



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

**MARCH 5, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:03 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  
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers  
Commissioner Darline B. Riggs

The following members of staff were present:

City Manager Vernon Hargray  
City Attorney Jaime Cole  
City Attorney Alison Smith  
City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening everyone. The meeting of the Miramar City Commission is now called to order. Please call the roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs.

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Manager Hargray.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Cole.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Smith.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Here.

MAYOR MESSAM: Let us all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, let us observe a moment of silence for any condolences we are experiencing in the community. Thank you.

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamation: Procurement Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we have a couple of proclamations. The first proclamation will be in observance of Procurement Month, and I would like to call Procurement Director Alicia Ayum up and staff. Let's welcome our Procurement Department. You know, they have the big task of ensuring that every department gets all of the needs and services, goods and commodities purchased, so that your department can have the tools and resources to perform your duties. And this proclamation is in recognition of Procurement Month, March 2019:

Whereas, the public gov -- the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and, Whereas, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies, and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and, Whereas, public procurement professionals in the City of Miramar and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power, running into the billions of dollars; and, Whereas, the Procurement Department and the City of Miramar is committed to providing high caliber, strategic, logistical, and operational support of all departments within the City of Miramar; and, Whereas, the Procurement Department and the City of Miramar recognize, support, and practice the procurement -- the public procurement values and guiding principles of accountability, ethics, impartiality, professionalism, service, and transparency established by the Institute for Public Procurement, also known as NIGP, as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and, Whereas, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand awareness of the purchasing professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business, and corporate leaders. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do, hereby, proclaim the month of March 2019 as Procurement Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: And before our department takes a seat, I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage of our vendors and suppliers that if you're not currently doing business with the City of Miramar, we are open for business. And these are the individuals who you can contact to get information about the purchasing needs of the City of Miramar. Many individuals do not know that contracts, procurement history is all -- all falls under the Sunshine Laws, and all of our current contracts are available for the public. And the best way to prepare to serve the City of Miramar as a contractor or service provider is to understand the current contracts that we currently have, when the terms are up, when it will be renewed, kind of get an understanding of how the performance of the existing vendors are doing, and these individuals can help you navigate that process. Because the more you know, the better prepared you'll be to be able to respond to any invitation to bid, request for proposals, or request for qualifications. So make sure to check out our Procurement Department. You can go online and get contact information, and all of that information will be available to you, so thank you all so much for all that you do for all of the City departments.

Proclamation: Women's History Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Usually, I don't show partiality to proclamation, but this is the best proclamation for tonight. I know doing business with the City is great, but, at this time, we are going to recognize and proclaim the Month of March as Women's History Month. So I'm going to ask if every female in this chambers can come up and join me at the dais, every last one of you, every last one of you. This is for you. This is for you, including my

colleagues on the Commission. Madam Attorney, Madam Clerk, all the young ladies. All right, all right. And if you -- yes. And if you are watching at home, if you can make it here in the next ten seconds, you can join us as well. Okay. Proclamation, Women's History Month, March 2019:

Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and, Whereas, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of the life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor and volunteer force working inside and outside the home; and, Whereas, American Women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in our nation; and, Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and, Whereas, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American history. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do, hereby, proclaim March 2019 as Women History Month.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for all that you do. We not only recognize you -- we not only recognize you, we not only value you, but I think it's always important that we provide every opportunity not to allow women to be leaders and do things, because they do that anyway. But we owe ourselves and our community to take every opportunity to remove every artificial barrier that stops the rightful participation of women in our City, in our County, in our State, in our nation and around the globe. So thanks Miramar, thanks to our amazing women that help make the City of Miramar run. We could not be the city who we are without you. We appreciate you and we love you. Thank you.

Presentation: Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Report on National League of Cities (Youth Advisory Council Members)

MAYOR MESSAM: And now we have the amazing opportunity to hear a presentation from the City of Miramar's nationally leading Youth Advisory Council. And, at this time, I would like to ask our representatives of the Youth Advisory Council to present their presentation. Let's give them a round of applause. Before we start, if we can have everyone introduce themselves, stating your name, and if you have an office position, state your office position. It doesn't have to be -- we can start with our president and vice president. Yeah. You can use the mike and just pass it down. I think it's still on. Make sure it's -- no, turn -- there's a switch on -- press it forward, yeah.

