



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

**May 15, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:04 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 Alexandra P. Davis  
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes  
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers  
Commissioner Yvette Colbourne

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. The meeting of the Miramar City Commission is now called to order. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes, here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: 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.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: Let us all rise for the pledge of allegiance. (Pledge recited)

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we will observe a moment of silence for any condolences we're experiencing in the community. Thank you.

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: We have a couple of presentations.

Presentation: New Renaissance Middle School Presentation (Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers)

MAYOR MESSAM: And the first presentation will be New Renaissance Middle School Presentation requested by Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just a little bit of housekeeping. For those of you who watching at home, in the audience, see me wearing this earpiece,

my trade as a cabinetmaker over the years had damaged my hearing, and I lost my hearing aid that I use here on the dais, so thanks to the IT Department, they provide this little device for me, so I could more hear what going on in the meeting, and participate. For years, I complain about the sound up here. For me, I don't hear well up here. So for those people who are taking picture who put it out that I'm listening to sports, this is what it is. Our very -- IT Department, they create this little device, and when I put it in my ears, I could hear perfectly well from here, so -- and that's how I get to participate very well; thank you for that. So, please, don't spread any more propaganda.

MAYOR MESSAM: What's the score, Commissioner? (Laughter)

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: As you know -- I just want to share with you tonight, I have New Renaissance Middle School with us. They're going to do a presentation. Over the last several months, Ms. Heather Binns has reached out to me in regards to knowing how does the wastewater and drinking water plant, and the recycling is done here in Miramar, so I was proud to take 12 teachers out, science teacher, bio teacher, and we went out and take a look at our wastewater plant, and also take a look at the drinking water. And I was able to reach out to Waste Management out west in Pembroke Pines, so we were able to go out and look at the recycling plants where all the plastic and everything comes in that they recycle. So tonight they're here, the children are here. They work on the project. They had to cut it short. I know we have, maybe a hour worth of presentation, and then a half an hour, and I think it's now down to maybe 15 minutes. But first, I want to acknowledge our School Board member, Ms. Patricia Good. Thank you. Thank you so much, and I'm going to acknowledge Ms. Binns, if she's around; stand up, please, Ms. Binns, just wave, and then our assistant principal, and, of course, Mrs. Janet Morales, our principal from New Renaissance Middle School right here in the City of Miramar. And I'm going to ask her to come up and lead the presentation.

MS. MORALES: Good evening, Mayor Messam, Vice Mayor Davis, and Commissioners. I'm Janet Morales, proud principal of New Renaissance of Middle School. And New Renaissance Middle School, along with Broward County Public Schools, and the Community Foundation of Broward County have embarked on a journey to re-imagine middle school. The Community Foundation of Broward County in partnership with Broward County Public Schools has committed a \$3 million grant for the purpose of reimagining middle school. Part of that project involves project-based learning and social/emotional learning. At New Renaissance Middle School, our students are involved in project-based learnings, and what you will see this evening is part of that. Our students, as Miramar residents, have embarked on a civic engagement project called "We are Miramar" and this evening, you are going to learn about what they have discovered as their passion within the City, and what they learn has been impacting the residents of Miramar. And, without further ado, I am going to introduce to you, Mr. Chad Constantine, our Civics teacher at New Renaissance Middle School. I would also like to add that New Renaissance Middle School has recently been authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) middle years program school, so

we're very excited to share that news with everyone. So, Mr. Constantine.

MR. CONSTANTINE: Good evening, Mr. Mayor and the Commissioners of Miramar, I would first like to thank Mr. Chambers for working really well with us. Yes, we are a public school, and we appreciate all the help that the City has given to us, and allowing us to actually explore the water treatment plant, and have the opportunity to go to Waste Management, just to kind of see how the recycling process works. Having the opportunity to kind of train with PBL to teach students how to use PBL to solve real world problems, and actually come up with a product or solution that -- in which they can present to their community. As a civics teacher, we really try to get them to get into that civic engagement, so it's a real help when we can lean on our city, and actually have them participate with the children to kind of accomplish the goal of working together, developing an idea, working on a problem, and actually coming out with a product in which -- that they can share with -- not only their class, to actually bring into the community to see what the children of Miramar are actually doing, and what they're capable of doing. To just shed light on -- especially for this particular thing, like sustainability in our community, the particular topic that they're going to talk about has to do with fracking and oil drilling, but they were kind of given, you know, the football, and they had to run with it. So my job is just to really kind of just facilitate, help them get through it, and they actually take up and learn how to implement, research, get the answers, and then actually put the presentation together to -- what we're -- what they're going to bring to you guys today. We have two groups of students that are going to present today. The first group is going to be Tila and Brittany, and the second group is going to be Dua (sp) and Alexia. So I'd like to welcome up the first group for them to present their particular presentation to you.

MS. B. NGUYEN: Good evening. My name is Brittany Nguyen, and this is --

MS. T. NGUYEN: Tila Nguyen.

MS. B. NGUYEN: And we'll briefly talk about the oil drilling that takes place in the Florida Everglades.

MS. T. NGUYEN: We are going to start off with a PSA about fracking in the Everglades. (Video shown)

MS. B. NGUYEN: And now the issue. The issue that is at hand is about oil drilling that takes place in the Florida Everglades. There are two politicians that are debating whether this is actually beneficial or detrimental towards our health. In other terms, oil drilling can be known as hydraulic fracking, which combines harsh chemicals and water to pump oil out from the earth's surface.

MS. T. NGUYEN: Now why it matters. There are four main subjects that are affected, which are the Miramar residents, the Florida Everglades, the inhabitants of the Everglades, and west Miramar. For the Miramar residents, the oil drilling will allow

hazardous chemicals to leak into the water and cause water contamination. For the Florida Everglades, their oil spills are very common, so their land may become degraded, which will make a no longer suitable environment for the litany of inhabitants. And west Miramar is basically a neighbor to the Everglades, so the oil spills can cause the infrastructures to degrade as well, and cause air, soil and water pollution.

MS. B. NGUYEN: The causes and effects of oil drilling. One of the few ways why people would typically oil drill is the need for it as a universal resource, and to gain economic benefits.

MS. T. NGUYEN: And some effects are oil spills, endangering wildlife, and getting oil, and many more.

MS. B. NGUYEN: What has been done about oil drilling? There are some few events that took place to make the issue what it is now. For example, the judicial branch, specifically, the First District Court of Appeal issued a permit to the Kanter Real Estates, allowing them a spot to build a oil well in the Florida Everglades. However, both the local community and the executive branch vehemently opposed to this, and are asking the court to review the decision for issuing the permit.

MS. T. NGUYEN: We are here to support the claim that oil drilling should not take action in the Everglades. Another main supporter is Florida Department of Environmental Protection. They believe that oil drilling will actually do more harm than good to our environment, and are willing to do anything to protect it. And we would like to thank our very own Mayor Messam for supporting us as well. And our opposer is Kanter Real Estates; they believe that oil drilling will actually benefit themselves, and they have already thought of building an oil well in the Everglades.

MS. B. NGUYEN: Bringing awareness; we, as students of New Renaissance Middle School, are here to bring awareness to those unaware of the issue. And people that can actively participate through this, can do this by doing a PSA, like how we are doing, or -- as well as through social media.

MS. T. NGUYEN: Although this is a big problem, we could -- there are some possible solutions, such as oil drilling in other states, where the chance of risking our environment is lessened, such as Texas and California. Or if we needed oil really urgently, we could do an oil trade with other countries, such as Saudi Arabia, since they are the largest oil producer in the world.

MS. B. NGUYEN: And the chart explains where most of our oil comes from in the U.S. As you can see, Texas has 37.6 percent of the oil found there, while as in Florida, only 0.06 percent is found.

MS. T. NGUYEN: And now a PSA from Dua (sp)and Alexia.

MS. SEYERS: Good evening. My name is Alexia Seyers.

MS. EL TAHIR: My name is Dua El Tahir.

MS. SEYERS: And we're here today to make everyone aware of oil drilling. Now we've create a PSA highlighting the issues, and how it can affect Miramar.

MS. EL TAHIR: And we're going to start that video now. (Video shown)

MS. SEYERS: We'd like to thank you guys for your time, and allowing us to present this issue, so we --

GROUP STATEMENT BY ALL FOUR PRESENTERS: We are the youth of Miramar. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Let's give them one more round of applause. We have some amazing youth and students in our great city, and thanks so much, and all the work that you all are doing with the leadership of New Renaissance under Ms. Morales, and that we could just not be more proud. So thanks, Commissioner Chambers, for supporting and sponsoring the presentation from New Renaissance.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I'd like to thank New Renaissance Middle School. This is a school that I adopted, and I've been doing a lot of community service there, working with their -- the KAPOW program, and we just want to prove that it doesn't matter where a school is located. And when it comes to public school, whenever public school is under attack, everybody wants to move to private school and charter school, but public school is where it's at. That's where the best and brightest come from, public school. So we want to encourage everyone to continue to support our public school, and make sure they strive and successful. And, please, when you leave here today, stop and look at their display in the lobby, and take a look, take pictures, share it with your friends and family as to what is going on at New Renaissance Middle School. They are here to stay, and this is a legacy that they're trying to leave for future children, so this is not just a onetime project; this is big. And I'm hope that they could come back and present the rest of it sometime in the near future. So, Mrs. Morales, thank you for your leadership, and thank you for all that you do, and I'll always be there for you. Thank you. Mr. Mayor, if they can come up and take a picture with us, please.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: If I may. I want to suggest to the principal and teachers and so on that what you do, approach the City of Miramar's IT department. They will help you to edit these PSAs, so they may run in our cable channels. In addition, I suggest you also approach broadcast outlets -- start with NBC 6, they know us. They can probably edit the presentations and use them as PSAs. They probably show them early in the morning when we're asleep, but I suggest you prepare and approach them. I promise you, they will be interested.

Presentation: Presentation of Donations (Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next presentation is presentation of donations. Quickly, Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'd like to call Ms. Chayanne Wilshire. Hello. I just want to share with you, when I got elected here to the City of Miramar four years ago, one of the issue that I encounter as I was getting a lot of phone calls from a few residents who are experiencing hardship. I started off with one young lady who -- at the time, she live in west Miramar, and she had -- her water was off for more than four months, going into five months. And my attempt to help her, and to make sure she have clean, safe, drinking water in her home to take a shower, and it's -- I was able to accomplish that, and with other senior resident who called, who have an issue with their social security not being enough, and trying to get by. And, you know, I started help from my pockets, and it was not sustainable. So what I did, I come up with the initiative called Community First Plus One; and Community First Plus One was to allow our residents who pay their water bill to contribute \$1.00 or more each month that would go into a special fund to assist those residents who have their water shut off. And I'm proud to say it's up and running and working. And for those of you who want to donate, when you go online or you pay your water bill, the program is now also called LoveDROP. Each person will drop some love. And it's really to show the power of \$1.00 bill, and what a \$1.00 could do. And meeting this young lady here, and seeing what she's going through, she's a veteran, and a female and homeless, she let me know how much female veterans are out there, and she's doing something about it. Herself has been homeless, and she start an organization to address homelessness. So I'm here to present her with a check that I receive out of \$1.00 donation, it's \$250.00, so I want to thank you so much for all you're trying to do to help your fellow veterans, and I want to present you with that check of \$250.00 to help your organization. And I have another check for you, personally, that I will give you to help you with some other things, so this is just a little bit, but thank you for what you're attempting to do.

MS. WILSHIRE: Good evening to the platform guests, all in attendance, and especially to you, Commissioner Maxwell. I must say that meeting Commissioner Maxwell was one of the greatest meetings for me, because he has proven time and time again that he is a man of action, not words. There's a saying that says: appreciation without tangible contribution is a mere conversation. And so he puts his money where his mouth is. And the name of my organization, my nonprofit, is Broward Community Powerhouse Ministries, Inc. It is divided into three sections; one is to address homeless female veterans that have -- single parent, that have suffered some sort of trauma in the military, whether it's on the frontlines of war, PTSD, sexual harassment, discrimination, some of which I have experienced myself. The other division also is dealing with the children, because if you're a single parent, what makes you a parent are children? So the children of these single parent veterans, and also the they are living in our community, so it's three divisions. When I speak to people about my vision, they think that it is too much. My response to that is, "That's why you are not the visionary." I got

the vision, and just exactly how I got the vision is how I'm going to execute the vision. And the bigger the vision, the better it is. We can never have too much of those -- those organizations to take care of our family elements. So, again, I want to thank Commissioner Maxwell for all his endeavors, because the minute I spoke with him, he joined forces with me, because he cares about our veterans, he cares about our children, and he cares about our elderly. And so I thank you once again for your contribution, and I look forward to our continued working efforts together. I wish you all the best, and God's speed to you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And I do have another check for another lady in our community, a CNA that need to get her license renewed. For those of you who don't know, my mom worked as a CNA for years at the Miami Jewish Home taking care of the elderly, so she couldn't come tonight, but I'll definitely present this other young lady with a check to get her license renewed. Thank you so much, and thank you for all you do. And I do have the check somewhere; I'll get it to you. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

Presentation: CareerSource Broward Program (CareerSource Broward Supervisor Tony Ash)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next presentation will be a presentation by CareerSource Broward program. I'd like to call Supervisor Tony Ash and colleague. Sorry, ma'am, I didn't have your name on the list.

MR. ASH: Lyncia Beggs.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

MR. ASH: Good evening. Thank you to the Commission for having us this evening. Thank you for the opportunity to present. Again, my name is Tony Ash. This is my colleague, Lyncia Beggs, and we're here to talk a little bit about CareerSource Broward. Okay. CareerSource Broward is the County's workforce development agency, assisting jobseekers and employers; assisting jobseekers with finding jobs, and getting career training, and helping employers find the talent that they need. Some of the individuals that we serve, the population; we help veterans, individuals with disabilities, older -- older adults and youth. We have three career centers located throughout Broward County. The closest center to Miramar is our Hollywood location on Davie Road Extension. Broward County residents seeking financial assistance for career training may be eligible to receive a scholarship of up to \$12,000.00 to gain a certification, or even complete an associate's or bachelor's degree. All of our locations have several resources available to assist customers with their job search needs, all at no cost. We host several career readiness workshops in our career centers; some of the topics include: resume development, interview skills, job readiness, and money management. We also hold recruiting events in our three centers, where employers come in and



recruit the talent they need. We post those job orders for employers, help them recruit, schedule the event, and, hopefully, there are some job offers made on the spot. I'm here today to talk about an initiative that we're currently involved in, which directly impacts the City of Miramar. As part of the Pathways to Prosperity initiative, we are engaging communities in six zip codes that have the highest unemployment rates in Broward County. And our research shows that the 33023 zip code is one of those. In that zip code, we're currently conducting group presentations to educate individuals about our services. So, again, educating and informing the community, making sure that we're not the best-kept secret in Miramar. We're also partnering with libraries, community centers, local agencies and churches in the 33023 to bring our workshops to the community. So we want to bring some of those workshops to locations within the 33023. My colleague passed out some folders with additional information, our contact information is in there. If you know of organizations that would like us to come out and present our services to them, we can do that, and we can also bring our workshops to the 33023. That ends my presentation. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, and thanks to CareerSource Broward for all that you do to increase employment opportunities for the residents in Broward County and, more specifically, in the City of Miramar.

Presentation: Park & Ride Facility at Pines Boulevard/I-75 Intersection (FDOT Consultant Project Manager Luis Costa)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next presentation will be done, and will be a presentation on Park & Ride Facility at Pines Boulevard and I-76 intersection by FDOT Consultant Project Manager Luis Costa.

