



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

January 15, 2020

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:10 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 Yvette Colbourne
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers

The following members of staff were present:

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, everyone. Happy New Year, and welcome back. The Miramar City Commission meeting 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: 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 Norris-Weeks

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Powell.

CITY ATTORNEY POWELL: Here.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we'll have a moment of silence, and we have a list of -- commemoration list of employees who have lost loved ones. We have a former employee from Community Services Department Lotracia Newbold, Lieutenant Thomas Watters, Fire Department lost his father, Jeremy Jones from Marketing lost his grandfather, and Darrell Green from Public Works also lost his grandfather. Let's keep our -- our staff and our team members in our prayers, as they go through this time of bereavement in their families, as well as observing other condolences in the community. At this time, we'll have a moment of silence Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. 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 at this time.

MS. SCIALABBA: Good evening.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening. I think the mic may -- there you are.

MS. SCIALABBA: Good evening. Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26 Street. I actually wanted to make a comment on item number five. I believe at one time I checked and Nex -- Nex -- this Nextaff is actually a subsidiary of Kemp. Since the living wage caused from four fifth -- was \$450,000.00, now it's \$533,239.00 first year, and \$591,646.00 the second and third year. I know I've mentioned this before. Once we -- when -- before we started outsourcing, Miramar Police was in charge. Probably, we'd have to hire more officers, but not necessarily certified, but I don't think -- I don't think they need to be certified. What about utilizing our CSAs as school crossing guards during their tour of duty? One day at McDonald's, a woman came in carrying a handheld stop sign, she had no uniform on. I did not -- obviously, I didn't approach her to ask if she was a school crossing guard in Miramar, so, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Good evening, ma'am, welcome. Please state your name and address for the record, please.

MS. SPENCE: I am Ilene Spence, and my address is 677 -- 71 Pansy Drive, Miramar. My concern is this new mortgage amount is more than double the original loan of the --

MAYOR MESSAM: What item number, ma'am? Which item?

MS. SPENCE: Item number 12.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Okay. Go ahead.

MS. SPENCE: Okay. So my concern is this mortgage amount is more than double the original \$47,000.00. The original loan included the roof, which was paid for twice; windows, kitchen, kitchen cabinets, and the front/rear doors. This program is designed to provide hurricane protection, yet one of my sliding doors do not open, and the other has issues opening and closing. As a result, my home isn't hardened, and my insurance is still high, so I think for \$134,000.00, I think this is not reasonable. My windows -- the windows they installed are drafty, and the contractor was paid for that work. The storage room and the laundry room was flooded by the most recent contractor, and the floors haven't been replaced. The same contractor that did the ceilings in the kitchen, family room and laundry room -- and failed to replace the insulation. No one from the CRA

explained how this will work. Will this new loan go against my home? And I think for \$134,000.00 mortgage, after six years of waiting, and living in less than a desirable condition - in less than desirable conditions, I would like to be certain these major items are addressed, and this project is wrapped up as soon as possible. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. For purposes of the request, I'll pull number 12 to get a presentation from staff to discuss these issues.

MS. SPENCE: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any other members from the public that wish to discuss this -- discuss any items on the Consent Agenda? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any items wishing to be pulled? I'll pull number 12.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes, Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I would like to pull number 13 and number eight, and I'm requesting a continuation to the next meeting for number six.

MAYOR MESSAM: What was -- Commissioner Chambers, what was the last -- what item you would --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Six, I'm requesting a continuation to the next meeting.

MAYOR MESSAM: So for item six, I'll have it down as being pulled, so it can be read in the record, and then because it's an appointment, I just need to know if there's going to be any gaps, and then we can discuss as a Commission regarding your request. Are there any other items? Vice Mayor Davis?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Number five.

MAYOR MESSAM: If there are no other items, I'll take a motion for the balance of the Consent agenda.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 14, 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 and Financial Focus Workshop Meeting of November 13, 2019.

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R7076 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed agreement between Broward County and the City of Miramar for **trafficway beautification on Miramar Parkway from University Drive to SW 69 Way**. *(City Engineer Bissy Vempala)*

Resolution No. 20-41

3. Temp. Reso. #R7073 accepting an **Absolute Bill of Sale** and **Easement** from Tropical Letter Carriers Holding Corp., for the water, sewer and reuse water system improvements to serve **Tropical Letter Carriers**; authorizing the release of Surety Cash Bond in the amount of \$316,863.00 and accepting a One-Year Maintenance Cash Bond in the amount of \$60,415.25.00 from Tropical Letter Carriers. *(Assistant City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

Resolution No. 20-42

4. Temp. Reso. #R7074 approving a **school resource officer agreement** with the School Board of Broward County for the 2019-2020 school year. *(Police Chief Dexter M. Williams)*

Resolution No. 20-43

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number five, please.