MR. RAMPASARD: High, Commission, my name is Kaelan Rampasard, and I'm the president of the Youth Advisory Council.

MAYOR MESSAM: And name your school.

MR. RAMPASARD: Miramar High School.

MR. BHOLA: My name is Roland Bhola from Miramar High School, and I am the vice president of the Youth Advisory Council.

MS. BORGES: Hi everyone, my name is Ivette Borges from Everglades High School, and I'm the secretary of the Youth Advisory Council.

MS. KIERSON (SP): I'm Reagan Kiersen, and I go to Everglades High School.

MS. CANADA: My name is Mikyla Canada, and I attend Miramar High School.

MS. PEÑA: My name is Yessika Peña, and I attend Miramar High School.

MS. MOTOA: My name is Giuliana Motoa, and I attend Everglades High School.

MS. FREGOSO: I'm Ivanna Fregoso, and I go to Everglades High School.

MS. JOLOYA: Amanda Joloya from Everglades High School.

MR. NATTERI: I am Giacomo Natteri from Everglades High School.

MS. CRUZ: I'm Josefina Cruz from Everglades High School, Miramar.

MR. NATTERI: Test. All right. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commission and City Manager. My name is Giacomo Natteri --

MS. CRUZ: And my name is Josefina Cruz.

MR. NATTERI: -- and we're part of the Youth Advisory Council. We represent Everglades High School and Miramar High School. And on behalf of the Youth Advisory Council, we want to present and share with you all our amazing experience at the National League of Cities Summit in Los Angeles, California. During our time in the City of Angels, we had the amazing opportunity to attend events, a variety of general sessions, workshops and youth meetings to help enhance our ability to be leaders in the community, and to work, and build upon our preexisting skills.

MS. CRUZ: One of our favorite general sessions, and definitely the most talked about within our group was the general session with keynote speaker Elon Musk. The Silicone Valley entrepreneur gave a magnificent speech on his thought of integrating high tech roads in Los Angeles, and using tunneling to make traffic easier in large congested cities. He really emphasized the point that we should look towards a progressive future, and not the past.

MR. NATTERI: In today's day and age, we would expect discrimination to be wiped out, but the reality is that that's just not so, and thanks to the film, *The House We Live In*, and keynote speakers such as Lorraine Davis and Kelly Watson led a very eye-opening, interesting discussion on modern solutions to de-discriminate the experience in the housing market.

MS. CRUZ: One place we would have loved to have been able to spend more time was at the Expo Center inside the convention. The event was course tailored to city officials. However, we were able to really see the many items cities have to spend money on that you would not even think about, like equipment for parks and security infrastructure.

MR. NATTERI: Amongst the other workshops, the most controversial was the legal cannabis workshop. The legalization of marijuana is a topic that is heavily debated in many major cities. Some cities such as Los Angeles and Denver have legalized the use of recreational marijuana, and this workshop helped to see the logistics of legalization, and the way cities adapt to it.

MS. CRUZ: One of my favorite socials in the Youth Delegate & Municipal Leader Dessert was the Municipal Leader Dessert Social. We were able to have one-on-one conversations with municipal leaders in a very relaxing setting, and really dig in deep with the issues their cities are having, and how they work out those problems. What was so great is that we would be able to give our own input on these ideas and feel that our ideas were impactful.

MR. NATTERI: Having the opportunity to be on this council for almost three years, and attending all of the NLC trips, this year's social was one of the best. NLC rented out the Universal Studios in Hollywood, California for the closing ceremony. It was a wonderful experience getting to spend the evening with friends that we had met from around the country and gotten close to over this trip.

MS. CRUZ: We also had the pleasure to witness the Mayor's bid in the Board of Directors. It was super inspiring to gain insight on a successful leader like the Mayor, to look up and gain mentorship from.