MR. COSTA: Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners. Thanks for the opportunity. I'd like to add that Ms. Mia Asani is FDOT project manager, and she's here with me today. I'm here to give you an overview of the upcoming FDOT project to expand the interchange for I-75 and Pines Boulevard. And just a quick overview, if you go to the next slide. What we're doing is we're expanding the interchange by putting single-point exits. Right now there're two exist ramps in each direction. That's going to alleviate traffic. We're adding auxiliary lanes between Miramar Parkway and Pines Boulevard, and also from Pines Boulevard and Sheridan. These added lanes are also going to make traffic flow much better on I-75. We're also expanding the ramp terminals, as you exit to Pines Boulevard from I-75, so those terminals will have more turn lanes in each direction. And then the key feature of the project is the proposed Park & Ride on the southeast quad -- I'm sorry, the southeast quadrant. That requires relocating the northbound to eastbound exit ramp, which is going to be moved to the north -- the northern quadrant of the interchange. And that will leave us with the room to accommodate that Park & Ride facility that is needed in there. If you look at our proposed concept, you can see there is the Park & Ride facility on the southeast quadrant, and the reconfigured interchange with the expanded bridge. There's going to be a couple extra bridges to -- to make the intersection by the ramp

terminals work better, and it's going to improve the level of service. For the City of Miramar in particular, the auxiliary lanes, which are the -- the lanes in between the two interchanges, between Miramar and Pines currently have an area where you have to merge, and then diverge, because sections of the pavement haven't been completed yet. We will be completing those two pieces. Those are the auxiliary lanes that will let traffic flow much better without -- with so much friction. That's a rendering of the proposed interchange, and, as you can see, it's showing the Park & Ride facility with maximizing the space of the facility for the I-75 express buses. We're proposing elevating the intersection of the exit, the northbound to eastbound exit. By doing that, we're removing a lot of the traffic from the intersection, and that intersection is going to flow much better. These are just diagramatics of the interchange in its existing configuration, and the color-coding reflects red, which is the worst traffic condition, to green, which is the best traffic condition. As you can see, the interchange, currently with the traffic volumes today already has pretty serious deficiencies. There was a study done a few years back that attempted to improve the -- the situation, and it did partially, but you can still see there are deficiencies. So we finally settled on this proposed concept, which actually shows the relocated ramp and the elevation at the intersections, as you can see, is much better in terms of level of service. This is another view of the interchange from a different angle. You can see the -- the mall next to it, and how -- how it fits within the area of the interchanges, not too dramatic. There's different features that the new interchange provides, and some of the advantages is that it reduces the number of signal faces at the intersections, so there will be more green time for -- for all approaches. By separating the intersection, we accomplished that. We are also providing better access to 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from both sides of the Park & Ride, and it'll be safer for pedestrians and bicycles crossing in the street. Another view of the interchange from a different angle, and this is a close up of the elevated intersection. As you can see, as you're leaving Pines northbound, and you want to go on Pines Boulevard east, you'll come up to that signalized, elevated intersection. The traffic down below is now taken away a lot of the volumes of traffic, so it will improve the flow on Pines Boulevard as well. And that's just a final overview of the project. I do have a schedule as my last slide. The project is currently under design. We were given notice to proceed in November. We're in the earlier stages obtaining the survey, we are doing the traffic analysis, and this has to be approved by Federal Highway. Once we get those approvals, we'll go into full steam design to be completed in June of 2021. The project is not funded until 2024, but we are hopeful the funds will become available sooner, and we can get that project going sooner. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to address them.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much for the presentation. Are there any comments or questions?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Just one comment about the -- you said I-75 Express, or you're talking about the I-95 Express.

MR. COSTA: There will be express buses on I-75; express that will have a hub in that

Park & Ride facility.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And the buses will go where?

MR. COSTA: They're express buses all the way to Miami-Dade County. I believe they'll extend to -- I'm not sure if it's the Park & Ride by the Turnpike and -- and 75, or beyond that. I'm not sure --

MS. ASANI: Hi, good evening. My name is Mia Asani with Florida Department of Transportation. I can answer your question. The express bus service is going to stop at Pines Boulevard, and then continue straight down to the Miami Intermodal Center, which connects to the Miami Airport.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. Okay. So that's the stop.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any comments or questions? Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yeah. Thank you so much for the presentation. It's a beautiful project. My only concern is our express bus project for Miramar, Pembroke Pines, here right underneath the power line. Is this project going to start before that one?

MS. ASANI: Were you saying is the project going to stop or start?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Start. Is the Pines Project will be starting before our project here?

MS. ASANI: No. The Pines is scheduled for construction in 2025, so the Park & Ride lot won't be built before 2025 currently, as it's scheduled.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So our Park & Ride right here underneath the power line for I-75 --

MS. ASANI: That's going to stay. Right now the current 75 express schedule, that's going to be in place, which is currently being worked out. It's going to start at the BB&T Center, and then come down to one of the Miramar stations, which is temporary, and then go down to Miami Gardens Park & Ride, and then travel to the MIC.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MR. MCCOY: Excuse me. My name is Barney McCoy. I'm the Director for Service and Capital Planning for Broward County Transit. The parking lot that we have on the FP&L easement, we had a schedule that said we would start construction on that in October

of this year. Construction is supposed to last approximately nine to 12 months. State -- the State notified us this afternoon that because of the work that FP&L needs to do within the easement, we're going to lose about six months on that schedule. So specific to your question, construction on the Park & Ride from the FP&L easement will start in March of 2020, and then it will continue on then for approximately nine to 12 months. And the issue -- the reason we cannot -- we can go in -- in front, in advancement of FP&L and do the work, but the issue with is FP&L needs to redo some utility relocates to relocate some poles. Since it is their easement, if we go in and construct the Park & Ride, the only thing that's going to happen is they're going to come back and tear the pavement up for the Park & Ride to do the pole relocate. So FDOT's decision was just give FP&L the additional six months, so instead of starting construction in October of '19, we start construction in March of '20.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: thank you for the update.

MR. MCCOY: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir.

Presentation: Education Advisory Board Scholarship Award (Education Advisory Board Members)

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next presentation, I'd like to call up or very active Education Advisory Board to present the Education Advisory Board Scholarship Award.

DR. INNOCENT: All right, can you guys hear me? Good evening, everyone. Okay. As the rest of the Education Advisory Board members come up, I'd like to say good evening everyone, Mr. Mayor, Ms. Vice Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorneys. I'm Dr. Mac Innocent. I'm the chair of the Education Advisory Board. I stand proudly here today with five of our members. We have Ms. Teneshia Taylor, Ms. Italia Thurston, Ms. Joan McLean, Chinwe Mba, and last but not least, Mr. Ted Victor. Two of our members, our vice chair, Ms. Kerri-Ann Nesbeth, and Mr. Antonio Calero were not able to make it tonight. But everyone on this board has played a critical role in this process. Before I move forward, I would also like to recognize our two great City representatives, Board liaison, Ms. Katrina Davenport - hi, Katrina - and Ms. Miriam Firpi. The purpose of the Education Advisory Board is to act in an advisory capacity to the City Commission in matters related to the educational issues that will impact the quality of education for residents, or will impact education facilities located within the City. Today is a special day for us, as we get together and get a chance to recognize this year's Education Advisory Board scholarship winners. If you are not familiar with this award, last year was our first year giving this award out. We were able to provide a \$500.00 scholarship to Ms. Kerriann Henry, who is currently a student at University of Florida. This year, our board, with our advisory, we worked a little harder, and we said instead of giving 500, let's give a little bit more, let's give 1,000, and instead of giving 1,000, let's give three people 1,000, so we worked real hard, so give them a hand. So

before I pass the mic to Ms. Teneshia Taylor, who will present the awards, I'd like to thank everyone who donated to this great cause, including the Miramar Police Department, specifically Officers Jehud Presume, and Miramar Police Sergeant Florinet Derac, and the list goes on and on. But without their support, there's no way we could be standing here to provide these scholarships, because we have so many bright students in our City, and doing this allows us to help some of them continue their studies beyond high school.

MS. TAYLOR: Thank you, Dr. Innocent. And good evening everyone. I'm Teneshia Taylor, and before I present the awards, I would like to also take a moment to thank everyone who donated both money and time to help us -- to help so many bright students in the City, in our city continue their studies, from businesses such as ADP Printing, CPA Tax, and IC Advise, and to the organizations, such as United Methodist Church, and the many individual donors who stand here with us in spirit. With great appreciation, we, the Board, thank you for your continued support. Now I am honored to present the City of Miramar Education Advisory Board Second Annual Scholarship Award winners, beginning with Ms. -- Ms. Kennedy Robinson.

DR. INNOCENT: And what school does Kennedy go to?

MS. ROBINSON: Miramar High School.

MS. TAYLOR: And to our second award winner, Ms. Ester Netal, Miramar High School -- from Miramar High School. And our third winner, Ms. Amaya Erbina from Everglades. Ms. Erbina from Everglades High School.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, on behalf of the Miramar City Commission, congratulations to all of the scholarship awardees, as well as -- I want to just give a special shout out to the Education Advisory Board. You really have transformed the meaning of advisory boards, to get so active into the community to find these resources, because it will definitely be put to good use, I am sure. And just a quick question. Have you decided what colleges you're going to? All right. Ester, where are you going?

MS. NETAL: (Unintelligible 48:13).

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Congratulations. Kennedy?

MS. ROBINSON: Golden Knights

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Golden Knights. Amaya?

MS. ERBINA: (Unintelligible 48:24).

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. HBCU, all right. Let's give them a round of applause, and thanks so much for all of your leadership in our community.

Presentation: Asian Pacific Heritage Month Performance (Commissioner Yvette Colbourne)

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Moving right along. Our final presentation will be in recognition of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, and there will be an Asian Pacific Heritage Month performance. It was sponsored by Commissioner Yvette Colbourne, who will do the introduction.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much. As they -- as the group comes over this way, I just want to say that last year this group, and I think it's even much larger than this, they were going to do a performance here at the City of Miramar for Miramar Day, and we end up canceling that event because of the weather. And I spoke to Ms. Richards, who introduced me to them, and I was so disappointed about not being able to perform, that I told them I would give them an opportunity to perform here until we can actually work together and get a full performance. So this month is Asian Pacific Heritage Month, so I thought it would be an appropriate time to invite them here for -- for the performance. So the name of the individuals who have -- who have put this together is Jin Lu Kow and Dr. Radian Zu, and the name of the group is Jin Lu Arts. So, on cue, I guess they can -- they can start. Please give them a nice round of applause. (Live dance performance). Yes. Can you -- can you stay -- can you stay for one second, so -- as we present the proclamation for Jin Lu Arts Day.

Proclamation: Asian Pacific Heritage Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: No, we can just step forward. So in recognition of Jin Lu Arts Day, this proclamation, May 15, 2019, requester, Commissioner Colbourne:

Whereas, this month we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and we recognize their contributions, which have enriched our communities, industries, and institutions of governance; and, Whereas, the original of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month dates back to 1977 and '78 when five joint resolutions were introduced, proposing that a week in May be designated to commemorate the accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and, Whereas, the vast diversity of languages, religions, and cultural traditions of Asian Pacific -- Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continues to strengthen our nation through their achievements in all walks of life, including business, politics, and education, community service, the arts and science; Whereas, the rich and parallel diversity of its residents, the City of Miramar takes great pride in supporting Jin Lu Arts, a nonprofit organization who presents Oriental Impression, a show consisting of talented Asians and Pacific Islanders who perform Chinese folklore to thousands of residents in Broward County each year for free; Whereas, there are 8,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander residents in the City of Miramar, and we acknowledge their continued contributions to our city; and, Whereas, Mrs. Jin Lu Kow and Dr. Radian Zu have dedicated their lives to increasing the awareness of Asian American

and Pacific Islander culture through the arts. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission do, hereby, proclaim May 15, 2019, as Jin Lu Arts Day. Let's give them a round of applause.

MS. LU: Thank you, thank you, so much. We are so happy to come here to perform for the Chinese Culture Show in American Heritage Month. I would -- I would introduce -- we have a few residents, of course, the Miramar residents, they are all Miramar residents. They live in Sunset Lake.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

MS. LU: That's your mayor...that's your mayor okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you all so much for sharing your culture with the City of Miramar and with the City Commission on this day. God bless you, and thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I just want to say -- before they leave, I just want to say thank you so very much; appreciate you guys getting all dressed up in these beautiful outfits and coming out here, and putting on this show just for us. Thank you, really appreciate it.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, we'll quickly go through our proclamations.

Proclamation: Emergency Medical Services Week (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And our next proclamation will be in recognition of Emergency Medical Services week. If I could have Chief Palmer to come forward. Evening, sir, Anyone else joining you? Oh, Chief McFarlane. Do I say hurry or make haste? Emergency Medical Services Week, EMS Strong, Beyond the Call; May 19 through 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

Whereas, emergency medical services is a vital public service: and, Whereas, the members of the emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and, Whereas, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and, Whereas, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others: and, Whereas, the members of emergency medical service teams, whether career or volunteers engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and, Whereas, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills from these highly trained individuals; and, Whereas, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week. And,

now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, by virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 through 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we thank all of our EMS professionals for all of the work that you do every day, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And you will not appreciate them until the day you may need their services, and I know many of us in here have had the benefit of being served by our EMS Department, and thank you so much for your professionalism and doing all that you do.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: I'd like to call up our Interim Public Works Director, Mr. Anthony Collins to receive the proclamation for National Public Works Week, and team. Let's give a round of applause for our Public Works team. And the proclamation reads as follows:

Whereas, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance of sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life, and wellbeing of the people of the City of Miramar; and, Whereas, these infrastructure facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government who are responsible for rebuilding and improving and protecting our City's transportation, solid waste systems, public buildings, streets, highways, landscaping, streetlights, and drainage systems; and, Whereas, it is the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in the City of Miramar to gain knowledge of and to maintain progressive interest in understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and, Whereas, 2019 marks the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association; and, Whereas, this year's theme "It Starts Here" focuses on all things public works, from fleet operations to recycling to first responders, and speaks of the essential nature of public works services in support of everyday quality of life. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do, hereby, designate the week of May 19 through 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as National Public Works.

MAYOR MESSAM: And we really appreciate all that you do, all the work that's seen and unseen, because you all are unsung heroes of the City, so thank you so much for all that you do.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Do we have the representative from Congressman Hastings' office? Is Daniel here? Come on up. And this is in recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month. Give our Congressman our regards. Proclamation, Jewish American Heritage



Month proclamation, May 2019:

Whereas, on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month, having an historic achievement by an impressive group led by the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish community leaders, which eventually resulted in congressional resolutions introduced by Representative Debbie Wasserman-Schultz of Florida Congressional District 23, and Senator Arlen Specter; and, Whereas, JAHM recognizes the more than 360-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture and society, from sports, arts, music and entertainment and history to medicine, business, science, government and military service. Cross these fields, many Jewish Americans have contributed significantly to this nation's struggle for freedom, justice and liberty, having helped bring about progress in all aspects of this Nation's values and character; and, Whereas, many Jewish people who reached America did -- did so after fleeing oppression and, in some cases, amid the most grim and gruesome of human experiences during the Holocaust, and did so with the hope of realizing the true promise of building a free and more just America; and, Whereas, many Jewish women and men made lifelong commitments to confront the enemy of America's noblest goals: racism and oppression, they found solidarity in the civil rights movement for and the fight for LGBT rights, and in struggles which often mirrored the story of Exodus and the Jewish peoples' journey through the ages. Many Jewish people found America's best values in each of these cause, a demand for fairness, equality and justice; and, Whereas, JAHM celebrations include a unique annual theme, and past events have been led at the U.S. Capital, the White House, and other federal sites: national parks, the Library of Congress, and the National Gallery of Art. This year's them provides a wonderful opportunity to recognize the American Jews who have helped create the images who have helped create the images that represent important parts of our everyday life, from beloved children books, graphic superheroes novels and daily comics and illustrations. These Jewish artists have been shaped by a Jewish experience and American life, and memorialized and reimagined the American imaginative landscape; Whereas, throughout their work, one often finds a common thirst for freedom and justice, as many of these Jewish artists, writers, and illustrators are adept at untangling our complicated world and synthesizing lessons and insights about it clearly and succinctly. For that, the world celebrates their work, and we hold their accomplishments up high. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks so much for accepting this.