5. Temp. Reso. #R7077 approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 19-014 to the Butler Group of South Florida, LLC d/b/a Nextaff to provide **school crossing guard services** for a term of three years with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms, in an annual amount not-to-exceed \$533,239.00 in Year 1 and \$591,646.00 in Year 2 and Year 3. *(Police Chief Dexter Williams and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Invitation for Bids No. 19-014 to the Butler Group of South Florida, LLC d/b/a Nextaff to provide school crossing guard services for a term of three years with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms, in an annual amount not-to-exceed \$533,239.00 in Year 1 and five -- \$591,404 -- 646.00 in Year 2 and Year 3, authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate agreement with the provider, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MS. AYUM: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, and City Attorney, and City Clerk. So -- this school crossing guard agreement, pursuant to City code, purchase or whatever contract for goods or services in excess of \$75,000.00 by a single department from the same vendor requires approval of the City Commission. A little background. The current -- the City current -- currently contracts with the Butler Group of South Florida, d/b/a Nextaff, a certified CBE firm to provide school crossing guard services. The term of the agreement expired in August 2019, and the City exercised the option to extend the agreement for 180 days through February 21st. In October 2019, the City issued IFB 19-014 to provide school crossing guard services with the living wage requirement. The City received six responses, and the Butler Group of South Florida, d/b/a Nextaff was deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, who met the minimum requirements of the bid, and a commitment to our local participation plan, as outlined in the IFB. They are required to do ten percent of the workforce with local crossing guards. And City Manager recommends approval of Temp. Reso. 7077, approving the award of IFB 19-014 to the Butler Group of South Florida, d/b/a Nextaff to provide school crossing guard services for a term of three years with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms in an annual amount not to exceed \$533,240.00 in year one, \$591,646.00 for years two and three. I'm here to answer questions, and so is the Police Chief.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Vice Mayor Davis, you have a question before I open -- allow this -- the public to ask any questions?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes. The reason why I asked it to be brought forth is because I guess all the Commission did receive a letter from Kemp Group, and there was some allegations in there. Some were pertaining to uniforms, and whether or not they were meeting uniform requirements, and others were the fact that they may not be able to actually deliver on what they say they're going to do. So I just wanted to make sure, in terms of the living wage, that's already in the contract, they are going to provide that to Miramar residents, which you say is what, ten percent?

MS. AYUM: Yes, they're committed to provide ten percent of the workforce. Currently, right now, they have 59 crossing guards that live in Miramar.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And how many total crossing guards do we have?

MS. AYUM: They have -- in -- in Miramar?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Mm-hmm, how many do we need?

MS. AYUM: I'm going to have to refer to --

MS. BUTLER: Buffy Butler, Nextaff, 3810 Inverrary Boulevard, Lauderhill, Florida. It's actually 59 percent of the school cross guards here in the City of Miramar are City -- are Miramar residents.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Fifty-nine percent of the ones --

MS. BUTLER: Yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: -- that you have.

MS. BUTLER: Yes, that we employ.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And how many do you have?

MS. BUTLER: There are approximately 50.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Fifty?

MS. BUTLER: Mm-hmm.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And 59 percent live in Miramar and will be receiving the living wage?

MS. BUTLER: Yes, in accordance with the contract, yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. And as far as the uniform requirements, could you just expound on that? Is there a certain requirement? Because that was a concern.

MS. BUTLER: Yes, we do provide -- there is the gear that's required by the State of Florida for all school crossing guards. They must have retro-reflective stop paddle, a ANSI Class 2 vest, and a whistle, which we provide in accordance with the requirements for the State of Florida, the Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program. In addition to that, the City of Miramar request that we provide shirts. We provide two new shirts to all of the school crossing guards each year. In addition to that, a black hat, a pants, which we will provide to the school crossing guards, in accordance with the contract, a five-pocket pant.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And that's every year?

MS. BUTLER: Yes, we will provide that, yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you for the clarification. Appreciate it. That was the extent of my questions.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. At this time, are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item?