MR. NATTERI: With this, we would like to thank the Commission, the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the City of Miramar as a whole for supporting the Youth Advisory Council. We appreciate all the work that gets put into the Council day in and day out. And, with this, we would like to show you guys a video of our time in LA. (Video shown) Thank you all very much for your time.

MAYOR MESSAM: On behalf of the City Commission, we would like to not only thank you for a great presentation, and giving us a glimpse of your experience during the National League of Cities City Summit. But we also like to thank you for representing us so well, not only when we go abroad, but just the great work that you're doing in our schools. You're some of our City's brightest kids. I know some of you are preparing for

college right now. You have so many options to choose from, and we're just so proud of you, and you represent the City of Miramar, and we're working hard to have a city that will be waiting for you with open arms, so, perhaps, one day you can come back and settle here and have your own kids. So thanks so much for representing us so well. Does anyone from the Commission have any comments or questions for the -- for students? Vice Mayor?

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you. I would -- I would certainly echo what you've said. You know you guys are outstanding, and when we go to these conferences and we -- and we see our group, and -- and the other groups, and -- and -- you know, just to see the kids there, and how seriously they take the experience. It's -- it's awesome, and I certainly hope that it's a true learning experience for you all, and -- and something that will benefit you throughout whatever careers you decide in life. So thank you so much for what you do.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I just want to thank all of you. You guys are leading by example, and did a fantastic job year in and year out, so congratulation. Continue doing what you're doing, and you guys going to be fantastic leaders, and empowering other young people yourself. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I'm just using this opportunity to say thanks to all of you for making our City proud, our schools proud, your parents proud. We thank you so much for being great ambassadors for the one and only Miramar. Thanks.

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: The only thing I would add is to let you know not to be shy to let us know what other assistant you might need in order for you to be successful. But we are very proud, and we thank you for being leaders.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks so much. And we do have a short agenda, so you're welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting, but if some of you have to leave for homework, we definitely understand that. Thank you so much for such a wonderful presentation. Thank you. Let's give them another round of applause.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So on to Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by the motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. Anyone wishing to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda should approach the podium now. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on the Consent Agenda? Just state your name and which item number.

MS. BISCARDI: Sure. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, City manager and Commissioners, my name is Courtnee Biscardi. I'm the senior vice president of operations and strategy for the Urban League of Broward County, and with me is the program coordinator Kathy Forbes, who manages our crime prevention and intervention, and we'd like to talk to you about item number four. We are --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So --

MS. BISCARDI: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- on item four, I'm going to be pulling item four, because we have other entities as well.

MS. BISCARDI: Great.

MAYOR MESSAM: So you'll have an opportunity to -- to -- to present.

MS. BISCARDI: Wonderful.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Thanks so much. Are there -- are there any other members from the public that wish to comment on the Consent Agenda, other than item number four? Seeing -- seeing -- you're item four, right? Yeah, so you're going to wait on four. We're going to pull item four, so it's -- we're -- we're going to pull item four. All right, back to the Commission. I'll be pulling item number four. Are there any other items that wish to be pulled? If not, I'll entertain a motion for the balance of the Consent Agenda.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. 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: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

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

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of February 6, 2019

**Approved**

2. Temp. Reso. #R6900 approving the first one-year **renewal** agreement with Regions Security Services, Inc., to provide **security guard services** at the **Miramar Cultural Center ArtsPark, Wastewater Reclamation Facility** and the **Multi-Service Complex** commencing April 22, 2019 through April 21, 2020, in an amount of \$181,200 for monthly scheduled services and \$19,635 for additional hours, as needed. (*Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

**Resolution No. 19-84**

3. Temp. Reso. #R6899 authorizing the expenditure of \$62,790 of Law Enforcement Trust Funds for the purchase of **Automated External Defibrillator (“AED”) Machines** for the Police Department from Cardiac Science Corporation, utilizing the State of Florida, Department of Management Services Contract No. 42172101-18-NASPO-ACS. (*Police Chief Dexter Williams*)

**Resolution No. 19-85**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number four, please.

4. Temp. Reso. #R6908 authorizing the **donation** of Law Enforcement Trust Funds to **community organizations**. (*Police Chief Dexter Williams*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item number four is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, authorizing the donation of Law Enforcement Trust Funds (LATF) to community organizations, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Assistant Chief Burgess.