Proclamation: National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: Right. If I can have Chief Williams up for our final proclamation in observation of the National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day, and command staff. Welcome everyone. National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 12<sup>th</sup> through 18. To recognize National Police Week 2019 honoring law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy:

Whereas, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and counted the week in which it falls as National Police Week; and, Whereas, the law enforcement officers in Broward County and the State of Florida, and the United States are under constant threat of serious assault and even death in the performance of their duties; and, Whereas, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and memorials throughout the country; and, Whereas, the members of the law enforcement agency in the City of Miramar play an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and, Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, and protecting against violence or disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception, oppression or intimidation; and, Whereas, our police department has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency, which unceasingly provides a vital public service; and, Whereas, citizens in Miramar are called upon to show our sincere appreciation to the men and women of law enforcement who serve every day with courage, honor, professionalism and distinction; and, Whereas, on behalf of myself and the City Commission, I ask all citizens of the City of Miramar to join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their communities have protected the rights and security of all citizens. And now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of May 12 through 18, 2019, as National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: So I would like to thank our police department for all of your self-less work, and in particularly, our law enforcement officers that lose their lives in the line of duty. You know, sometimes, you know, -- especially with all of the -- the negative news that may surface regarding the bad acts of a few, we know that across this country, that an overwhelming majority of law enforcement officers leave their homes every day, wearing the badge to protect their respective communities, and we could not be more thankful for officers that leave their homes right here in South Florida, and in the City of Miramar that protect our residents in any event, and we thank you all for your courage and for your valor in how you protect our community. Thank you.

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. This is the second meeting of the month, where we have public participation, and I have the list here of members of the public that have signed in. I will call your name, and if come to the podium, you can speak on your topic, and you have three minutes. For housekeeping matters, if you state your name and address for the record, and you have three minutes. And, again, we like to keep the meeting moving on, so if there's anything that's stated and you support it, you can express that by waving your hand. If you are in the center, don't like just move on, because when everyone claps or makes comments, we can't hear what the individual is saying. Okay. And our first speaker is Ms. Debra Scialabba. Good evening, ma'am.

MS. SCIALABBA: Good evening. Is there any way that Mr. Taylor can give his three minutes, so I have six minutes? He would like to give me his three minutes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MS. SCIALABBA: Yes?

MAYOR MESSAM: He's on the list, so I'm allowing it, because he's on the list. You'll have to come to the mic.

MS. SCIALABBA: I'm going to speak what I wanted to say at the workshop. I feel I need just to say what I -- the research that I did do. Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26 Street. The minutes from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, at the very end of the meeting, Commissioner Report, Vice Mayor Davis stated she has met with the partners, Austin Pamies Norris Weeks and Powel, and wanted to move to appoint this law firm as our new attorneys. It's evident to a lot of us or we can assume that promises were made for this law firm to make the transition to be our city attorneys. An article appeared when Vice Mayor Davis was campaigning to be Mayor of Miramar May 2012; Broward ethics disclosure campaigning fundraiser for other candidates for Broward County Commissioner, at the time it was for Dale Holness. Vice Mayor Davis, Art Kennedy, and Burnadette Norris-Weeks; Ms. Weeks was also on this fundraiser campaign, along with Ms. Davis. Ms. Weeks -- Ms. Burnadette Norris-Weeks also contributed to Vice Mayor Davis' campaign. Both attorneys, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, and January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, both attorneys, Michelle Austin Pamies and Burnadette Norris-Weeks contributed to Commissioner Colbourne campaign in 2013. Around August there was -- there was a workshop about the City attorneys to -- to terminate their agreement. Ethics in conflict of interest, as a situation in which a person, such as a public official, an employee or professional has a private or personal interest sufficient to appear to influence the objective exercise of his or her official duties. Appear promises were made in 2013 to this law firm. Benefits to the Commissioner support and benefit to the ladies was to represent us. Our current city attorneys have been with us for 24 -- 20 years plus, but they did save us millions of dollars throughout those years. They are full service attorney -- they are full service and can represent us and do represent us in any capacity whatsoever. Miramar has grown and continues to grow. They have grown with us, representing us. And I must repeat,

they have saved us millions of dollars. He spoke a little bit on 207 -- 2015. He successfully sued Broward County compensation for assets owned by the Resource Recovery Board for cessation of the Waste Recovery System Board. We received in 20 -- and that as July 2013. We received in 2015 \$2,160,100.00, and an additional \$411,000.00 upon sale of the Alpha site owned by the County as part of the system. They have made sure you complied with the ethics, as they had education about the federal statutes, about the Florida statutes in every way they have complied, and they always protected us. I read agreements with developments. They always protected the City with developers to makes sure we had an out, that we weren't responsible, and that we can terminate the agreement, had the developers breached the agreement. They always protected the City in everything they did. I pulled up -- I went through the budget, and just as a matter of stats, Commission in 2015 are at \$922,300.00. Legal was \$1,224,700.00. 2016. Commission, \$1,202,113.00, Legal was \$1,203,503.00. Legal services to the Commission, they have several accounts set up individually for each department, including the Commission if, in fact, they have to represent us with any suits against the Commission, against Public Works, against Community Appearance, whatever; they have separate accounts. Legal services to the Commission in 2016 was \$873,363.00; Commission salaries was \$208,811.00, and your Commission salaries are of two categories, personnel services and operating expenses. In 2017, \$1,264,338.00 for the Commission, Legal was \$1,565,261.00. Legal services to the Commission in 2017 was \$89,164.00. Commission salaries was \$208,811.00. 2018, Commission was \$1,315,600.00, Legal was \$1,304,600.00. Legal services to the Commission was \$96,400.00. Commission salaries at that time was 193. You have 83,000 out of the budget going to your Commission secretaries. Then I'm looking at 20 -- the estimates for 2019, the projections. Secretaries: \$83,000.00, obviously, which has been across the board; Commission, \$1,411,100.00, Legal, based on the volume of cases and everything they do for us was -- is estimated at \$1,454,600.00. Legal services to the Commission, they don't know what it's going to be for 2019, so they carried out the \$96,400.00. Commission salaries for 2019, \$219,700.00. And what is this \$4,000.00 tuition reimbursement to the Commission all about? If you need tuition reimbursement, pay for it yourselves. This should not be a tax burden for taxpayers. I know you want everything that the City employees make, because many Commissioners, not just you, have made that statement. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Next speaker, Michelle Fils-Aime -- is it Aimes? I'm sorry if I mispronounced your last name, ma'am. Good evening, welcome. Welcome back.

MS. FILS-AIME: Yes. Thank you. I haven't been here. My name is Michelle Fils-Aime, I wish I had six minutes like you. Can anyone give me their minutes? So my name is Michelle Fils-Aime. I'm at --

MAYOR MESSAM: Can you state your address for the record, please, ma'am.

MS. FILS-AIME: You know, I hate stating my address, because you don't really want --

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, that's -- it's -- it's -- it's for the public record.

MS. FILS-AIME: I understand. I'm going to do it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MS. VILS-AIME: It's 3505 East Shore Road in Miramar. So I'm here to specifically address Vice Mayor Davis. I want to know what frame of mind that you are in when you decide that you want to fire a law firm that's been here with us serving the City for over - for 20 years. I want to know what your thought is. As I'm looking at the board --

MAYOR MESSAM: Excuse, ma'am, if you can just address to the Chair, and not personally at any -- thank you.

MS. FILS-AIME: All right. Well, she made the decision when she singularly said at the meeting last month that I choose to do this. As I'm looking at the wall, I see consensus. Consensus to me -- well, consensus just means that you're in agreement. You, yourself, did not even know that she was planning on firing this firm. You had to find out right here on the dais, and neither did Commissioner Barnes know. What type -- I mean what are you doing with the City? It's not about you, it's about us. You said that the law firm works at your pleasure. What about us, the residents? You work at our pleasure as well. We need to be included in those decisions, because this is moneymaking. When you bring another law firm -- this law firm has over 60 attorneys. So you bring another law firm that you're going to have to outsource, probably to departments that that law firm doesn't know. It's -- we're going to -- we -- we are going to be carrying the burden. We will be carrying the burden. What displeasure do you have with this firm? You still have not stated that. You said they serve at your pleasure, what is your --

MAYOR MESSAM: Ma'am, address --

MS. FILS-AIME: I'm sorry, Mayor, but she did state that. So what is the displeasure with this law firm that the City now wants to fire them after 20 years, because experience counts. Everything is about experience and the no how. When -- during -- after Hurricane -- during Hurricane Katrina when all of the people that were on the ground, they couldn't do anything at all, guess what the United States government have to do? They had to get General Honoré out of retirement to get business going, and that's exactly what he did, so you need people with experience. For you to go and say that -- you -- you had -- you already made -- you had -- the decision was already made to hire another law firm without the Mayor knowing, without Commissioner Barnes knowing, because in this -- on this dais, it seems as if she -- they know that they have the three votes, and with the three votes, they can do whatever they want. It's not about your three votes. And then one of the members said that, you know, the Mayor was bullying. The Mayor wasn't bullying anyone. He was absolutely correct when he said you should give this firm respect that is right there on your wall. It says City of -- City of

Miramar Core Values. You need to respect, and they don't have that respect. It's not being shown, and you need to do that, because you are -- you work for us.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank -- thank you, ma'am. Thank you, ma'am.

MS. FILS-AIME: Remember that.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Could you inform the public of the action that was taken earlier today by the -- by the Commission during the workshop?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: For -- for an update, there was a workshop held today, and the City Commission decided to have a solicitation process. The City Management will present an agenda item with the RF -- or the solicitation document request for a letter of interest, which will outline the requirements for legal services on behalf of the City of Miramar, which the City Commission will approve after the item. And then we'll have an open and competitive process for legal services. All right. Thanks -- thanks, Commissioner Colbourne. Our next speaker is Mr. Roland Abel. Good evening, sir, welcome.

MR. ABEL: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. The last time I was at a meeting here, our Mayor made reference to the regular sized person, and I would like to say that sometimes a regular sized persons have built in advantages. In the sense that my ears are close to the ground, literally and figuratively. And tonight I'm here to speak about worker morale in -- in the City based on complaints that I have received, and you wonder why complaints would come to me. And when the complaints came, I said, "Have you spoken to your union delegate?" And the response was, "It would make no sense, because they too are afraid." The problem that was pointed out to me is that Commissioners are dealing directly with employees, which I think they have absolutely no legitimate reason to do so. Where employees' supervisors are being told which employee should do what, and which employees should not. I think that is wrong, and I think that we need to be aware of the reason we're here as a commission, to serve and to represent us ethically. And when we have employees feeling intimidated, that means that their productivity will also be affected, and I'm asking the Commission, as a whole, to look into this. I have not done any investigation myself. I have no authorities to do so. But if this is true, it is troubling. And I would really hope that the management and the Commission will look into this, if it is happening, and to ensure that this does not happen again. It is -- our duty -- the Commission's duty is to serve. It's not for power or reprisal or payback. We have to make sure that we stay away from such negative

activities, even though, for some people, revenge may be sweet, but it is not enduring, and it is not positive for the City. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir. I see Ina McNeil. Are you not speaking?

MS. MCNEIL: No, I...he went over his time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Our next speaker is Ms. Debra St. Vil. Good evening.

MS. ST. VIL: Hello, good evening. Thank you. My name is Deborah St. Vil, 7648 Fairway Boulevard, and this is also regarding the workshop on the search for new city attorneys. I just want to say thank you to Ms. Michelle Fils-Aime and thank you to Ms. Scialabba for doing such great research. I just want to note, as another long-term Miramar resident that we notice what is going on, and the arguments for searching a new firm I believe insult our intelligence. Because there were no actual reasons given for actually trying to search for a new firm. All that was said that it can be done, therefore it should be done. Because it's legal, because it may have been done in the past, that is reason to search for a new firm. And, as a legal assistant, I can tell you it takes years just for employees and attorneys to get into stride, so 20 years is a great asset. Making a change is maybe some -- things can be shaking up like a new hairstyle, a new shade of lipstick, not something as important as attorneys for a city. And this is not a light issue where some Commissioners -- it seemed -- sounded as if it could either way. This is something to be taken very seriously, and we notice. I also wanted to note that Commissioner Barnes had mentioned during the workshop that it seemed as if this were a case of reverse racism, and he was criticized for that comment, but in the absence of any reasons, any legitimate reasons to make this move, we're only left with these kinds of assumptions, so it's fair that he would make that jump. Because there's no other reason. If there are no complaints about this firm, they've done a competent job, I think it's important to consider not making the wrong move and affecting all of our citizens in the future. That's all I have to say, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Ma'am. Is Ms. Alfaro still here? All right. I don't see her. Marcia Akias? Akias. How are you, ma'am? My apologies. Good evening.

MS. AKIAS: Good evening, Mayor Messam, City Manager, Commissioners. I'm here also because of the --

MAYOR MESSAM: Please state your address, please?

MS. AKIAS: Oh. 8505 Windsor Drive. I've been a resident in Miramar for 43 years. I'm also a volunteer for four and a half years. I give back to the City, because I live my city. I'm a little astounded by the results of the changes that wants to be -- against the City legal system. They have a great resume and, wow, I think it's very hard for another firm to come in and do what they have done over the last 20 years. Everything is deemed

on how they operated, and there's no fault in what they have done. They have far exceeded a lot of expectations of the City or any city, so I really don't see what the cause is, and it has not been explained to the residents. This team has a competent set of attorneys that I don't think -- I'm not saying it's not replaceable, but if you go out to get another set of attorneys, they'll have to work hand-in-hand with the past, and will create an extremely amount of money that will cost the City. We have to look at the budget. If you're trying to save money, it's not going to do that. It will only exceed, because if you outsource any -- anything, whether it be an attorney or another product, it cost you more in the long run, because on your budget it's not budgeted, and outside sources cost more money per hour. So I don't think that we're going in the right direction. We have one of the best cities, I think, in Broward County. Safe and everything should continue the same. And I'm just imploring you to take a second look of all that is being said and done, because, wow, that resume was incredible, and that's all.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Glen Rice.

MR. RICE: It's Glen Rice, 4605 SW 152 Avenue. First of all, I want to thank Commissioner Barnes, especially tonight, for bringing up the conversation of race, because nobody -- everybody gets sick to their stomach when that comes up, and they don't talk about it. But I got to give credit to Commissioner Davis, Vice Mayor Davis, she brought this up ten years ago, and there was a whisper campaign back then when she first ran for office: The sky is falling, we're going bankrupt, it's going to be time to sell your homes. This was the same type of whisper campaign, again, like I said, was used against her by -- she ran against five white men. She won that time on the very platform of diversity. She handily beat and won the election, because the people supported her for that platform. The sky didn't fall, we didn't go bankrupt, and we didn't have to sell our homes when Alexandra Davis got elected. Under the Commission that was led, again, by Alexandra Davis, back then, they were able to orchestrate a change in the city manager. It was the same city manager that bilked us for millions of dollars that was contracted; the contract was made by this law firm over here. When they left, they left us in a hole of millions of dollars, it is true. But the sky didn't fall, we didn't go bankrupt, and we didn't have to sell our houses. It was the same when the Vice Mayor Davis-led Commission replaced the former police chief in the name of progress and diversity. The exact reason why she continues to get elected, and the residents love her. So, relax people, in the name of diversity, which nobody wants to use, with a new and progressive law firm that is coming soon, the sky will not fall, we won't go bankrupt, and we won't have to sell our houses. And, again, this I have to thank the Vice Mayor for keeping her political promises that she has made all along and, again, that's why she's elected. So if you don't like what she's promoting, don't elect her or go out and vote. And that's all I have to say. Thank you very much. Thank you, Vice Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Ms. Norma Martin.