MS. SCIALABBA: Thank you. Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26 Street. Regarding the trousers, what color are they, because when I drive around, if I'm going doing my errands around Miramar, I see all different color pants. I don't see one uniform -- I don't see one uniformity, one continuity there in a lot of the uniforms. I do see the vests, the reflective vests, but sometimes I don't see even a -- a badge anywhere. So I would like to know who is covering and monitoring this during the school year. Is somebody from Nextaff going around and monitoring this, making sure -- I've seen empty -- I've seen nobody at certain places where there's supposed to be a school guard. I just would like to know who's monitoring it. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

MS. BUTLER: So the requirement is for there to be dark pants or a black pant. Currently, our guards wear a navy blue or black pant here in the City of Miramar, and that's what they -- that's what they wear. We have five supervisors in the area that are monitoring all of the school crossing guards. If there is -- so the pant, the white collared shirt, which can be -- which is a polo-styled shirt, a short sleeve or a long sleeve, and so the guards are abiding by those reg -- excuse me, regulations. I know the citizen raised an issue before that there was someone who had a stop paddle, and she did not have a uniform. There is actually a citizen here in the City of Miramar who does have a stop paddle, and she walks around with the stop paddle when she's walking kids to and from school. She's not one of our school crossing guards.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Can we have someone from staff just speak in terms of contract compliance to ensure that the -- the vendor is in compliance with their contractual agreements.

MS. AYUM: As Nextaff provided, they do have supervisors that go out, and we have never received any complaints, but we monitor the contract, and if we get any complaints, we reach out to the Nextaff.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I just have question.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: If you've finished your question.

MAYOR MESSAM: Can you -- if you have more to add to that response.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Dexter Williams, Police Chief. I would -- just on behalf of the Police Department, we haven't received any complaints or anything in regard to the school crossing guards. We've been here monitoring the services and so forth, and we have not received any complaints or problems with them at this point.

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

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: With regards to the uniform, are they required to -- are you -- are you providing them with raingear?

MS. BUTLER: Yes, we do.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay.

MS. BUTLER: We provide raingear, which is equiv -- what's the same color as the vest.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. Appreciate it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'd like to know how do we -- how do we monitor the contract? How do we monitor what they're actually doing?

MS. AYUM: So as -- as far as I understand it, I mean the supervisors keep track of all the school crossing guards to make sure that they show up on time, and that they are wearing what they are supposed to wear. Unless we get complaints, we won't know that, you know, there's an issue with the color of the pants or the uniform, etc., etc. But if somebody doesn't show up at a spot, they would be informed.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: If I could add to that as well. As you know, in City of Miramar, of all the schools that we have, we also have the -- an SRO at every single school who is there at the beginning when they're -- and -- and also when they leave, so we know exactly all the -- the areas there that are surrounding the school that are occupied with the school crossing guards. So we haven't had any issues, and -- and also, which is reminded as well, that our SROs are also double checking to make sure, because, obviously, we have to take care of it while we're at the school if someone can't cross because someone's not there. We haven't had any issues.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So as -- as part of the SROs' duties, they check on the school crossing guard to see whether or not they're in compliance with the requirements?

CHIEF WILLIAMS: The safety of the children, as they're crossing, yes. They will be in that area particular -- now we don't go out -- that what their five supervisors are supposed to do to make sure that the -- the sites are occupied. The Police Department, what we

do is, obviously, we just maintain, because we have to deal with the traffic issues that are coming through there, so we are not actually managing the school crossing locations that are surrounding it, because some of them are out of eyeshot for the officers. Presently, I can't say that we actually go and check that each -- no, I can't do that. What I can say for sure, that our officers are there and present, and if someone is not showing up, the officer is going to take the liberty to address the situation. But we haven't had that situation be presented, so, at this point, the officers are present, they're onsite. Staff, they have to have their supervisors do their -- their circulation throughout the City to make sure that their staff are onsite.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well, I -- I am encouraged by the fact that there are no complaints. We have not had any complaints. However, you know, there's a growing concern on my part, and it's -- it's not -- it's not necessarily this contract, but just in general, contracts that the City has, who -- you know, my concern is who do we have overseeing to make sure that the contractors are actually doing what they're being paid for -- to do. So, you know, it -- it -- I guess -- again, I'm encouraged that we haven't had any complaints, but it would be reassuring to know that there's some spot checking to see if there is someone there, if they are dressed in the manner that they're supposed to, you know, some communication with their supervisors, you know, to know that when they're submitting for payments, that they're actually living up to their contract.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Understood. Like a quality assurance --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Right.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Got you.