ASSISTANT CHIEF BURGESS: Good evening, Mayor, Commission. This item here, we're requesting the expenditure that would be permitted inappropriate under the Florida State Statute 932.7055, which governs the use of LATF funds. I work with Miramar Police Department partners with -- and supports local organizations that aim to make the community safer through various programs, from crisis shelters and mentorship programs, to organizations that help to find missing children, innocent victims of crime. This investment in the community allows the Miramar Police Department to have a further and more effective impact on the community. The next slide will reflect the donations as follows: Learning for Success \$6,000.00; the Miramar Police Athletic League \$6,000.00; a Child and missing program \$3,500.00. The Broward Victim's Right Coalition, \$5,000. Fathers: missing in action, \$5,000. Crime Stoppers of Broward County, \$10,000.00, and the Urban League of Broward County, \$5,000.00. We're recommending approval. Thank you, Chief. At this time, are there any members from the public that now wish to comment on this item.? Please, come forward to the podium, and just state your name and your address or the organization that you're representing. Welcome back.

MS. BISCARDI: Thank you. It's a do over, right. So good evening. Again, my name is Courtnee Biscardi. I'm the senior vice president of Operations for the Urban league of Broward County. We're located at 560 NW 27 avenue, in Fort Lauderdale., and with me is Kathie Forgues, who is the program coordinator for our crime prevention and intervention programs. I want to say good evening to the Commission. Wanted to just thank you in advance for your consideration of approval of the LETF funds. In this last year, we had the tremendous opportunity of working with the City of Miramar Police Department led by Chief Williams, and Kathie will share more with you about the engagement. But I will tell you it is quite the joy to be working within the City of Miramar. Many folks don't know that we cover the entire county, and so working with you allows us to stretch our wings south county, and really demonstrate the impact we can have when we work in collaboration with members of the community, such as the police department. Chief Williams attended one of our peace circles some years ago and, at that time, recognized the value of law enforcement working very closely with youth, particularly as we see much negativity in the media. So how could we change the narrative? How do we change the story? And he took a lead and worked with his team to really transform how young people talk about law enforcement. And the genesis of the proposal that we presented to the police department was how do we ensure that youth and law enforcement work more closely together, so Kathie will give you a greater picture of what that looked like in this past year, and why we're hopeful that you'll support the application once again this year.

MS. FORGUES: My name is Kathie Forgues. I'm the Crime Prevention/Intervention Coordinator. Last year we were able to partner with Miramar police. We trained law enforcement officers in peace circles to prepare them to -- how to engage with the youth, how to respond to them, even if they're fussing or talking about their issues, they know how to receive it instead of being combative. This -- the event brought about 175 persons, children and partners, and police officers. I believe there were about, I would say about 20 to 30 police officers that were in attendance, and everyone that walked away from the

event was encouraged, the youth were starting to speak to the police officers, because before they were not. After the event, they were much more comfortable approaching a police officer, in spite of what their experience was, and they were able to get in deeper conversation with police officers. So I believe this -- our peace circles encourages relationship, help this -- the youth to understand why police officers do certain things, so they don't make it seem like they're becoming a victim, but more understanding. And also to help police officers understand how to speak to a youth. Because sometimes, you know, as adults, we're assuming instead of listening. It encouraged police officers to do that as well. So thank you for your donation, thank you for your time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MS. BISCARDI: Thank you so much for your consideration.

MAYOR MESSAM: And thanks for what you're doing for the community.

MS. BISCARDI: Have a good evening.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir. Welcome.