MS. MARTIN: Good evening, Mayor, Commissioners, legal team, City Clerk. Norma Martin, 7200 Grand View Boulevard, a resident for almost 40 years. I will not go into digging up or whatever. I'll say I'm in agreement with some of what I've heard. I'm just here to say to everyone on the dais, when we work together, a lot can be achieved. Please, I love Miramar, and that's why I've stayed here for so long. Work together. Bickering does not work. You don't achieve anything with bickering. And there are times when we make comments, we have to agree to disagree, but it's not to be taken to the extent at which sometimes I see it taken. And it was because a last election, and the flyers that kept going around, I didn't like them. I took them -- took it up and was throwing them out -- one came to mine. And in my humble self, I did write something about Miramar. It's not degrading, it's not anything that will make you wonder, but I'm going to pass it around. Read it. It's for all of us. Work together. Miramar, oh Miramar, the City we all love. We boast about it. We're the center of everything. Please, folks, keep it that way. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. That concludes our public participation. I would like to thank everyone who came to voice or exercise their right to voice their thoughts and their concerns.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Consent Agenda. Items listed on the 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. Anyone wishing to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda should approach the podium now. Okay. Seeing no one, can I have a motion on the Consent Agenda, or if there are any items wishing to be pulled, let me know at this time, otherwise, I'll accept a motion.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

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

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of April 17, 2019 and the Special and Regular Commission Meetings of May 1, 2019.

**Approved**

2. Temp. Reso. #R6947 endorsing the **Florida Department of Transportation Pembroke Pines/Miramar Mobility Improvements Project No. 431770-4** within the City of Miramar's Right-of-Way along Dykes Road and requesting FDOT incorporate the extension of the eastbound turn lane along Miramar Parkway from Dykes Road. *(City Engineer Bissy Vempala)*

**Resolution No. 19-117**

3. Temp. Reso. #R6956 approving the award of Request for Quote No. 19-PR025, entitled "**Installation of Vinyl Coated Chain Link Fence**" to Richport Construction Group, to furnish all materials, equipment, and labor for installation of vinyl coated chain link fencing at the **Miramar Regional Park**, in an amount not-to-exceed \$47,450.00, for a total expenditure of \$109,074.00 to date for Fiscal Year 2019 with the provider. *(Parks & Recreation Administrator Billy D. Neal and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

**Resolution No. 19-118**

4. Temp. Reso. #R6912 approving the **purchase and installation of standby generators for Lift Stations No. 7 and C** from All Power Generators Corp., in an

amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00, utilizing the City of Miami Beach, Florida Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 2018-039-JC, entitled "Furnish, Delivery, Installation, Maintenance and Repair of Generators". (*Utilities Director Roy Virgin and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

**Resolution No. 19-119**

5. Temp. Reso. #R6951 approving the agreement with Insituform Technologies, LLC, for the provision of **sewer system rehabilitation services** for **Capital Improvement Program No. 52004**, in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00 for a one-year period, utilizing City of Pompano Beach, Florida Annual Contract Bid No. L-24-16. (*Utilities Director Roy Virgin and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

**Resolution No. 19-120**

***End of Consent Agenda***

**RESOLUTIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to resolutions. Item number six, please.

6. Temp. Reso. #R6964 approving the award of Request for Proposals No. 19-12-11 for **billboard advertising** to OUTFRONT Media, LLC, the highest rated responsive, responsible proposer; authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate lease agreements between the City of Miramar and OUTFRONT Media, LLC, for a term of twenty years for various locations throughout the City for the design, construction, installation, management, and maintenance of digital billboards, for the purpose of advertising revenue enhancement in an amount exceeding \$20.7 million for the term of the agreements. (*Chief Operation Officer Kelvin Baker, Chief Financial Officer Susan Gooding-Liburd, and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item six is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Request for Proposals No. 19-12-11 for billboard advertising to OUTFRONT Media, LLC, the highest rated responsive, responsible proposer; authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate lease agreements between the City of Miramar and OUTFRONT Media, LLC, for a term of twenty years for various locations throughout the City for the design, construction, installation, management, and maintenance of digital billboards, for the purpose of advertising revenue enhancement in an amount not -- in an amount exceeding \$20.7 million for the term of the agreements, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir. Welcome.

MR. BAKER: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commission, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk. I'm Kelvin Baker, I'm your Chief Operating Officer. We're here today concerning digital billboard advertising, Temporary Resolution #6964. On November 15, 2018, our City Manager rolled out a management initiative called CARE; it's a comprehensive assessment of revenues and expenditures. It provides an opportunity to continue to move forward to great effectiveness, greater efficiency. It's an opportunity to look at assets and ways of leveraging assets. As part of this CARE program, it has ten major initiatives, and what we have before you here this evening covers a couple of them, public/private -- public/private partnerships, as well as revenue enhancements. In our -- in our research, in looking at all of the various assets that we have in the -- in the City, it was quite obvious that we have some very valuable assets that could be used to generate significant revenues, as well as help us to address many issues and many challenges in front of us. When we look at digital billboards, it's clear that it is a multibillion-dollar industry, and it's an industry that many utilize to advertise and promote themselves, and promote their -- their products. We're fortunate to have assets that are on major highways, such as I-75, the Turnpike, as well as Miramar Parkway, that we have a great opportunity to use it as leverage, in order to place billboards and actually gain some additional efficiencies. One of the things that's very important is how we can promote our city. We have said in many cases that we are the -- one of the best kept secrets in the -- in the country, and what this billboard concept does it gives us an opportunity to truly promote our City, not just locally, but nationally. It gives us an opportunity to effectively communicate with travelers that travels the highways and the byways within our city boundaries without any financial impact to our City. It allows us to promote messages to attract future residents, businesses, and enhances our overall marketing bandwidth, as it relates to getting the message out to a massive number of people. Another significant piece is that it's sustainable. It's not just something that -- revenue that you would actually receive once in a lifetime and it's over, but it's sustainable. It is a revenue that will be available on a monthly basis, which we will get into in a few minutes. At this time, we will get some highlights from our Procurement Department. I'll be back to share with you further. Thank you.

MS. AYUM: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. So, as Mr. Baker alluded, we -- this was the first time with us doing digital billboard advertising, so we evaluated recent proposals and current solicitations from, you know, in Florida, and we decided to do a request for proposal (RFP). So we issued RFP#19-12-11 on December 7<sup>th</sup> to obtain solicitations to establish a lease agreement from an entity that would lease City property, design, construct, install, manage and maintain billboards throughout the City. We conducted a pre-proposal conference, had site visits on January 8<sup>th</sup>, and five proposers were in attendance. The RFP closed on February 28<sup>th</sup> with a total of five proposals from Becker Board Miami, Clear Channel Outdoor, Digital Outdoor Advertising/IDON, OUTFRONT Media, LLC, and the Lamar Company. A five-member selection committee composed of staff from Marketing, Finance, the City Manager's Office, Economic Development conducted oral presentations, reviewed all the proposals in accordance with the criteria and scored the proposals. So here are the results of that scoring. As you can see, OUTFRONT Media,

LLC, was ranked number one. I mean it was based on several criteria that we thought was extremely important; for example, financial stability of the firm, experience and expertise, price references, resources, and we -- next slide -- and OUTFRONT Media came out as the number one scoring firm. The required notice of intent to award was issued. We offered all the firms an opportunity to review the proposals and the evaluation scoring, and no protests were received. OUTFRONT Media, LLC, as a city partner, offers national and international advertising. Their proposal demonstrated professional expertise, financial strength, sales and marketing agreements. In 2018, their South Florida market generated 80 million in annual sales. I'm going to turn it over back to Mr. Baker, but in accordance with the RFP, the City then entered into negotiations with the number one-ranked firm.

MR. BAKER: Thank you. Mayor and Commission, once we went through the process of selecting a company, the procurement process allowed at that point enter into negotiations, and these are our dib points. Our first dib point that we presented to OUTFRONT Media is to grant our City with a Most Favorite Nation clause, and that Most Favorite Nation clause, essentially, allows us to get a -- a better deal should a -- should a deal be brokered within Broward County -- should the deal be brokered better than what we have -- have been offered, that that same offer would be made available to our organization, but limited specifically to Broward County with some restraints with the airport in itself. The second item that we negotiated was this onetime, upfront bonus of \$1.575 million just as a sign-in bonus, and we'll talk a little more about that in a few minutes of how that signing bonus would actually be applied. The next item is 85,000 minimum monthly-guaranteed revenue, with a two-percent increase after the first year. We further negotiated and additional increase, a 3.5 percent increase after the seventh year. As we continued on in the negotiations, with many of the challenges we have, and financing activities for our culture youth program, we requested an additional \$15,000.00 per month -- per year, I'm sorry; 15,000 per year, and that -- those funds would go into a 501(c)(3) organization and, ultimately, will be transferred over to our culture program to assist us in financing our cultural activities. And this particular initiative will net \$300,000.000 over the course of this 20-year lease -- lease agreement. In the 20-year lease agreement, we requested opening provisions in the lease agreement with the understanding as to how markets often -- often changed. And in our discussion with them, we were able to reach an agreement to have a contract opening after the -- after the tenth year. Again, that gives us another opportunity to sharpen up our pencils and -- and go to the table, depending on what the environment and the economic -- the situation is, as it relates to billboards at that time. The next item is to -- the utilization of -- of the billboards for public purposes, doing local and national campaigns, as we mount up to do significant things, as we made available to you this past Thursday evening, as we mount to do significant things, as it relates to economic development and community development, and redeveloping our community, as well as attracting developers. We have numerous initiatives, such as foreign trade, and opportunity zones, and things of that nature that's very attractive to developers. But the question -- how do we get the word out to the masses? Well, this is one of those opportunities to make that happen. The next item we requested backup power supply

in the event there's a power failure, and having these structures in our City would be perfect to get messages out to our residents that power will be back on in two hours, or the water will be back on -- all these essential messages that are needed during emergency situations. We took advantage of that opportunity. And then next, we have one location, and I'll highlight locations in a few minutes. One location in particular, that location is off of Miramar Parkway and 75, which we call our signature location, and that location there we're asking, and they've agreed to put some very attractive architecture features on that facility. It will not be a typical billboard where you got a pole up in the air, and digital -- a digital message. But this would be housed in a inner structure that's decorative and inviting to the -- to the community. And our last item in the in the RFP, all of the opposers were allowed to suggest other possible locations where we could, potentially, place a billboard, and this particular opposer suggested a location, and that location is our Wastewater Facility right off of Miramar -- I'm sorry, Pembroke Road, and we agreed in the negotiations that that would be a viable -- a viable location to erect a structure. And so we brought that into the process, and that is actually reflected in the numbers that I have -- I've made available to you. Just to highlight a couple of the -- couple of the locations. The first location is -- is off of I-75, actually, right on I-75 is right where our -- our signature three million gallon storage tank is located. That's -- that's one of the first locations. The -- the second location is located at the West Water Treatment Plant, and that particular property is -- is very large in length, and so we are able to put a structure on one end of the property, and another structure on the -- on the far end of the property. And so that's the only location that we're proposing the two -- the two structures. And -- and thirdly, we have the structure that I mentioned earlier that would be our signature -- our signature structure, and that structure is right in front of the Home -- the Home Depot location. And our final structure is a structure that will be at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility located at 13 -- 13900 Pembroke -- Pembroke Road. This will give us a total of five -- five structures -- five structures in the -- in our billboard program. I do want to highlight -- before I touch on the -- the signing bonus, is that while there are other locations throughout our city, these are locations that we felt very strongly would receive proper approvals from FDOT, because all of these are required to go through the State for approval, and so we felt that these were stronger in getting the approval, because they -- they were not real close to residential areas, and they -- they met all of the zoning -- all of the zoning requirements, and they are in compliance with our -- with our code. The signing bonus, the intent of the signing bonus was to get these proposers to -- to invest in our city. If we're going to go into a long-term relationship, 20 years, we were interested in an investment into our city. And so as the -- as the RFP was developed, it was developed in that nature to see who was willing to invest very heavily into our City. And the numbers are before you this evening; we have 1. -- 1.5 from OUTFRONT Media, 1.4 from Digital Outdoor Advertising, 250,000 from Clear Channel, and 88,000 from Lamar, and 82,000 from -- from Becker Board. But our main intent was since we're going at this for the long haul, we wanted to see a major investment, a major investment that will allow us to do some other things, and further grow and develop our City. At this time, we're going to have our CFO to come up and highlight and embellish the numbers a little further. Thank you.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Good evening, Commission, members of the audience. I'm Susan Gooding-Liburd, your Chief Financial Officer. So this is -- these are a few areas of how the revenue can be utilized. We have debt service, which you cannot see at the top right there, but last Thursday, the City rolled out its vision for Historic Miramar, and this revenue source could be the financing vehicle that will make that dream possible, all that reality possible. So we have approximately 15,000 coming on an annual basis to our Miramar Cultural Center that will be for our youth program. We spoke about our art district, which is art, workforce and entertainment at our visioning. We also spoke about innovation and techno -- our technology village. We are hoping that this also -- this revenue source, we will set aside some reserve on an annual basis for future use. We spoke about our economic development initiative for the Historic Miramar. And what a perfect vehicle this would be to just put funds into this mechanism, so that we can do commercial and residential, as well as anything that we want to do as far as redevelopment. We also -- since we are utilizing public utility, we feel that a small portion of this revenue can be used in our public utility. Next slide, please. So I would just like to provide the Commission and the audience the highlight of the signing bonus, how it will be received. The signing bonus will be received in three phases. The first phase will be at 25 percent, ten days after both parties sign this agreement. The next 25 percent will be done when FDOT, as well as the City permits are issued for each structure. The final 50 percent will be paid when the structure is built, operational, and we receive final inspection. So to add to Mr. Baker's -- the 1.575 million signing bonus, that will be received by the City even any operation of any advertising starts. Next slide, please. So here are highlights of the financial impact, and you can't see it very well. And I really want to highlight just the first year; in the first year, with the signing bonus, we will be receiving \$2.6 million, that's with the 85,000, and annual -- I mean monthly amount that is guaranteed, the 15,000 that we will receive for our Miramar youth program, as well as the 1.5 million signing, and that is just in year one. Year two, also he stated that they will be at two percent annual at two -- from the second year to sixth year, two percent increase annually. Coming back the seventh to the tenth year with an annual increase of 3.5 percent, whereas, we will open again for the 11<sup>th</sup> year. So -- next slide, yes. So the term of this agreement for 20 years, I want the City Commission, I really want the residents to realize this will be a \$25 million impact of new revenue source that the resident don't even have to go back into their pocket to do, and we won't even have -- I wouldn't want to say -- I wouldn't want -- I don't want to say that. But it would not be an impact on the General Fund, and I know that's the fund where we go to do pretty much everything that we want to do. So there will be no financial impact from the General Fund, and the residents will not have to put a penny from their pocket. You know, we missed opportunities a couple years ago with our CRA to bring extra revenue in, and I really would not like the City Commission to miss this opportunity for a new revenue source to come in that will have an overall impact of over \$26 million.

MR. BAKER: Thank you, Ms. Liburd. Mayor and Commission, at this time, approval is recommended, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, staff, for the presentation. At this time, do we have any members from the public that wish to comment on this item?

MS. SCIALABBA: Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26 Street. What is the height of these signs, and is it going to be visible from any residential areas where they're going to see the lights like this in their homes? Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Yes.