MS. AYUM: So just to answer that question on a general level, not just the school crossing guards, because I'll let her answer about the school crossing guards. Go ahead.

MS. BUTLER: And I do just want to say that because we're out there in the community, we do have relationships with the SROs that are at the school, and so just like I know out in western Miramar, the SRO who has been at Silver Lakes. She will ride around when it's time for school to be released, she'll ride around just to ensure that the guards are in place and, you know, checking on us to make sure that there are not any issues or anything like that. Because we do go to them if there's something of concern in the area, so they are out there. We do have relationships with them, because we are there every day, so we do know them and see them, and they see us.

MS. AYUM: Okay. So just on a general not to reassure you that we have -- like, for example, the construction projects, we have our performance evaluation, we have a form that's filled out if things are not being done the way they're supposed to do, so we are following up on contracts, on our service contracts as well. The project manager for the department, like in -- in -- in water and sewer, it's going to be somebody on, you know, the utilities team. If it's a public works project, it's somebody that monitors and works with

the vendors, so that when those payouts come through, you know, somebody knows that the work's being done, and that they're being, you know, paid for what they've already done. And we, typically, would hear about the complaints if it's not being done, then we write those letters to cure and, you know, then, eventually, to terminate if we have to.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So in the case of the school crossing guard, you have a project manager that oversees that?

MS. AYUM: The Police Department.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: The Police Department. Okay. I've already heard from them. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I think I'm going to be respectfully disagree with the SROs riding around to check on the crossing guard. With the -- in light of what's been happening in schools, from what I see, their primary responsibility is at the schools, so I -- I don't think that's happening, or they're doing that. I'm going to give you two schools. Silver Shores Elementary and Glades Middle School. My officer at Silver Shores, from a distance, she could see the crossing guard from -- at the school, so she don't really need to go out of her way. If you go to Glades Middle School, it's a distance away from where the crossing guard is at Dykes and Bass Creek Road. So that would be impossible for our SRO to leave the school to check on the crossing guard, but -- so those are two scenario there, and maybe there's other school with similar situation. Now I'm going to ask the Chief, how many sergeant do we have that supervise the SROs?

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Two.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Two, okay. Now maybe that's -- there's a opportunity there. I know it's -- but if they -- if they check on the guards, the crossing guards, maybe that's where that would -- opportunity would be for maybe the sergeant passing by, going to different school, might see that. But from in the morning, the SRO primary responsibility to be at that school to protect the children at the school and not divert from that, so I think where the sergeant comes in, maybe they might -- and it's a big field to cover, so there's going to be some challenge there also.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: That's exactly where I was going with that --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: But -- but I must say, for the most part, someone who take a job to be a crossing guard, it comes with a lot of responsibility, and I think most people, they're not doing it for the money. It's -- it's usually older folks, and they care about our children, and they make sure they show up. So if there's a gap, it's not going to be much, so I -- I trust that folks that take that job take it seriously. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. I'd like to thank everyone for their inquiries. I think what just took place is a perfect example of a public concern brought forward to the Commission, and City staff and vendor being able to provide responses to address the issues. I can personally say that, at least from my experience with the current crossing guards, that it's -- it's all been pleasant. As an avid runner that runs all over the City during -- especially during parent drop off in the morning, I'm a beneficiary at times of the crossing guards when kids are crossing the street and I get a chance to run across the street and catch that stop sign in the middle of the -- the intersection. So I'm -- I'm confident with this heightened inquiries on if office -- if crossing guards are -- are in place, that all stakeholders will be on their Ps and Qs to ensure, so -- I think one result as well is that -- I mean I know a lot of parents that also walk with their young children to school, if cross -- crossing guards are not on duty, we will be getting these -- these phone calls that a crossing guard is -- is not there, although that cannot be relied upon as our checks and balances, in terms of compliance. But the fact that, God forbid, we haven't heard of any accidents, or anyone getting injured as a result of lack of supervision is also a testament that, at least from the performance of the contract, that the current vendor is meeting their requirements, and we -- our expectation that they will continue to do an excellent job in keeping our -- our children safe. So I'd just like to thank everyone with the questions, my colleagues with the questions, staff for your clarifications, and the vendor as well for providing the additional information. If there are no other comments, I'll take a motion on this item.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: 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 Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Resolution #R7077, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-43

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number six, please.