MR. HAWKINS: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commission, and -- and the City Attorney. If I can, can I ask major to come -- come with me, please. I just want to say thank you, City of Miramar. You guys have really open your arms to a -- to a -- a nonprofit that is here in your city. We address the fatherlessness in kids' lives. A lot of -- if -- I read a book that says 92 percent of what's going -- going wrong with the world stems from fatherlessness. I mean if you go to -- to anything with drugs, crime, the majority of the people that are committing these acts come from fatherless homes, even with the Stoneman Douglas, a young man, he was fatherless. But I thank Miramar for -- for believing in Fathers M.I.A. Thank you for participating. If you go look on our Facebook page, Fathers M.I.A., we have -- we interviewed a young -- young lady, came from Miramar High School, one of Miramar police officers escorted her, and he still, right now, is in contact with that fatherless young lady. She gave a testimony stating that she never had a man role model in her life, never had a man take her out to dinner, never had a man to, pretty much, treat her as a princess, because her father was never there. And because of the fact that police departments such Miramar Police Department, we really thank you guys for -- for believing in Fathers M.I.A. and helping us. As a matter of fact, Major Vargas, he just said something to me that really just kind of just warmed my heart. I don't know if you could repeat that, with the -- the -- if you don't mind.

MARJOR VARGAS: Of course. One of the -- the events that they do is they have law enforcement escort the young ladies for a dining out and a dance. So I told him, being the father of three daughters, when I first went to the -- to the event, it was very gratifying to me, and a sense of fulfillment that I was able to provide that father figure to that young lady for that evening. So I'm very happy to -- to partake in these events, and will continue to do so.

MR. HAWKINS: And that event that he's speaking about is As We Honor Her. We honor 25 young ladies who are fatherless, young ladies who will probably never get a chance to do a father/daughter dance. So what we do is we partner with police agencies, such as Miramar Police Department; police officers escort these young ladies, take the place of their fathers for one night, so that these young ladies can do a simulated father/daughter dance. And, at the end of the night, we give away \$1,000.00 scholarships to the deserving -- some of the deserving seniors. And Miramar High School has got a scholarship every -- every year. I don't know what Miramar High School is teaching those kids over there, which is great, but they get a scholarship, pretty much, every year. This year, unfortunately, I think they're going to be going to Grad Bash, but -- but we do have some of the underclassmen that are going to be attending this year as well. So we like to try to get those -- those ninth graders to come from ninth grade all the way to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and we really appreciate your -- your -- your -- your service with us and helping us with this -- this organization. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Yes. Can you -- can you state -- state your name for those who don't -- for the -- for the public record.

MR. HAWKINS: Yes. My -- my name is Gernald Hawkins. I am the -- the founder and president of Fathers M.I.A. You can go to [fathersmia.org](http://fathersmia.org) to find out more about the organization, and to give donations if -- if -- if -- if -- if possible as well. Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. And for the public, if you have not attended As We Honor Her event, it is really a sight to see, you know, to see police agencies from across South Florida, you know, Broward Sheriff's Office, Metro Dade, Miami Gardens, Pembroke Pines, Davie, Coco -- I mean all of those agencies are there. And to see them with those beautiful young ladies for that night, it's really -- it's a really a tremendous event. So thanks so much for your contribution as well to our community. Good evening, ma'am.

MS. TUTTLE: Good evening. My name is Bridget Tuttle, and I'm president of the Broward Victims Right Coalition. So we're a nonprofit in Broward County that represents crime victims. The neat thing about our organization is we're completely volunteer based, so everything that goes back to our organization goes back directly to any programs that we do. What we try to do is raise awareness in the community on crime victim-related issues, so we assist with facilitating, coordinating training. We also try to identify gaps in services, and try to have those services available. So one of the things we were able to do is identify that there was an immediate victim assistance fund for crime victims in the County when there's that immediate trauma that happened. So, over the years, we've been able to assist many victims through that with things like, for example, maybe gas or medication, or things that can help them to safety, help them to gain things that they immediately need. It's anything from domestic violence to homicide survivors. We've had a DUI survivor who was disabled from that, so the -- sexual assault. The list goes on with the -- the type of crime victimization. We also have the Garden of Reflection: A Place for