MR. BAKER: Mr. Mayor, I have the Community & Development Director to come up and speak specifically on the dimensions.

MR. SILVA: Good evening. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Eric Silva, Community & Economic Development. The maximum height allowed by the code is 50 feet, and as part of this process, when you adopted the code, you may recall that we required a site plan submittal first, and part of that application is a line of sight study. So the applicant will have to show us from the homes how the billboard would look, if it could be seen or not. So we review that for compliance with the code.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? Seeing no additional members from the public, I bring the discussion back to the dais. I have two speakers. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized, then followed by Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. First of all, I want to commend Mr. Kelvin Baker. He's very passionate about the CARE program, and rightfully so. I -- I do hope that you will get to the point in CARE program where you will reward employees financially who present these types of suggestions, and -- and we implement them, and actually earn a great big revenue. Not salary employees, not -- not your executives -- not -- I shouldn't say salary. Not your executive, but all of the other employees that I know are participating in it, I certainly hope you get to that point. I do have -- you know, I do have some -- some concerns about the things that you have -- that you have outlined. You know, I'll just -- I'll just quickly mention them. The 300,000 contribution to the Cultural Trust, then you have -- you have a fourth location that was added, and I think all by itself, that causes some -- some confusion, where others -- everyone else submitted three locations, and they were -- they were rated. We submitted three locations, so then there was one location added, so there was some confusion there. Then you have usage of the billboard for public purpose, based on space availability. So not naturally based on when we need it. There are no specified times when we -- when we're -- when we've been assured that we can use -- use the billboards. Then you have an item here that they will -- they will provide us with a generator. And, I guess, they will design in signature architecture. I guess my point in bringing these out, it's almost like piecemealing. You have all these little pieces here. Could we get to where there is one number, where -- where this is what -- this is the amount that the



contractor will give to the City. I mean we can add \$15,000.00 a year to that. We can add -- we can add -- we can purchase a generator, you know. These -- these are, you know, small items. When we met, you talked about this being billions of dollars, but I only see 26 million in 20 years coming to our city. This 1. -- I don't know, four -- 1.4 a year, it's a good thing. It's a good thing, but it makes me wonder if -- if it's the best, you know, if -- if, somehow, we could have done better. I know there was an RFP done to get us to this point, and this is -- this entire contract is heavily based on -- on -- on -- on -- on the amount we're receiving. I -- I want to say pricing, but it's not pricing; it's actually the amount that they're paying -- that they will be paying us. I almost want to say, you know, throw this out, and -- and let's come back with a bid -- just get a number. What is the number that the City will receive for this? And -- and -- and give everyone an opportunity to just give us a number. But I know that's time consuming, and a lot of time have been put into this already. So, City Manager, is there any -- is there -- is there something else that we can do to get us to that without having -- without me saying, "Let's -- let's reject these and get a new set of bids."?

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Vice Mayor -- Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, to go out to bid would really delay this project. That's not favorable to us; we've been involved in this for over six months in planning. I would -- I would not recommend us talking about going out for no bid. And the only option that you would have is a best and final, because going out to bid, we're talking about two months to three months, but you got to keep in mind that when you go out for best and final on here, then that has an effect on the R -- RFP process in here. So we don't want to go out to bid. There's no question about that, because there's a lot at stake. There's been a lot of effort and work, and we have a vision, where we want to go, so, no, I cannot support no going out to bid. Again, I think there's only one option that's left out there, and that's -- and that would depend on the Commission itself, that is, it's the best and final.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. Okay. Well, I -- at the appropriate time, I would -- I will make that recommendation for a best of final after I hear from everyone else.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized. If there are any other speakers, please notify by raising your hand on the -- so I can see order. Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just a couple of observations, maybe questions, with they can be answered at this point in time. Mention was made of the benefits we'll have nationally. Can someone explain that for me?

MR. BAKER: Thank you, Commissioner. The national benefits is that the -- the proposer has billboards throughout the country, so if it's our desire -- let's say, for example, we are bringing a nationally known person here to speak in our amphitheater, and we want to let the entire country know that -- that they're coming. Well, we have the ability to be able to advertise in other -- other cities and states with that capability.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Questions have been asked about the potential for light and visual pollution. Are we to assume that the placement, for example, at the Interstate, will that minimize that kind of pollution? Because I think one of the things that has happened in this city over time, is that we've stayed away from using facilities like these, because of those concerns, because of fear of creating an over-commercialized environment, if you would. What in our potential agreement is going to mitigate against that happening, especially when we're looking at, maybe, five in all sites?

MR. BAKER: Yes, sir. The -- the sites that have been selected, they are in the outer parameters of our city. They are -- none of them are right directly or abutting the residential area. The code really does not -- does not allow for it. Out of the -- out of the five structures, we have three of them are -- what -- what -- what -- two of them are on Interstate -- the Turnpike, and one of them are actually on I-75, so they're kind of in the outer area. And the -- the other two are in these commercial -- commercial corridors. Industrial corridors that we have. But none of them are actually adjacent or real close to a residential area.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. Another question that I would love you to respond too. One of the challenges that we've had with the development of the entire area here. We are attracting people to our Cultural Arts Center has been the inability to drive traffic into our immediate environs. Will the use of these billboards help in any way where that is concerned?

MR. BAKER: Absolutely, yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Because it -- And, frankly, -- I mean even schools billboards these days, digital billboards. I personally have a little bit of apprehension about Neon overtaking us, whether it's in digital form or otherwise. I would just beg of all of us involved, Commission included, that we continue to monitor these realities. There's obviously benefit, and not just financial. I -- I see where major highlight has been given to the economic impact, and \$26 million is a lot of money, by the standards. What I want us to do though, is to stay away as much as we can from what we have feared over the years, and the -- the care we've asked for to be -- to be inserted in the situation. Advertising is a whole bag of money, and if we can pull from this source in a way that we've never done as a municipality, I -- I -- I -- I hope it can be done in a way that doesn't intrude too much on the privacy of our residents. I don't even want to get into that whole thing about distractions and so on, because much of this would happen on the Turnpike and on the Interstate. But I -- I applaud this effort, and I also beg, though, that we approach it cautiously and carefully with -- with the -- the wellbeing and the welfare of our residents is paramount. Thank you.

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

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. Once again, thank you for the work that you've done on this with your team, Mr. Baker. Of course, we do need additional revenue. We'd hate to continue to have to raise taxes and fees when we could be innovative in finding revenue sources. A question though. In the historic neighborhoods, was anything outlined there?

MR. BAKER: No, ma'am. In the historic neighborhood, the challenge we have, and not to say that that's not something we can entertain in the future, the challenge there is the zoning of the -- of the property. If it's not -- it's not zoned commercial/industrial at this point, we are unable to put a structure on those -- on those parcels. So that -- that is something that, obviously, can be studied down the road, but at this point, there is nothing there that would actually work for us.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So even on, say, County Line Road?

MR. BAKER: There's nothing there zoned industrial/commercial that we own. If -- if -- if we don't own it, we don't have the capability of -- of putting a structure there.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to double check. And, of course, we have five locations right now, and if you should find more, or can identify more, that would be more revenue?

MR. BAKER: Absolutley.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. So that would behoove us to see if there's anything else that we can -- we can do. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. My board is not working. I must thank staff. You guys did a fantastic job working with this company, trying to get as much as we can. That's -- you really did a good job. But I do have some concerns that Commissioner Colbourne mentioned. With the advertisement, as far as availability, we want some clarity there. I guess this company not going to have their money on the table, and pull their advertisement just to give us the space to advertise, obviously, it's their revenue, so can we get more clarity on that issue.

MR. BAKER: Well, it's a -- again, it's a partnership. In the actual agreement, there are minimum dollar values that we have placed on the -- on the -- on this advertising portion that they have -- that they agree to, that we have -- we would be able to get so many -- a minimum of so many slots per month. So -- but -- yeah, one thing about this -- this industry is that there's always space available, because that's how they make their --

that's how they make their money, and continually -- continually getting -- getting advertisement.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Because I -- I know when I use billboard, if you don't have a slot, then it's not available, you -- you not be able to use it, so I'm not sure with this one how that going to work, but thank you for your explanation.

MR. BAKER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Now as -- as far as the -- the bid, I wasn't aware that there was a -- some company have opportunity to bid on three locations, other company four; I'm not sure what went on there.

MR. BAKER: If I may clarify, that in the RFP, all of the companies had an opportunity to suggest additional locations, multiple locations, and so on and so forth, so there is no limitations placed on -- on -- on any of them. This particular company just went through the research to see that we had a commercial/industrial location that we did not include, and they suggested that. And, by the way, there are other companies in the RFP that other suggestions of where -- what they would suggest that we do something different, and so on and so forth, so they -- the RFP did provide each one of the proposers with the flexibility to suggest additional locations, and -- and should any of them had ranked up to the top, we'd had an opportunity to -- when we brought them in to discuss those additional alternatives that they suggested.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Now, in terms of the change, we have stayed away from all these people, billboard and so forth over the years. Is any study done as to what the impact would be, in terms of lighting and our resident reacting to that?

MR. BAKER: There -- there are -- there are industry standards that -- that these signs will have to adhere to. There is specific tests that are performed to in -- to ensure that, you know, lighting is not thrown in any particular direction. But one thing for sure, with what is before you, it's not -- no, it's not near or -- or in front of a residential area. These are commercial/industrial slot -- locations.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And, finally, you mentioned generator. Is there any research to see if we could use the solar powered system to -- instead of a generator?

MR. BAKER: Yeah. Commissioner, I know you and I had -- had spoken -- spoke concerning -- concerning use of -- of solar power. That would certainly be something that the billboard company would have to answer, but, generally, with the kind of power you need to power these -- these units up, it would -- it would change their business plan com -- completely, because those are -- those are very -- very expensive. But we would certainly allow them to speak to that. But it would -- it would clearly change their - their -- their platform or their business plan to actually put them in place.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Couple of questions, and I appreciate the presentation. I appreciate the public participation, and I appreciate getting a perspective from my colleagues in regards to this item. First off, I'd like to just take note and just applaud our staff, who rose to the occasion to identify alternative revenue sources for the City, and we've been discussing the prospects of electronic billboards as an option. And foresight dates back even before this solicitation. It was the adoption of our -- of our land use code to be able to strategically, with foresight, to anticipate this solicitation, to be able to enable it. Being sensitive, and keeping into mind the placement of potential billboards being away from residential areas, so that it would not have the deleterious impacts, in terms of light pollution, and disruption to the quality of life of our residents. So -- but I -- I really thank the staff for use -- this is just one example; I know that we probably have several more in the works, in terms of alternative revenue sources for -- for the City, so this is a positive thing. I do have a question for purchasing, because there seems to be some cloud, some -- perhaps some suggestions of not understanding the RFP, at least from the Commission side, but I want to speak specifically to the vendors, because they were the ones who -- they're the technical experts. This is their business. They reviewed the RFP, and they all -- and they responded. So, just for the record, was there a pre-proposal meeting? I think that --

MS. AYUM: Yes, there was.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Who were the five vendors that attended?

MS. AYUM: All five of the firms that submitted attended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So you even knocked out some of the additional questions -- because I was going to ask -- my next question is, at the pre-proposal meeting, were there questions -- or not the pre-proposal meeting, but during the time allotted in the RFP, --

MS. AYUM: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- there is a Q & A --

MS. AYUM: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- portion or section of the solicitation that provides the opportunity for vendors who are interested in responding to the RFP to submit their technical questions, so that our staff can respond, to provide a technical response to provide further guidance and clarity in their response, if they should choose to respond to the RFP. Is that correct?

MS. AYUM: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: And all five vendors that attended the pre-proposal meeting did go on to submit?

MS. AYUM: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Is it safe to assume or to declare that after the pre-proposal meeting, after the period of Q & A, receiving no Q & A, that all five of the firms that did choose to respond to the solicitation, is it safe to say that they clearly understood the selection criteria, the technical requirements of the solicitation by virtue of not submitting any questions during the Q & A portion, and they all submitted responsive bids to the solicitation?

MS. AYUM: Yes, they did. There were questions, and every -- and they were responded by addendum.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

MS. AYUM: Everybody -- anybody that asked a question, they were responded by addendum, and they all submitted responsive proposals.

MAYOR MESSAM: And when those vendors who did submit an inquiry requesting clarity, were the questions and the responses provided to all five --

MS. AYUM: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- vendors? So even if a vendor did not think to ask a question, they were provided an opportunity to have the benefit of knowing the inquiry of a competitor, and also receive the answer that was provided to all firms?

MS. AYUM: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So we received all firm -- all responses from all vendors, right?

MS. AYUM: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Now, in our solicitation process, is there a vehicle or a mechanism that, once the results are submitted that a vendor has an opportunity to either object or to protest the results of the solicitation?

MS. AYUM: Yes, they do. And -- and, as I mentioned earlier in the presentation, we afforded all the vendors the opportunity to see the other's proposals, and to also evaluate the scoring sheets.

MAYOR MESSAM: So after the responses were submitted, vendors had the opportunity to inspect the competitors' bid and proposals, so if a proposal came in, if there was a question, we didn't think of it that way, well, then now there's a vehicle for them to step up and to protest?

MS. AYUM: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Was that right or ability exercised by any of the five firms?

MS. AYUM: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: So is it a fair assumption that all vendors participated in a transparent and clear process that provided answers during the Q & A process, provided an opportunity for them to respond? In fact, even after responding, and there was a survey of the responses, and a vendor was declared the selected winner, they had the opportunity to inspect, to compare their proposal to the others, and no one protested?

MS. AYUM: No one. Actually, if I might say, we actually got a compliment from one of the vendors that said that this was one of the best processes they had ever seen.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Now -- so I know there was some questions from the dais in terms of there were some ambiguities, some questions, but in terms of the vendors, none of them expressed dissent, expressed questions, or even took the step to protest?

MS. AYUM: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Also, in the selection criteria, did the selection criteria take into consideration additional locations, or was there like a base number of sites? Could you --

MS. AYUM: Correct. When the evaluation committee looked at the locations, they looked at all the locations evenly. The fourth location was actually included, as a result of negotiations.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So all firms had three locations, --

MS. AYUM: That were evaluated.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- so based on three locations that were identified, correct?

MS. AYUM: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: All firms had the same three locations, correct?

MS. AYUM: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: So they factored in every location to bid, so it was apples to apples?

MS. AYUM: Correct.

MAYOR MESSAM: Now the additional fourth site or fifth site, or whatever additional proposals would only come into play after we've had the base bid decided, and then we would entertain those additional sites?

MS. AYUM: Correct.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So as I'm processing this, it becomes even more clear that there was no confusion by the vendors; by the way, there wasn't even a protest.

MS. AYUM: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: So I'm just trying to eliminate that process, okay. So -- what's my other question. Okay. So since we've basically exhausted that period or that process for vendors, because trust me, vendors protest. When they feel they should win, and they feel they have legal grounds, or something that they can point out, they protest, okay. So I guess then, now, it seems like there is more so the questions, you know, for the Commission, because the Commission is bringing forward these questions, you know --

MS. AYUM: I'd like to make one little correction. The City Manager did mention about the fact of a -- of a BAFO. A best and final offer is typically in the RFP process. Meaning that before we recommend and award, before a protest is put, as period is ended, and before we get into negotiations, we are now at the point where we're recommending a negotiated contract to the Commission for approval. So best and final offers are not appropriate now -- what the Commission --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah, because they've had an opportunity to inspect and see what everyone else, okay. And, in fact, in a proposal process, your bid is your best and final, because you know you're competing against everyone. You have the same rules, you're playing by the same rules, you've been engaged in the process by the same rules. You had an opportunity to inspect RFP documents, provided a period of time when you can submit questions, which some did; all the answers was provided to everyone, even if they did not inquire or question. They submitted their responses, had an opportunity -- well, at that point, that would have been -- they submitted their -- their -- their -- their responses, so I think this now comes back to the Commission. We discussed the vendors. This is now back to the Commission, because it's either two scenarios. Either there's questions by the Commission on the technicalities of an RFP, which we're not bidding on, we're just accepting the recommendation or not, or what



we're having is a protest by proxy through the Commission. I can't determine which one it is. So either a vendor has an issue, and trying to inject into the political process; I can't prove that, which would be protest by proxy, or these are questions that have been stated by the Commission. And staff has answered those questions, of which there was a confusion of the fourth location and every -- but the base bid didn't even include the fourth location. The bid was based on three, and all vendors were clear on that, because it was instructed, they didn't even question, and they didn't even protest, so that question was answered. So I'm just trying to help us as a Commission. Was the -- was a schedule provided? Was a schedule provided, in terms of when these billboards have to be up?

