of the Islands is scaled back from what it would normally be. If that -- we're -- we're talking, probably, \$10,000.00 here, in terms of initial funding to get the artists and paid for their deposit, if that could be moved from one of the other events, such as Taste of the Islands, or the Afro Carib that didn't take place into this event. And, I think, at this point, when we're starting to open up, and other cities are starting to open up, we're in direct competition with, who have cultural theaters that are actually larger and can actually hold more patrons, that we should be jumping out the gate to -- to really start ramping up, and not wait until October to start our first in-person event, in terms of theater, and -- and the -- the Cultural Theater. So I'm -- I'm -- I'm for looking for the Manager to come up with

some ideas to -- to put back the level of funding in the few items that are left before the end of the fiscal year.

MAYOR MESSAM: That concludes your report, Vice Mayor?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Well, I -- I want to make sure that we give the Manager some direction, so what I was looking for -- what I am looking for is for consensus to -- to ask the Manager to fund those City events that -- that were not funded because of COVID. Now that we have reopened the City, events are part of what -- you know, some of the things that we do in The City. So I'm looking to get consensus to ask the Manager to fund those to our pre-COVID funding. So I wasn't sure if I -- if I had that consensus based upon the conversation. I can get some clarity from my colleagues.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Well, I'm in agreement. But, again, I -- I think that because some of -- for example, I'm in the middle of Taste of Islands right now, and so it's already planned out. We've planned out with not the full amount of funding. So I would like for - - if that's fully funded, that we're asking, that some of that money be used -- that's not going to be used, because it's already planned out, to jump start the Love 'N Laughter event, which will, pretty much, pay for itself with the ticket sales. So I'm in agreement if - - if -- in terms of those events that are already planned out, and if we're going to fully fund them, they don't -- we're not going to use that, if it can be used for something else.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'm not sure of the event that you're referring to, specific, but if I understand what you're saying, Commissioner Davis, that what you're looking -- somehow that money was -- is coming back into the pot with the sales -- with the sales of the event, so it's -- it --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, this is --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Is that correct?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah. This --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yeah. Okay.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- is a funded event which will be coming from --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I don't see --

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: -- ticket sales, so --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Right. Yeah. I don't see -- I don't see an issue with that if funds are coming back; there will be revenues to cover that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Is -- is that a city event? Is that a department event?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. It's City -- it will be a City event.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. I would just add that the -- with -- with -- with -- with that is to have at least an account of where -- where the funding would be coming from, if it's coming from fund balance, if it's coming from reserves, taking from another department. I just think that that would be important to know, so that we can be able to, you know, make -- make the decision, you know, with that un -- with that understanding.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: I'm certain the Manager will provide us that information.

MR. MASON: Good evening.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. MASON: Norm Mason, budget director or chief budget officer, sorry. Sufficient funding is available in Parks & Recs. With the Manager's initiatives, we would -- had savings within certain departments, and that is one of them; there were projections going forward for the remainder of the year, with his direction, would allow us to identify the funding within their current budget.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay.

MR. MASON: But at -- at his direction, I would look for that. So they wouldn't need money coming from fund balance or a budget amendment in that regard, because we're not moving money from one department or another, or from fund balance.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, thank you. I think it's important for the -- for the community to know that -- where the source is coming from, so there's not assumptions, because folks will probably assume that we're going into reserves, or if it's taking away from another department. So I just think that with the -- the transparency to -- to -- to show that it's -- it's -- it's funding that's allocated within that department that were savings, and in -- but now we're allocating it for events that we can now do, given the -- the status of the pandemic, and the reopening of the City.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Mayor, I'm going to have to get with budgeting in here, because I'm hearing you saying that the money is available in Parks & Recreation. I'm like, are you sure?

MR. MASON: So our projections through Parks & Recs, as well as non-departmental, so I -- don't have, you know, --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Okay.

MR. MASON: -- the final numbers for Parks & Rec for the entire year, but I -- I have identified some savings within that department, as well as non-departmental, so I'm confident, as we work with Parks & Rec again to firm up those numbers in the next two weeks, with the remaining payroll, etc., I can get a little closer. But right now they do have some savings, and I don't want to mislead if I said all of it is coming from there. Working with the Manager and non-departmental, we -- we will have sufficient funding working with them at this point, based on our projections, and the -- the available savings due to the Manager's scaling back a lot of the departments, including ours on -- on certain expenses.