Remembrance in Davie, Florida. It's a monument that is representative of any survivor who would like to have their name on there, as well as we have loved ones who maybe lost somebody in -- in some type of crime that resulted in death. That they can honor their loved ones there. Miramar, almost every year, has had some family and sometimes multiple families. We have one that will be engraving the name of their loved -- it was a - - a -- a child who was killed in July; we'll be engraving the name of that child on the wall. A really good example of how powerful that is, we have a -- for example, we have a survivor from Miramar who lost her child several years ago. The child wasn't able to be buried here, but because she has that garden to go back to, every year on that child's birthday, she goes and honors the child at that garden. So it's -- it's actually a monument. We also have had several Miramar survivors request funding from the victim assistance fund, so we really thank you and appreciate your support.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, and thank your organization for all that you do. Are there any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? All right, seeing none, back to the dais. If there aren't any comments or questions, I'll take a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER Riggs: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs.

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Riggs, to approve Resolution #R6908, the Commission voted:

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

## Resolution No. 19-86

### *End of Consent Agenda*

## RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: Onto Resolutions. Item number five, please.

5. Temp. Reso. #R6902 authorizing the City Manager to renew the agreement with Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc., for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, for third party **administration of claims management** in areas including automobile liability, bodily injury, property damage, general liability injury and property damage, professional liability and workers' compensation services for City employees. *(Human Resources Director Randy Cross)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item number five is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to renew the agreement with Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc., for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, for third party administration of claims management in areas including automobile liability, bodily injury, property damage, general liability injury and property damage, professional liability and workers' compensation services for City employees, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. CROSS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Members of the Commission. Randy Cross, Human Resources Director. So this item, as the City Attorney mentioned in the title, is the first option to renew with Gallagher Bassett for third party administrations for the City's Risk Management Fund. The contract was originally awarded -- oh, I guess we'll get to that. Go forward. Go ahead. So HR is responsible -- one of the functions of the Human Resources Department is risk management. So all the risk management functions within the City come through the Human Resources Department. The money is allocated into a special fund, it's called the Risk Management Fund, and staff manages the funds and helps to assess and analyze the risk that the City faces for all property and casualty insurance. But we also utilize the services of a third party administrator to help actually process the claims -- claims adjustment services, managed processes that are going on with the claims as their -- as their working through

the process. So, as it says, third party claims administrator, they provide the tech to issue the investigations, to report the claims, to track medical expenses, all that type of stuff. They also help us liaison between medical providers and the attorneys if things are -- will result in some sort of medical issues that come from property damage, vehicular damage, that type of stuff. So how we go here. The City had conducted a request for qualifications in 2016. The City Commission approved a contract with Gallagher Bassett for three years with two one-year renewal options, so this is our first on-year renewal option that we're seeking approval for. For the first three years of the contract, there was an annual two percent increase on the per claim fee. For the first one-year renewal, the -- we arrived at an amount of one-percent increase in the fee, so it's claims driven, so the price -- the annual cost can change, depending on the number of claims that happen over the course of the year. But using an average of the claims we've had over recent times, we estimate that the cost of the contract would be around \$94,000.00. Approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? Back to the dais. I don't see any speakers. Are there any questions or comments? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Colbourne.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Riggs.

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Riggs, to approve Resolution #R6902, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 19-87**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Reports and Comments:**

**Commissioner Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to reports and comments, so I started from the end last meeting, so I'll start with Vice Mayor, --

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- moving down.