MR. BAKER: Yes, sir, Mr. Mayor. The --

MAYOR MESSAM: And the schedule was for the same for everyone?

MR. BAKER: Yes. Ninety -- 90 days from the time they received permits.

MAYOR MESSAM: So this is their business; they know this is a regulatory process. There has to be municipal approval, perhaps county approval, in terms of land use, and there is FDOT approval?

MR. BAKER: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: And everyone bid it based on once you get all the regulatory permits, you have 90 days?

MR. BAKER: Yes, sir.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, so that was a legitimate question that came from the Commission in terms of schedule. Okay. So if staff is clear, the vendors were clear, it was -- and it even got responses from a vendor that this was a very transparent and one of the best processes, I hope that these responses have clarified the questions from the Commission. And this is where the rubber hits the road. Each vendor was asked to invest in Miramar; this is a 20-year deal. We need a down payment, out front, bid at -- I know the negotiated was 1.5, but their bid was actually 1.47 or so million, I think.

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: 1.4 million.

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Digital Outboard was close, 1.4, but less than OUTFRONT. Clear Channel, 250,000; nowhere in the ballpark. And even more deplorable, Lamar at 88,000; Becker 82,000. To me, having a relationship with the City is expressed on what

you're willing to put down your down payment. I looked at the selection criteria by staff; OUTFRONT received the number one score by all five evaluators, all based on the same consistent criteria. And one of my last comments. And I see a pattern beginning to surface in this city. I'm beginning to believe that this Commission, by our actions, depending on which way we go with this tonight, will begin to signal to the public or to the vendor community that if you respond to a City of Miramar solicitation in a competitive environment, everyone is given the same rules, we all play by the same rules. And then when the game is over, and we look at the scoreboard, if certain or if the losing or a losing vendor does not win, they can, perhaps, start rattling the trees to see if the Commission will not accept the recommendation for whatever reason without even going through the bid protest process. Now that's if that was the scenario, and I don't know. I don't know. But I'm trying to understand why on this solicitation, where it's such a favorable solicitation, and now that they put their best faith efforts out, for now us to say, best and final, after they've had the opportunity to look at everybody else's proposal, I don't think that's fair. I don't think it's right. This has been going on for six months, six months. We are tarnishing our procurement process if this Commission does not accept this recommendation. Vendors have an opportunity to protest, and there's nothing wrong with protesting, but vendors only protest if they have a legal grounds or a technical ground to protest; but that wasn't the case here, because none of them protested. Even after evaluating what everyone else's response was. So my question is to the Commission, why are the inquiries so strong that we have to say best and final when staff has answered the questions that were raised about the location and the schedule? Those were the questions that I heard. If we want to continue to have quality vendors to respond to our RFPs, this cannot be our record. This cannot be the way we conduct business. It was a fair, transparent process. And we're getting, in the first year, \$2 million. In a competitive process where everybody gave their best and final. So if there is a proxy situation going on, and I don't know if it was the person who bid at 82,000, 88,000, or 250,000, or 1.4 million, that was their best and final, and they should have done it then. We got to have integrity in our procurement process or firms won't respond to the services that we need. So I urge this Commission to do the right thing. Don't delay this project. I don't think we got any more clear responses, and God knows we've had vendors come in here to protest. And not one of them -- none of the four are here tonight, not one. So why would this Commission hold up this procurement? I just don't understand. That concludes my -- at least to this point. Are there response, because I would really like to know, and I think the public would like to know. And we have Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Commissioner Chambers first.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't see -- Commissioner Chambers. I didn't see it on the screen. Commissioner Chambers, followed by Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: At the appropriate time, I'd like to make a motion for the best and finals in support of the proxy criminal, corrupt, good to be back home Commissioner for this item, all of the above. That said, I wait until the appropriate time.

MAYOR MESSAM: For the record, I didn't call anybody corrupt, if that's what I heard. I didn't accuse anyone of anything. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. I think that we should really con -- we should really consider when we have very large projects of -- of this nature, long-term contracts of this nature, that before the RFP goes out, that it comes before the Commission. This item is before the Commission because the Commission has -- has to rule on it. It is not -- it is not automatic. I think there is integrity in our procurement process, and I think our vendors know that. I don't think anybody is questioning that. This Commission has done best and final in the past. We've done it with our waste contract. Mr. Attorney, is this Commission able to -- to request a best and final? Is that something within our purview?

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: There's nothing in your code under RFPs at this stage to do a best and final.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm sorry.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: If you want to -- if you want to reject these proposals, you have complete authority to reject all these proposals, at which time, you can decide who to award a contract with. You don't have to go through whole nother process; you -- you have a waiver of competitive bidding that you can do. So, theoretically, you could reject all these proposals, and then go ahead and award a contract, based on negotiations, to whoever you want. You're certainly allowed to do that. A technical best and final offer is generally in an RFQ process or very early in an RFP, because it is not something that you would normally do at this time. So, really, the other way is -- is how you would normally do it. If you don't like these proposals, you can reject them, and then do whichever process the City Commission determines it wants to do. It doesn't necessarily have to be a full blown process. You do have a best interest waiver provision that you could theoretically use.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Can -- let me make sure I'm clear on what you're saying. The best and final offer, is that something that this Commission can request?

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: At this time, in an RFP process it's too late.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Today -- today, at this -- with this pro -- with this particular RFP.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: The Commission can do anything that you want to do, and I will defend your decision in court. It does create more litigation risk. What I can do is tell you the best way to minimize your litigation risk. If you do not want to award this contract, as it sets forth, I would suggest that you reject this proposal, reject all the proposals, and you can then do a clean process. It can be a -- there's various ways of

doing processes. You can do something that you will be waiving your bidding to do something quicker. But to just limit it to just these couple of companies, at this point, there's nothing in your code, as it's currently written, that provides for that. When we did the waste contract, that was a totally different situation. It was actually different -- different code at the time, and there was a provision for it. There's no provision here for that. So what -- what I would recommend if you don't want to award this contract, is you should reject these proposals, reject the resolution, and direct staff to go ahead and -- and start a new process, and it can be a more expedited process. You can determine how to do that.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. I move to reject -- I make a motion to reject this contract.

MAYOR MESSAM: We have Commissioner Barnes who has asked to speak, so you'll have an opportunity to make a motion -- Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I'd just like to go on record as concurring with a number of observations made by the Mayor. And, as I said in our earlier session regarding the contract of our City Attorneys, I beg this Commission to please think about the City's reputation, not only today, but going forward, I beg all of you, please.

MAYOR MESSAM: And before the motion comes forward, I would just say that, you know, the fact for -- for us -- and I'll provide you, as the representative, to speak in a minute. To reject these bids when no vendor has protested, when the City is benefiting in the way that was presented during the presentation, and when these five firms spend their professional time, money, resources to offer us a partnership to solicit. And, for us to reject, which I have still yet to clearly hear why we're rejecting this. It doesn't matter if it's legal, doesn't matter if -- what's in the rule. The question is, is it right? Is this the right thing to do when it was a very clean, competitive process? So, yes, ma'am, you're recognized. Could you just state who you are.

MS. LEWIS: Good evening. My name is Alicia Lewis. I'm with the law firm of Greenspoon Marder. My address is 200 E Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. And, again, I'm here on behalf of OUTFRONT, the applicant. And although I've listened to the conversation amongst you as commissioners, I have some concerns, because I was with my client throughout this entire process, and I saw how hard your staff worked. I've seen how hard, especially, Alison, Jaime and Ellen, who -- literally, I don't know if she slept, because we've been working on this agreement and making sure that it was right, so that we could present it to you tonight. And so, absent of reason, a valid reason that any of these four bidders who were not awarded or were not selected by the committee that you all entrusted with making this decision in this recommendation, I don't see a reason as to what we have failed to do. I don't see what they would present differently, or that any additional vendors would have anything else to -- to add to the conversation. As Mayor Messam stated, our initial signing bonus was \$1.4 million. During those negotiations, in which Mr. Baker worked very hard, and the

procurement staff worked very hard to ensure that the best deal for Miramar was brokered. My client put their best deal on the table, and because of their knowledge and their experience and understanding of the market, and understanding of what this City is looking to do in order to grow revenue, they gladly agreed to the 300,000 additional contribution to the Miramar Cultural Trust. That was a no brainer. They agreed also to include the sign structure. So at year 11, if you all decide you don't want to work with us anymore, after we've incrementally increased your revenue that we're giving you by two percent every year and then to 3.5 percent after the last four years, I would ask what vendor is offering to give you three to \$4 million in assets, which are their sign structures. That's their property that they're investing in the City, not only with the signing bonus, but if you include the fact that you all get to keep those structures. And to Commissioner Barnes' concern about neon and that, you know, in the future it may go something else, that is fully up to you to decide, because you will own the structures. So although we may look at the deal as though \$26 million is what you would gain over a 20-year period, you're actually going to gain an asset of owning these signs, or having the option to own them. So at year 11, you get to renegotiate completely. And during those conversations that we had in those -- at six-hour, I believe, negotiation, where we all sat in the office and went back and forth about these different things that -- that Mr. Baker was able to present to you today, I just would ask you to at least take into consideration what you're asking to be done. You're asking staff to go back and redo a process that has taken months. A code -- your code was amended in order to facilitate this process, so why now, absent some reason, or something that's missing in these agreements, or missing in this negotiation, why are we taking another stab? So, again, I just implore you to, one, either give some type of indication as to what the redo would be for, because, at this point, I don't really see what that would be. And, under what grounds, what's missing, and to include the -- the additional revenue that I just spoke of. So thank you very much, Mayor Messam, for allowing me to speak, and I'd be glad to answer any additional questions.

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

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. I've listen to all the -- the statements and concerns -- concerns by Commissioner Colbourne and some of the concerns raised by Commissioner Maxwell Chambers, the thoughts of the Mayor and so on. But I think what we're getting away from is that, you know, this Commission has the ultimate say so on what we decide to do. And, you know, despite what comes before us as recommended, if there is some inkling of concern by any one of the Commissioners, I think it should really be respected. And if there is consensus, and there is a vote, then that should be regarded. We're not up here just because we chose to come here. We're elected to serve, we have a position, and, you know, many of the things that re brought forward, not just this instance, other things that have been brought up by this Commission, and it seems as though people seem to feel that, oh, why you're just doing your own thing. We're not. We're -- we're going by the rules and regulations, and that's what we're supposed to do. We're not going by a whim or fancy. If it's legally been able to be done, and we choose to do it that way, then that's -- that's the way we do it. So

I'm not sure about the way this Commission is -- or some of the -- some of the thoughts that have been brought out by folks who are not on the Commission, even some that are. When people exercise their right to make a decision, it's their right to do so. And, you know, each Commissioner should be respected for their views and their thoughts. And if there's a vote, and there's three, you move ahead. That's just my thoughts.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. For the record, I've always accepted whatever the will of a -- this Commission has been over the years, that's for the record. Also, although legal, decisions have consequences. So, in this matter, I just would like to know what is our legal exposure. You know, if all the requirements were met, there was no protest, and we just decide to do whatever. We have to think about the opportunity cost. So now staff has to go back out, if this is rejected, to go through the entire process. So what is the staff going back asking to do. This Commission has not communicated what different or what other options we are looking for. That has not been communicated. There has been no reason given for the rejection. At least that should be done. Yes, we can reject it, but at least let the -- let these individuals know why it was rejected. Not just because: Oh, we said so or three of us said so. I just think -- everything is a relationship. It's not about what's legal or not. I'm saying it's about us and how we conduct business. These individuals came forward, we asked the public to come forward, the public responded. Now we're changing the rules. It's like you campaign for two years, and the people speak, and they elect you, and then right at certification at the Supervisor of Elections, somebody changed the rule. It's an illustration, not apples to apples, but it's an illustration. The process voted this firm. So vote as you choose, but at least let these individuals know why you're rejecting. At least be able to do that.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: May I?

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne -- no, I don't think yours is working. Commissioner Chambers, then Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I think we have seven competent, first class staff in front of us sitting here, did a phenomenal job. I met with them, they worked very hard, brought a great presentation. And not to mention this attorney that work with the firm. But I didn't see anyone up here accusing them of being a proxy, of being corrupt, or criminal. We don't know what they did. I don't know any of these firm, except for Clear Channel. They have never contributed to my campaign. I spend money with them. So I don't like being called names from my colleague, and trying to tell me what to do, and how to do it. People vote for all of us up here. They voted for me, they voted for you, that's what it is. So we're doing business right here in the public. So all this name calling and accusing, I'm tired of it. Tired of it. So I'm going to say again, tonight I'm going to vote for the proxy.

MAYOR MESSAM: If you're referring to me, Commissioner Chambers, of calling you names, I never mentioned your name, I never called anyone a name, and I never accused anyone of anything. I asked a question. Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. First of all, I think -- I think bringing this item to the Commission is part of the process. And I do believe that -- that vendors understand that the award is not -- it's not awarded at the -- from the Procurement Department. They understand that there is a process, and it comes to the Commission for approval. So I don't know why that would change anyone -- because the Commission does not approve what was recommended, I don't see why that would change -- we're not changing the process, this part of the process. I will accept the will of this Commission, like I've always done. I do believe that the City should be able to get a greater revenue, and I -- and that is the reason why I'm doing this. I would like to see everyone put in a bid on all four locations. Mr. Mayor, I'd like to call the -- call a vote, call the question. I would like to make a motion -- I make a motion to reject the bid.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. It's been moved and seconded. We do have a comment from Commissioner Barnes, and then we'll call the question.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Again, just for the record, we talk about process. Part of this process that we talk about, hopefully, should also include the offering of a reason for rejecting a proposal made to us by staff. That too is a part of the process.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: No.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers to reject Resolution #R6964, the Commission voted:

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

**Rejected**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number seven, please.

7. Temp. Reso. #R6952 approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 19-002, entitled **“Wastewater Reclamation Facility- Reclaimed Water System Expansion, Phase 1B, Reclaimed Water Transmission System”** to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, R.P. Utility & Excavation Corp.; authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with R.P. Utility & Excavation Corp. for the provision of services to the Reclaimed Water System Expansion-Phase 1B Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,689,799.99. (*Utilities Director Roy Virgin and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item number seven is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 19-002, entitled “Wastewater Reclamation Facility- Reclaimed Water System Expansion, Phase 1B, Reclaimed Water Transmission System” to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, R.P. Utility & Excavation Corp.; authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with R.P. Utility & Excavation Corp. for the provision of services to the Reclaimed Water System Expansion-Phase 1B Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,689,799.99, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Hello, sir. Good evening.