MAYOR MESSAM: That concludes your report, Vice Mayor?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes. Well, I -- I -- that's -- that's fine. The funding is available. Certainly, if the funding is not available, it's not available, but if the funding is available, I certainly would like to see that happen.

- City Commission consensus directing City Manager directed to fully fund remaining City events of fiscal year 2021 at pre-COVID levels

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Commissioner Davis, you're recognized for your report.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you. And just so the residents know, I'm not sure if it was told to them that our reports are now being shown on cable television, Comcast, and I believe it's Channel 78. And also on miramarfl.gov on our website, so you'll get more of the events and things that we plan for you, if you visit our website again; miramarfl.gov, or if you do have Comcast. But just to highlight just quickly what took place. June 1st, of course, they kicked off Caribbean Heritage Month. I'd like to thank our sponsors Island TV, and also Grace Foods, and we certainly appreciate those who took the time out of their schedule to come and celebrate with us, as we kick off the Caribbean Heritage Month in -- in the City of Miramar, of course, around -- quite around the United States. There is an event -- obviously, there are many events going on. Again, you can get that information on miramarfl.gov, but in particular, I'm hosting the Taste of the Islands, which will be on the 26th from 6:00 to 10:00, and we'll have a lot of food trucks, a lot restaurants who were really trying to help them, as we really come out of this pandemic to keep them afloat. And we're supporting local Miramar businesses and restaurants during this time, during the Taste of the Islands. So we have a lot of entertainment, food, fun festivities right here on the Plaza on the 26th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The, as we've just come out of the month of May, which was Haitian Heritage Month, and we had such a great time at our event at -- at the Multi-Service -- sorry, at Shirley Branca Park. We -- we really celebrated the culture of -- of Haiti, and we -- we certainly appreciate all that they brought to the United States and have done here in the United States. And -- we -- we had a -- a really great time with our Haitian brothers and sisters, and that -- that event went very well. And so, once again, as I mentioned, for all future events, which there are many

coming up in the month of -- of June, you can get that information on miramarfl.gov. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Manager, you have a report? Madam Attorney?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Mr. Mayor, Commissioner Barnes has a report.

MAYOR MESSAM: I -- okay. See, I asked -- I called on you first. Just for the record, I called on you first; we didn't hear from you, so --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Oh, I'm so thankful. Anyways, let me -- let me just draw the Commission's attention to a memorandum that was sent out by the City Manager yesterday regarding guidelines for spending on special events. It is instructive, I think, for all of us to think about how we spend on events, especially after the just ended discussion. I also want to thank staff for facilitating our Facebook Live this past Thursday evening, and a lot of thanks to specialist nurse, Carol Hilton, and stroke and neurology surgeon Dr. Norman Ajiboye. Great information was exchanged, and as I told them, the -- the value of -- of that is not just that it is a onetime event, but it actually gets replayed - it gets aired on our cable channel from time to time, so the value of that will continue in perpetuity. And I -- I want to offer a very special congratulation to the graduates from both of our high schools, Miramar High and Everglades High; their graduation coming up next week. Whatever is going to happen, I'm going to be attending both of them, and -- and final note, I'm just informing our residents to watch out for our kite festival coming up in a matter of time. So watch out for -- for the announcement about the kite festival coming up shortly. And that's it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner

City Manager Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Manager.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I had totally forgot, and the deputy and Mr. -- Assistant City Manager Baker and Shaun reminded me of what was happening Saturday. I want to acknowledge the Parks & Recreations Director and Billy Neal in here. Normally, I'm kind of anal -- anal in trying to get involved with some details in here, and you're going to have to push me away. They did a awful -- I mean a great job of -- of signing a contract with the IAAF. We have over 100 athletes that's going to be coming in and competing. It's a wonderful feeling; the hotels are being filled. I think it's something just to compliment the

staff that they went more than the distance, because I wanted to give up on trying to do this here, but they took the ball and ran with it, and I just want to acknowledge the staff today for Saturday's event, but also for the Commission to understand that we got good staff. We got some very competent staff in here, you know. We can't move as fast as -- as the Magnificent Five, but we -- we put on a pretty good show. So I just want to go back and say, thank you Parks & Recreation.

MAYOR MESSAM: Hear hear.

City Attorney Reports: NONE

FUTURE WORKSHOP: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. On that note, this meeting is adjourned. Good night everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, CMC
City Clerk
DG/cp