VICE MAYOR COLBOURNE: Okay. Okay. I have a couple of things. First off, a couple meetings back, I brought to the attention of the City Manager and this Commission that there was an ongoing problem on Palm Avenue and Miramar Boulevard, where we have been trying to get a left turn signal going east and west, and north and south, actually for that -- for that intersection. And it was great to find out last week that they did a study, and it is warranted. So I am excited, and I know the residents are excited, so I just want to thank staff for -- Bissy and City Manager for all the work that they -- that they've been -- been doing to try to get this approved, so thank you for that. I'd like to invite Miramar Women to Miramar Women's empowerment luncheon, which I will be hosting, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, it's a Friday, noon to 3:30 p.m. So I will be sending out additional information on it, but if anybody wants information on it, they can call my office, 954-602-3143. And, also, tomorrow, March 5, I will be hosting a fish fry at St. Stephen Catholic Church. This is an annual event to raise proceeds for St. Stephen Catholic Church, and a fish fry, \$10.00 dinner includes snapper and yellow rice and vegetable, and this will be taking place after 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. mass. Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, so I just want to -- to wish everyone who is observing Lent that they have a peaceful and successful Lent season. Thank you.

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



COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. First, I would like to ask if someone could look into the lighting along Miramar Boulevard, all the way down to Red Road and Hiatus Road. It's very dark at night. Also, another one that got called in is between University and Douglas Road along Mission Wood; I'm not sure what's going on. The lights are out there, so if someone could check that out, please. The Miramar Invitation, which is a track and field this weekend, so I want to invite resident to come out and check it out. Not only that, it's that my little nephew is going to be participating from Pompano High School. His name is Damanie (sp) Brown, so very proud of him. And he and his family will be coming down to participate in that track and field. So for those of you who want to stop by, please do. It's at Ansin Sport Complex right here on Miramar Boulevard. Also, don't forget this weekend, right here, Town Center, we're going to have the Sip and Taste, our Annual Sip and Taste from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., sponsored by the Miramar/Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce. That's a fantastic event every year, so please come on out and participate. On March 15, once again, I'll be hosting the Family Game Night. It's going to be a lot of fun for those of you out there, resident please come on out and take part. It's free. We're going to have food trucks with food for sale. We have a fortnight dominos tournament, card games, pool table, you name it. Just about everything for the whole family, from little to big. So you do not want to miss this. It's going to be a fantastic event. And, please, come on down and check it out. And March 23<sup>rd</sup>, going to be a fashion show. It's Puppy Palooza, so for those of you have a little dog, want to dress her up, or he, come on out and see if you could win a prize. It's going to be right here at the Town Center. It's going to be really, really fantastic this year, so please call the City of Miramar, call my office and check it out. Thank you so much, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Chambers. Commissioner Barnes?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Some upcoming events. Upcoming citizenship drive next month. The community will be apprised of the specifics of it. ChristWay Baptist church, some of us know what that church is. Celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Our celebration started this past Sunday, and it will continue. I'm putting the Mayor on notice. You know one of those big things that you read out? Just putting you on notice, that we look forward to one of those. And breaking protocol a little bit, those of us sitting on this dais who face the electorate next week, good luck, God speed.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Riggs.