MR. VIRGIN: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Mr. City Manager, City Attorneys, City Clerk, my name is Roy Virgin, Director of Utilities. This is a contract award for invitation to bid number 19-002, Reclaimed Water System Expansion Phase 1B. Per our City code, purchases that exceed \$75,000.00 require -- needs Commission approval. So a little background, the City has committed to implement the Reclaimed Water Expansion Program, as codified by the City Ordinance #15-13. And this endeavors to serve additional areas of the City, using the portion of the wastewater effluent that is currently disposed through deep injection. So the expansion of reclaimed water main began with the first phase, which was Phase 1A on



Pembroke Road, from Dykes Road to west of I-75 corridor, and this was completed in March 20<sup>th</sup>. The scope of that work included the installation of 6,000 linear feet of 16-inch ductile iron pipe, and high-density polyethylene pipe, and this was done through open cut and horizontal directional drilling. The scope of Phase 2, which is what's here before you -- or, sorry, Phase 1B, which is the second phase, is the installation of 2,700 linear feet of 30-inch diameter HDPE pipes by means of horizontal directional drill. And the point of connection will be from the original phase, which is Phase 1A to the existing reclaim water main at SW 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue. So this is a map that shows the existing area that is served through reclaimed or reused water, and the other section shows the expansion area. But I want to take a moment here to talk about why this is so crucial, because Miramar is one of the largest producer and supplier, maybe the largest, of reused water in the South Florida area. And this expansion, continued expansion will also allow us to sell what is called reclaimed water or virtual reused water to other municipalities. We have one interlocal agreement that -- that we have gained revenue from, and we are in the process of negotiating a second one. So the expansion of the reclaimed water is twofold; one it's not just that it's environmentally friendly, but two, it's that it's economically viable too. Next slide, please. So the procurement process began in January 8<sup>th</sup> this year, and it was advertised in the general newspaper circulation and on DemandStar. Eight bids were received on February 11<sup>th</sup>, and R. P. Utility & Excavation Corp. was the lowest responsive and most responsible bidders in the amount not to exceed \$1,689,799.00. Approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. Is there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? Seeing none, to the Commission. Comments from the Commission? Record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by **None**, seconded by **None**, to approve Resolution #R6952, the Commission voted:

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number eight, please.

8. Temp. Reso. #R6946 approving the **2019 amendments** to two of the existing Interlocal Agreements between Broward County and the City of Miramar for the division and distribution of the proceeds of the **Local Option Gas Tax** imposed by Broward County. (*Chief Financial Officer Susan Gooding-Liburd*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item eight is a resolution of the City Commission of the City --

MAYOR MESSAM: Wait before the item --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Bathroom break.

MAYOR MESSAM: We're going to have a bathroom break. Two minutes, one minute, 57 seconds.

### **Recess/Reconvene**

MAYOR MESSAM: Are we ready to get back to complete the meeting. Before we got to item number eight, we're just going to -- for the record, the Clerk's Office wasn't sure they captured the motion and second for item seven, so we'll take that motion and record the votes, and move on to item number eight. So if we can have someone just state that to move item seven, with a second, then we'll record the votes and move onto to item eight.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6952, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 19-121**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number eight, please.

8. Temp. Reso. #R6946 approving the **2019 amendments** to two of the existing Interlocal Agreements between Broward County and the City of Miramar for the division and distribution of the proceeds of the **Local Option Gas Tax** imposed by Broward County. (*Chief Financial Officer Susan Gooding-Liburd*)

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item eight is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the 2019 amendments to two of the existing Interlocal Agreements between Broward County and the City of Miramar for the division and distribution of the proceeds of the Local Option Gas Tax imposed by Broward County, authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendments, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. THOMAS. Good evening everyone. Madam Vice Mayor, Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney. I am Ian Thomas, the Assistant Director of

Financial Services for the City. The item before you this evening for your approval is the annual renewal of the local option gas tax agreement with the County. In order for the -- all account cities within the County of Broward to receive their portion of the annual gas tax distributions, it requires the approval of the agreement. The agreements are in three portions. The administrative -- the first portion, also called six-cent portion will be approved administratively. The other two portions will -- are part of the attachment that will require the approval. The first one is the three-cent portion, and the other part is the one-cent portion, also called the Transit Gas Tax. The revenues from these three streams of gas taxes are used for a few areas of operations, and also for capital improvements. The six-cent portion is used for street, road -- street and road maintenance, and the City expects to receive about -- approximately 1.4 million fiscal '19 from this revenue stream. The other two streams, with the one-cent and the three-cent portion are utilized for capital improvements or for debt service on funds that were expended for capital improvement items. The City expects to receive approximately 1.1 million from that revenue stream. Your approval is recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item?

MS. SCIALABBA: Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26 Street. My understanding, as of 2024, this is going to expire, because it was for 30 years. We're going to be approaching 2020. We, as a city, need to look into other revenue streams coming into our city. If we face another economic downturn, you have no idea -- we have no idea what's the future is going to hold. The billboard advertising -- thank you, Mayor, for asking all those questions. The billboard advertising is a good thing for the City, even though you don't - - you don't approve it.

MAYOR MESSAM: If you could keep the comments to this specific item.

MS. SCIALABBA: Understand.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

MS. SCIALABBA: The thing is, anything that comes before the Commission for approval with revenue streaming, I hope to God that it's not -- that it is approved and not stalled until we get new attorneys, because that would be horrendous if that happens. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any comments? I don't see any hands raised. Commissioner Chambers. I think yours is working now. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yeah. I just want to make a comment on this for staff, while we're on the gas situation here. There is quite a number of resident in Miramar,

where the gas company come in and run the line, destroy their property. And now the code officer going out there giving them violation for that. Can staff make sure that all of these repair is done, so our resident don't have to be stressed to deal with that? That's just my comment. Please. Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any other comments from the Commission?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6946, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 19-122**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to public hearing. Item number nine, please.

9. **SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1723 relating to **signs**; making findings; revising Section 1002 Definitions; revising Code references in Sections 1004.2 and 1005 relating to **sign variances, design guidelines, and sign location standards**; revising Permanent Sign Zoning District references and standards and specifications in Section 1007; Revising Temporary Sign Zoning District references, standards, and specifications in Section 1008; revising the list of Prohibited Signs in Section 1009; providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing that officials are authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date. ***(Passed 1st Reading on 04/17/19)***  
*(Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item nine is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, relating to signs; making findings; revising Section 1002 Definitions; revising Code references in Sections 1004.2 and 1005 relating to sign variances, design guidelines, and sign location standards; revising Permanent Sign Zoning District references and standards and specifications in Section 1007; Revising Temporary or -- Temporary Sign Zoning District references, standards, and specifications in Section 1008; revising the list of Prohibited Signs in Section 1009; providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing that officials are authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date

MR. SILVA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Eric Silva, Community & Economic Development. This is the second reading of some edits to the sign code. You might recall the main edits were to allow for bus bench signs, and to allow for signs in parks. There was one comment related to A-frame signs in the median last hearing, so -- and a code clarification. A-frame signs are permitted by the code, and signs in the median are also permitted by the code. We're just going to add one sentence to the definition to make it clear, so there's no room for interpretation that an A-frame sign may be a community information sign, and it may be placed in the median. So just the underlined text there that changed. Nothing else changed since the first reading.

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. A question. The A-frame signs in the median is only for public, for the City, or can any private person put it in the median now?

MR. SILVA: Correct. It's only for that type of sign, that definition, the community information sign.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MR. SILVA: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any other questions from the dais, or I'll take a motion if no other questions.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I have.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Vice Mayor Davis, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yeah. I'd just like to thank staff for researching and allowing for that revision to the code to include the signs in the median, simply because a lot of times not everybody, for example, signs up for the eBlast, and not everybody reads communication. And so the more we can get information out to the public on our right of ways, I think it's better for all of our residents. Many of them who are seniors, they, basically, look for things like that to know what's going on in our community. I would just hope that even though I brought this up, that the signs that are used, we should look at other cities to see what they do, how the signs are, so they don't blow down and, you know, cause a problem. Because I do know they have a different kind of signs in Pembroke Pines that seem to be a lot more sturdier than the ones that we typically use out front in our facilities. So that would be something to look into. But I'm very pleased that this is now added. It's something that I've wanted for some time now, and I'm glad that it's being included in this item. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: And if I may, Vice Mayor, sometimes they could be used like a sandbag or something to weight it down in the middle. Thank you.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Absolutely.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any other comments? May I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: 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: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Orlando #O1723, the Commission voted:

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

### **Ordinance No. 19-17**

## **QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Thank you, Mayor. The rules for quasi-judicial proceedings are as follows: Florida Courts have determined that there are certain types of matters, including the following applications, which are to be treated differently than other issues considered by the Commission. Most decisions of the Commission are legislative in nature, which means that the Commission is acting as a policymaking body. In contrast, in quasi-judicial matters, the Commission is applying existing rules and policies to a factual situation and is, therefore acting like a judge or a jury in a courtroom. In such cases, courts have decided that due process and fundamental fairness require that more formal procedures be followed. The City of Miramar's procedures for quasi-judicial hearings are as follows: anyone who wishes to speak shall be collectively sworn in by the City Clerk. The hearings will be conducted in an informal manner. I will read the title of the item to be considered. City Staff will present a brief synopsis of the application and make a recommendation. Next will be a presentation by the applicant. The Commission will then hear from participants in favor of and in opposition to the application. All witnesses are subject to cross examination by City staff, City Commission, and the applicant, and a participant may request that the Commission ask questions of a witness. The applicant and staff will make concluding remarks. No



further presentations or testimony shall be permitted, and the public hearing will then be closed. All decisions of the Commission must be based upon competent, substantial evidence presented to it at the hearing. All backup materials provided to the City Commission as part of the agenda will automatically be made a part of the record at the hearing. All approvals will be subject to the staff recommended conditions, unless otherwise stated in the motion for approval. At this time, the City Clerk should swear in all witnesses.

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

COLLECTIVE: I do, yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Please remain standing to receive a colored dot.

10. Temp. Reso. #R6927 considering **Conditional Use Application No. 1804387** for a drive-thru restaurant, considering **Site Plan Application No. 1804384** and **Community Appearance Board Application No. 1804386**, for a 1,921 square foot **Taco Bell Restaurant**, located at the northeast corner of Miramar Parkway and Southwest 69 Avenue. *(Continued from the Meeting of 05/01/19) (Principal Planner Michael Alpert)*

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Item ten is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, considering Conditional Use Application No. 1804387 for a drive-thru restaurant, considering Site Plan Application No. 1804384 and Community Appearance Board Application No. 1804386, for a 1,921 square foot Taco Bell Restaurant, located at the northeast corner of Miramar Parkway and Southwest 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and providing for an effective date. Mayor, there are three applications here, so you should have three separate votes, and then one vote for the entire resolution. In addition, this was continued from the meeting of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, so everything from that hearing is hereby incorporated into this hearing as well, and is all part of the record.

MAYOR MESSAM: Welcome back, sir.

MR. SILVA: Thank you. This application was deferred from the previous hearing, so we have the same slide, plus one slide to update you on what's happened since then. The location is still the same, corner of Miramar Parkway and 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue, right there. The land use is consistent with the use commercial, the zoning is also consistent, B2, for a restaurant. It's almost 2,000 square feet, the restaurant. The use is permitted by right. The conditional use application is required for the drive thru. The site plan hasn't changed since last hearing. The circulation for the drive thru is shown with the red arrows. So the building is close to the street, right upon the sidewalk. And the architecture design is shown here with glass and the tower feature at the corner. Since

the last hearing on May 1<sup>st</sup>, staff met with the owner of the market behind the Taco Bell, and he was very supportive of the project. He had received the letter in the mail, he knew it was coming. He believes this will bring him more customers, and he also believes it will help to make that site look better aesthetically and clean it up. And since that time, we also had our visioning presentation last week. Based on the slides and the renderings that were presented, this building fits in with that conceptual plan, so the idea of having the building close to the street, which is very important, so people can access it easily if they're walking or taking transit, or if they're coming from across the street. And also after the visioning, the property owner was very happy to see what was happening, what we're proposing, and he wants to work with us to improve his shopping plaza. He's been talking to his tenants, looking at parking counts to see what he can do in the shopping plaza. And he's also agreed, as part of this application, that they will provide two -- at least -- probably two new signs, we have to work it out. They asked for a meeting. We have to decide exactly how many it's going to be. But additional signage, monument type signs to allow for the tenants to have more visibility. So that's one of the conditions of approval. We talked about that, and we're trying to schedule a meeting last week to talk about that more. All the other conditions are still in place: attain State and federal permits, tree removal permits are required, obtain shared parking/shared access agreement, sustainable building practices, the master sign permit application is required, landscape maintenance, and any design changes or replanning have to come back to us for approval. And the applicant is here for any questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Is there any questions for staff from the dais? Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. I'm happy that we was able to work this item out. I want to thank staff and the owner for working together to create a partnership that east Miramar so deserved. This has got -- I like what we're doing now. And, also, I remember when I met with staff, I asked about the -- the property just west of this location as to the look when it come time to -- this Taco Bell want to work with that owner, and to see how we can improve that corner to make it consistent with this beautiful Taco Bell. And, apparently, also with the business in the back, that should be in line with the -- the same look at the -- similar to the Taco Bell. So we still on target with that stuff?

MR. SILVA: As we discussed, Taco Bell is going to be improving that eastern corner of 69<sup>th</sup> when you drive in, so, yes, we can talk to that owner about improving the other corner, so we can have like -- so like entrance features when you come into the neighborhood, so they match up as landscaping.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: But we don't want to put all that burden on the owner.

MR. SILVA: No, I understand.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Like from what we had spoke about with the City or Taco Bell, whoever want to assist, making sure we have a good look out there, and we're trying to beautify the whole place, and we want to make sure, from the get to, we all have a skin in the game to get it done, okay? Okay. Thank you. Also, I remember we had a discussion in regards to the Dunkin' Donut over at 62<sup>nd</sup>, as to how difficult it is for people to get by when it backed up. That's really bad situation there, and I know we going to have to come up with something, but I get a lot of complaint. Even when I'm there, you can't go south, can't go north once it back up, and this is kind of similar to where the Taco Bell is going, but I think this might be a little bit better than the Dunkin' Donut, but I hope staff continue to look into 62<sup>nd</sup> and Miramar Parkway.

MR. SILVA: We have been working with engineering staff on this, and the Dunkin' Donuts, they received a permit to fix that drive thru issue, and Bissy can tell you more about that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MS. VEMPALA: Good evening. Bissy Vempala, City engineer. We work -- we were working closely with the owner of Dunkin' Donuts. We met with them -- we met with them a few times, and they hired a traffic engineering consultant to redesign their drive thrus. We have reviewed the plan, our fire department approve those plans, and we have already issued a permit for that. The contract is ready to start any time. With the improved drive thru lanes, they will be able to accommodate about 16 vehicles in the drive thru lane. Right now they have like space for two, so this should significantly improve the drive thru.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I know it will not be as good as Pines and University, or Pembroke Road at the plaza, the Wendy's, but it's going to be some improvement.

MS. VEMPALA: Major improvement, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right, right. Thank you so much for that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, followed by Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. This item, I wanted to wait for the approval of this item until we had the opportunity to see the City's vision, and we had the City's vision, and I -- I think this project, you know, it fits -- it fits perfectly. I'm still a little concerned about the -- the drive thru. I just -- you know, but I'm -- I'm hoping that it's -- you know, it -- it doesn't cause any trouble and, you know, it doesn't back up too much and -- and I'm willing to move forward with -- with the project.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I'm trying to remember, at our last meeting, reservations were expressed about the architectural design of this new building. I find it interesting that at our groundbreaking for the new police substation last week, someone compared and said how similar the designs looked, so maybe it is a good thing, I hope. But even more importantly, I think the fact that at least one property owner has been impressed to the point of wanting to make improvements, and -- and welcoming this entity. So as a wannabe architect one time a long time ago, I like these designs, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank -- Commissioner Barnes. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item?

MS. SCIALABBA: Of course, me. Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26 Street. I'm very happy about this, because that vacant lot has been vacant since the '90s. It was a BP gas station, and then once that went out, it's been vacant all this time. With the -- with the Taco Bell, the way the designs are, we shouldn't have a problem with the drive thru. Dunkin' Donuts is a nightmare; has been. The gridlock there for years and years and years, and everybody has spoken to City officials and people in the City about that. Dunkin' Donuts does own the parking lot behind it, where the apartments are, there's a parking lot. Dunkin' Donuts owns that, and there's only -- there's only hedges separating it. My understanding is that Dunkin' Donuts leases that parking area to the apartments, but I'm not sure how long the lease is, so maybe we can check into that about them opening up that to Dunkin' Donuts, and then they'll -- they'll -- they won't even have to come on 62<sup>nd</sup>. It's just a nightmare there. They won't have to come there. They can just go down, go through there, and -- and the drive thru, so maybe we can look at that. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any mem -- any other members from the public? Are there any comments from the applicant? All right. Seeing none, back to the dais. If there are no other questions, I'll take a motion.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: This will be for the conditional use?

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, yes, yes. We will have three separate motions for the conditional use application, the site plan, as well as the Community Appearance Board application, followed by and overall vote for the item.

**a) Conditional Use Application No. 1804387**

MAYOR MESSAM: So for the CUA 1804387, may I have a motion, please.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6927 Conditional Use Application No. 1804387, the Commission voted:

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

**Approved**

**b) Site Plan Application No. 1804384**

MAYOR MESSAM: For SP 1804384, may I have a motion, please.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6927 Site Plan Application No. 1804384, the Commission voted:

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

**Approved**

**c) Community Appearance Board Application No. 1804386**

MAYOR MESSAM: And CAB 1804386.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6927 Community Appearance Board Application No. 1804386, the Commission voted:

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

**Approved**

**d) Resolution #R6927 - Overall Project**

MAYOR MESSAM: And for item number ten overall.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6927, the Commission voted:

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

### **Resolution No. 123**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Reports and Comments:**

### **Commissioner Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to other business. Reports, Commissioner Barnes, you have a report?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No reports.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Next slide, please. I just want to recognize --

MAYOR MESSAM: Is your mic on? Your mic's not on.



COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I just want to acknowledge National Week of Law Enforcement. Miramar here, we have the best and finest. Chief Williams, I think, head of -- the leader here, so I want to acknowledge all our officers here in the City of Miramar. And next slide. I must say thanks to New Renaissance Middle School. This is a school right here in Miramar that's -- some people think that it's in the ghetto, whatever it is, afraid to acknowledge the school as a school that turn out wonderful scholar, and support this community. So this was a great presentation. I'm proud to work with them, and to -- for the recycling and the drilling and so forth. So my hat's off to the student that came out today. They did a fantastic job. I must say this past Saturday, on May 11, we had our wonderful Mother's Day Maxwell for Mom. It went well. Everyone had a wonderful time. It was just so well attended, and looking forward to the next one next year, and tonight we were able to contribute to a nonprofit \$250.00 was collected, so I just want to say that. And my good friend and -- I guess that move too fast, Cindy Brown. She was one of the awardee, and very proud to honor her. She wasn't able to attend, because health issue, but we want to continue to pray for her and her family, and hope that she have a speedy recovery and come back, and visit us and have a big smile like the one that she have right here, so we want to wish her very well. This young lady, Marva Aiken is one of our wonderful resident and churchgoer here in the City of Miramar. It was a pleasure to honor her, and she's just a wonderful lady with all these foster children that she take care of them, and phenomenal person right here in Miramar. Our very own Brittany Parker, one of our officer here who done so much. Young mother, and always finding ways to give back to our youth through Hoops 4 Hope and scholarship. It was just a pleasure to nominated her and have her on stage with us as the youngest one there with the older folks. It's just a -- it's a good luck, and we're very proud of her. Thank you, Ms. Parker. Ms. Daphne Anderson, lived in Miami-Dade, and done so much for her community, her church, and just a fantastic lady. She doesn't need any recognition, but she -- her heart is really, really big and do a lot, is low key. She was quite surprised, but she was well deserve. Ms. Faye Hartley. One of the things I acknowledge about this lady, seeing her in church, is her -- her spirit. And, not only that, when we decide to give back, with cooking and so forth to the community, she's there working hard and doing her thing. So it was just a pleasure to always work with her and give back, whether it's Thanksgiving, or Memorial Day, she's done so much. And one of our officer, Mike Riggs, was able to come out and accept the award on behalf of Cindy, so -- Mike worked for the City of Miramar over 30 years, so it's a pleasure doing it with him. I can see (unintelligible 3:38:39) from Miami Lakes. This is a young lady who I met in Russia on a cruise ship, and when I had need assistant, one of our resident to pay her water bills, I posted it, and she responded. Thought she was going to pay some. She paid the whole \$700.00, so I had to acknowledge her. She owns an ambulance company, and always giving back to her community. Of course, my mom, Millicent Pryor, always, you know -- she always supported me, love and -- unconditionally, so what can I say. And this young lady, Althea Hewitt, I met her nearly three -- four weeks ago, and just know that she would do a great job, so I had to hire her, along with AJ Brown; they were really phenomenal with the audience, so. And just to talk about my Community First, it's back, it's working, it's here to stay, and it's a

pleasure working with Debra Tendrich, she's awesome and, of course, we're going to be doing some things together with her nonprofit, Eat Better Live Better. Looking forward to working with her. She's very dynamic; came down and volunteered to assist us. And what can I say, where Miramar all started, in east Miramar, in the beginning, and that's why the City Manager said welcome back home, because that's where the original home of the City of Miramar -- for those people who don't know, that's where it started, on the east side. And it was -- for those of who -- us who understood what he meant when he said welcome home, it's -- I remember the City Hall being out there. We had parade and stuff like that, so that's home for a lot of us who have done business out there with the City of Miramar. That's groundbreaking... And look at this one? Keep going. Another one. All right. That's Maxwell and Mr. City Manager. I try his blazer. This is a phenomenal event. This is the second year we're doing it here at the City of Miramar. This is the PFA, Mr. Lieutenant Martin and our very own Bruce Britton, Assistant Fire Marshall here. And I know Chief was there. This event is very, very phenomenal; just to honor those people who have gone before us, and trail blaze the way for the fire service, you know. It's just heartwarming, and I know this is something we're going to continue. I was very surprised with the award there, but it is just a phenomenal event every year. And this is another great thing that going on here in South Florida. We have such a raw talent here; Ms. Sandra Justice, the web series, May 9<sup>th</sup>; I was very proud to host them this past Monday night. We had a fantastic, fantastic time. Everyone felt at home. The food was good. They just have a -- a great time. And just to -- I think the date is wrong, but coming up June 8, we're having our Caribbean Heritage celebration at Shirley Branca. Looking forward to everyone to come out and have a fantastic time. Have a good time. It's a free event, so let's not -- let's come out and celebrate Caribbean Heritage. Also, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, it's my citizenship drive. We will be assisting resident and non-resident to fill out the application for citizenship. And just to -- some people will qualify for a fee waiver from the federal government. Last year we did really well, really well. And this coming June 2<sup>nd</sup>, it's another free -- a homebuyer seminar right here in Town Center, so for those of you who want to get information about purchasing a home, if you want to come out and support that. The Jamaican Diaspora Conference, June 16<sup>th</sup> at -- I will not be here for the June 12 meeting. I'll be leaving early to -- in Jamaica, and then for the conference, so it's -- looking forward to seeing most of us there in Jamaica and having a wonderful time. I just want to say tonight -- I'm not going to say too much, but I just will say one thing. I remember as a young man growing up in the hills on Clarendon. My granddad had a cow, more than one, but this specific cow, when he sent me to go milk the cow, you got to walk quite a way to get the milk. And this cow would give you a whole thing of milk, but you better tie the back leg, because if you don't tie the foot, it going to kick it over after you full that bucket of milk, and you're going to go home without milk. So I'm going to suggest that we need to get off the hamster wheel sometime, so we can get some things done, and I think that's all I'm going to say.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any reports, Commissioner Colbourne?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes, thank you. I'd like consensus to draft a resolution which will -- which will ask -- give staff direction to bring major solicitations -- bring them to us during the R -- during the solicitation process. I mean before the RFP goes out, so that we can review what's going out, instead of afterwards. I would not want to do it for all RFPs or RFQs or bids, but certainly for any major ones. And we -- you know, we need to define what is -- what -- what would be major. I don't think we have that many major contracts coming before us, but I'd like to, maybe, have staff take a look at, you know, the largest contracts that we have had that will fall into -- into the category of major solicitations, and draft a resolution, bringing that back to us. If I can get a consensus from my colleagues.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: That would be something that I would support. That's been brought up before when I was here back 2010 to 2014, and we seem to come up with these same issues over and over again at the back end, we want to add things. For example, with the Pirtle. At that point, when it was brought before us, it didn't have any provisions for hiring Miramar residents; it didn't have certain other provisions that we wanted to implement in there. And so this was done on the day on the dais back and forth. So had we seen it prior to going out, we would have made sure it had certain things the Commission would have liked to see in that proposal that went out. So I certainly would entertain that.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, if I may real quick?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: For the record, not only -- I want to thank IT for hooking me up with this device; worked very well. And also, for the record, did you have a monitor here that we looked at, instead of looking at the screen. And also, for the record, not only my hearing, my sight, but my knees went bad from doing cabinets. My kneeling without a knee pad, so for those of you who just want to put things out, just so you have everything clear to put out, thank you.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Any comments on the solicitations? Do we have a consensus on bringing them before us?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes. I give consensus.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Anyone else? Looks like we have consensus.

- City Commission consensus directing the City Attorney to draft a resolution allowing the City Commission to review large projects/contracts prior to advertising solicitations.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The second thing I wanted to bring up. On the billboard advertisement, we rejected the bids, and I -- I -- I'm sorry, we rejected the

RFP, but I did -- I did suggest a bid -- a bid process, and I just wanted to get consensus on that as well, to make sure that staff had direction how to proceed with that.

MAYOR MESSAM: On where? Are we telling staff how to bid the project out? I'm asking the question.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yeah, that's what we're saying. We rejected the RFP --

MAYOR MESSAM: What do you mean by bid? Define it so staff can have clarity, because they're saying that they can't bid it -- a bid. You're saying hard bid or -- or what -- what are you suggesting?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm saying to go through a bid process instead of the RFP. Is that --

MS. AYUM: Excuse me, Commissioner Colbourne, can I -- can I give you some clarity on that?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Sure.

MS. AYUM: Okay. So the difference between a hard bid and an RFP is that the bid, you know exactly what you want, and you're giving specifics that you're expecting a price back. With that type of, I would say, contract, it's better to do an RFP, because you can request price, but you can also evaluate the proposals on different things, and you can negotiate with an RFP. So there's a very distinct difference.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: What about a soft bid?

MAYOR MESSAM: Come on. It's about to be 11:00. We're going to have to declare an emergency in last few seconds.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yeah.

MAYOR MESSAM: What I suggest -- if the bids were thrown out, let staff propose the best way, so that we can get what we want.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I can continue -- it's late at night, and I can continue discussion with staff. No problem with that. Did you want to extend the meeting, or should I go through what I have?

MAYOR MESSAM: Let's extend the meeting for -- Do you have a report, Vice Mayor.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yeah, a couple of videos. A couple of videos, that's it.

MAYOR MESSAM: So we're going to need ten minutes. Can I have a motion to extend the meeting for ten minutes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve extending the meeting by ten minutes, the Commission voted:

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

**Approved**

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. And then every -- every Mother's Day during Mother's Day festivities at the Senior Center, I usually deliver roses to -- to the moms, to all the ladies at the Senior Center. And this -- this past Thursday, I had the pleasure of doing that as well, so these are just some of the pictures from their -- their luncheon. I know the biggest -- the biggest thing at their luncheon is generally not the food, and it's

generally not the roses, but it's all the dancing that they do. It's just amazing to see what a great time they have. And this was no exception to that. For the past three years, I've been hosting Ramadan Iftar Dinner for the Muslim community, and this year's will be held Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 9:30. For information, please feel free to call my office, 954-602-3143. On Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, I will be hosting the 2019 Homeowners' Association Roundtable for representatives of homeowners' associations in the City of Miramar, Crime Watch group, and property management companies. So, again, for more information, please call 954-602-3143. Thank you. That's it for me.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Vice Mayor.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: We had an event this -- not first week in May, just after the first Commission meeting of the month, which was celebrating Haitian American Month, and I just want to show a couple highlights on that. And that was a great time by all. I'd like to thank Community Access Center, which is local, nonprofit organization here in the City of Miramar, for partnering with us here to bring such a great event. And just lastly, we do have our Reggae Girls out of Jamaica stopping by here on their last stop here in the U.S. before they go over to France to compete in the World Cup, the only Caribbean nation ever to do so. And so it's a series of events. We will be kicking it off here with the sports summit, and we are having two Olympians that are going to be the highlight of that luncheon. We have Sonya Richards, who is Jamaican, but she runs for the United States. She's several times a gold Olympian, and we also have Sherone Simpson out of Jamaica, also an Olympian, and many other panelists. And so we have coaches that are going to be there, athletic directors, and some of our athletes, student athletes, and so on that will be in attendance at this -- this luncheon. And then it will be followed by another series of events, but the main event would be sendoff celebration at our Ansin Sports Complex on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. That's a ticketed event. For tickets, you can go to [reggaegirlsfoundation.com](http://reggaegirlsfoundation.com) and purchase your tickets, and it should be a fun day for all. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Just a couple of announcements. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a Google workshop in partnership with -- in partnership with Broward County Latin Entrepreneurs and the City of Miramar on growing your business. It's a free Google digital marketing workshop. It will be held Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more information, you can dial 954-602-3198; learn about the power for two of using Google, and marketing your business. The Mayor's Summer Technology Boot Camp takes place June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup> with the Florida Vocational Institute at their new campus at Park of Commerce. It's free to Miramar high school students; must be in grades -- 10<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and you must register by -- you must register by May 24<sup>th</sup>. It's an outstanding opportunity for our youth to get introduction to technical skills in regard to coding, networking, and virtualization, all tools and skill sets that will be in demand for the gig economy. And final announcement, the Youth Advisory Council application process is -- we're now accepting applications. You must be a freshman or a sophomore at Miramar High School, Everglades High school, or

Somerset Academy High School, central campus in Miramar, Florida. For more information, dial 954-602-3198. And I would like to say congratulations to all of the seniors that are graduating this year. They are some wonderful students that represent the City of Miramar; they are definitely our best and brightest. And I had an opportunity to celebrate with many of them yesterday, along with Chief Williams at the -- the Miramar High school top ten percent award ceremony, which was very touching, emotional, and just very inspiring event to see all the promise of our young scholars that will be going on to continue their education at various universities across the country. And, specifically, the Florida State University, there probably was at least 12 of them going there, so they're excited about that. All right. That concludes my reports.

### **City Manager Reports:**

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

### **City Attorney Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, Mr. Attorney? All right.

### **FUTURE WORKSHOP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
05/15/19	5:00 p.m.	City Attorney Contract	Commission Chambers
07/02/19	5:00 p.m.	Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary Budget	Commission Chambers
07/10/19	5:00 p.m.	Body Worn Cameras for Police Officers	Commission Chambers
07/10/19	6:00 p.m.	Community Development Corporation (CDC)	Commission Chambers
07/12/19	10:00 a.m.	Commission Retreat	Venue TBD
09/04/19	5:00 p.m.	Senior Advisory Board and Budget Review Board	Commission Chambers

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR MESSAM: This meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

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Denise A. Gibbs, CMC

City Clerk  
DG/cp