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Just a reminder for everyone to go out and vote on Tuesday to exercise your rights. That's about it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Short announcements for -- from the Mayor's Office. I would like to thank all of our sponsors, but specifically City staff for a great Health & Fitness Fair that took place yesterday. We had over 200 registered runners, not including the walkers that did the 3K, and I -- I have a confession to make. The 5K was a timed, competitive race, and I'm not ashamed to announce that we had a Miramar resident of the bright young age of 62 that ran the course faster than me. Unbelievable. Unbelievable. But -- so it's just great to see that type of community participation at the event. And I would like to thank our sponsors, always, Memorial Healthcare Systems, Joe DiMaggio has always been a steadfast partner with the City of Miramar. Aetna, Comcast, Waste Pro, School Board of Broward County, Miami Dolphins, Civil Air Patrol, Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, The Links, Incorporated of North Broward, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, our Youth Advisory Council, our Miramar fire cadets, our Miramar Police Explorers, and the many countless volunteers that participated in the event. I would like to thank everyone for their -- their participation. Also, before I leave the -- the Health Fair, I would like to just state now that, in terms of -- because of the interest in the 5K for the first -- first time doing the 5K with -- with the event, we will be looking to organize our corporations in the City and add it as a corporate run. So that we can get teams from the corporations to further tie our business community with the City, and our volunteers and nonprofit organizations. So, perhaps, we can make the run, you know, at least, five to six to 700 strong, if not 1,000, you know, depending on the -- the -- the effort. So I think it's a great opportunity for us to extend our tentacles into -- further into the community, all in the namesake of health and fitness. So, remember, do what you can. You can do a little bit every day to be Miramar fit. At our last meeting, we had a report from our attorneys on -- that gave an update in status -- actually, on that exact day was when the City of Miramar, in conjunction with Broward County, filed a joint motion to the First District Court of Appeals in Tallahassee to have the full -- First District Court of Appeals to hear the case, all ten judges, as well as some other items that were included in the motion. Just to let our -- our residents know that we're still waiting for the ruling for -- from that motion, and even at the time, I think at the meeting we weren't quite sure, but also the Department of Environmental Protection also filed a similar motion to ask the entire court to hear the case. So, for our residents, the issue is not a done deal. From the -- from the administrative hearing that order, the Department of Environmental Protection to issue a permit for oil drilling right outside of our city. So we continue to -- to fight that process, and we will be vigilant in communicating the status of where we are, as we continue to fight the unthinkable just outside our city limits. And, finally, for those of -- of us in the community who have -- who participated in today's School Board workshop or School Board meeting, there was an important item that was on the agenda to terminate the School Board mem -- the School Board Superintendent Robert Runcie's contract. That issue has been a highly publicized item, all as a fallout of the tragedy that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas School in Parkland last year. And I would just like to announce to the public who have not heard the media reports that Superintendent Runcie has been retained. The vote was six to three to retain him at the superintendent, and -- and as I stated at the Board meeting today, I just spoke to what Superintendent meant to the City of Miramar in terms of his leadership, his participation, and involvement,

personally, with our schools, as well as the joint resources that we use to not only keep our community safe, but many things like the Aviation Expo, exposing our kids to STEM careers, coding. All the things that take place in the City of Miramar, and that in my personal opinion, that if he was not retained, it would be a big loss to our school district. And I'm just glad that the School Board made the right decision in -- in retaining him as our superintendent. So we look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County Public Schools, as we know that, at the end of the day, it's all about our students, to ensure that they have an environment where they can safely learn and be the leaders that we know they can be. That concludes my report.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: If I may, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, Commiss -- Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just to insert here, and I -- I missed doing it earlier. I've, under different circumstances, been waging something of a campaign regarding Superintendent Runcie. I think it is -- I've never seen a situation like this arise where I've gotten this kind of feedback from the community, and it's all been positive and served the purpose in that vote that came down today, and I thank you for participating.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, if I --

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. If I may, I just want to remind everyone that Caribbean Days is coming up in Tallahassee. It's a lot of event back to back, but Caribbean Event Days is something that I support every year. And this year I won't be going, but Mayor Hazelle Rogers, she's in charge, and she asking me if each elected official, if needed to, can donate \$50.00. What we do we purchase items from the Caribbean and we give it to the State Legislature. So I'm just passing on the word, public, for anyone who want to contribute \$50.00 or more to Ms. Hazelle Rogers for the weekend. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Also, I did omit that tomorrow in these chambers, the Consul General of Jamaica, Mr. Oliver Mair, will have a community forum here, Thursday, March -- I think it's 7<sup>th</sup> is -- is Thursday, at 6:00, it's beginning at 6:00 with a reception, and I think 6:45 begins the -- the town hall. For the community that would have an interest in his town hall meeting, he is the newly appointed consul general for Miami, and it will be a great opportunity to get a chance to meet him if you have not had an opportunity to meet him, and hear any updates that he will be presenting to the community.

### **City Manager Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Manager, report? Any reports?

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: No.

**City Attorney Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Attorney? All right.

**FUTURE WORKSHOP**

Date	Time	Subject	Location
TBD	TBD	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)	Commission Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. This meeting is adjourned, and I think this may be a record.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Denise A. Gibbs, CMC  
City Clerk  
DG/cp