6. Temp. Reso. #R7102 approving the reappointment of Dahlia A. Walker-Huntington, Esq. and Vincent T. Brown. Esq., and the initial appointment of Dawn Grace Jones, Esq., as **Code Compliance Special Magistrates** for a period of one year commencing upon signature and execution of the agreement. (*Police Chief Dexter Williams*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the reappointment of Dahlia A. Walker-Huntington, Esq. and Vincent T. Brown. Esq., and the initial appointment of Dawn Grace Jones, Esq., as Code Compliance Special Magistrates for a period of one year commencing upon signature and execution of the agreement, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Special Magistrates services agreements with the three appointees, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Commissioner Chambers, is there a particular issue you want to raise in regards to this item? You requested a continuance. I just wanted to know the issue with the item.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Well, I need to further examine some things. I had some question for staff later on to -- really need a continuation.

MAYOR MESSAM: In terms of the need for the services, is there a -- any reason why this would not be able to be continued, from a contractual standpoint? Do we have any code hearings coming up that don't have coverage or what -- what is -- what's the situation, so that we can measure that? I would like to honor the request for a continuance, but I also would like to know what impact it would have on any hearings that are coming up.

MS. AYUM: The contract expires the end of this month, so we really do not have the time to continue the item to February. They have meetings scheduled in February.

MAYOR MESSAM: So --

MS. AYUM: As a result of the -- the break, we couldn't bring it sooner to you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Can the issues be raised now --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I -- I know the contract expired, but it's just like any other item. We need to have things that expired, and there's provision in our Charter that allow for someone to continue to serve on the Board until it's approved.

MS. AYUM: We've used all of our extensions. We've used all of our extensions on the contract, and this is slightly different. It -- it's -- it's a -- it's, typically, a one-year contract. We've used the extensions that we had in the agreement, but we don't have any more.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: A question regarding that. When is the next hearing, code hearing? When is the next code --

MS. AYUM: It's February 12th? February 12th?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And have we missed a code hear -- have you missed a code hearing because of any reason to date?

MS. AYUM: No.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: No. So is there no way you can postpone that hearing until March.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: We have a Commission meeting on February.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: We have another one? In early February, that's true. We have a Commission meeting in the first week of February.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: February. February 5th.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yeah, we have -- because we've been holding all the cases from last year as well, and so that they are now, so we'd have to suspend them, and we --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Well, I had a --

CHIEF WILLIAMS: -- and push it to the time when we want.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I have a question.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: If you desire, we can do it.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I have a -- sorry, Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We have a meeting February 5th.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I was going to pull the item anyway, because I wanted to have a better understanding. All three positions were open?

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: All three positions --

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Right, all, yes, for reappointment.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Were open?

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Reappointment.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And how many applicants did you have?

MS. AYUM: We got six.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Six, including the two that are already there?

MS. AYUM: No, six.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes.

MS. AYUM: Oh, six total, yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Including the two?

MS. AYUM: Right.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So you had four more applicants, and you needed three out of the six?

MS. AYUM: Yes. If -- I don't know if we're going to be able to continue it or not, but --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So -- excuse me. The next code meeting is on the 12th, February 12th, right, and our next Commission meeting on February 5th, so we could continue.

MS. AYUM: We would be rushing to get the agreements done from the fifth to the 12th, but if that's your -- if -- if that's --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We -- we could do it.

MS. AYUM: Okay.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I have a question.

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

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. My question is why -- why has it taken this long to come to us?

MS. AYUM: The RLOI was issued in October, but as a result of the hiatus, this is the first we could bring the item to you.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: When did the contract expire?

MS. AYUM: It expired in -- July, and we utilized the two extensions that we had.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Right. So you didn't do a request for -- what is it you did?

MS. AYUM: In October.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Is it -- is this RFP or what is it?

MS. AYUM: An RLOI.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: R -- okay. A letter of intent. So you didn't do that until October, but the contract was expired since July, so my question is why wasn't it done in May? Why wasn't it done early?

CHIEF WILLIAMS: The reason why it was held off -- during that particular time period, we were making a final decision on City legal, which was a conflict issue that we were having. One of the magistrates that was on a particular board was part of that process that you were going through, so when you pushed your decision and pushed it until after -- to make the final decision, we could not move forward at that time, because everything was waiting on your decision for City legal, and that wasn't finalized until after you came back. Once you came back, then the -- the attorney that was on that magistrate, then we were able to then now go out for a full RLOI at that time, which was October when you made that decision for your legal. And, at that point, we had already tried to continue to extend it and extend it, then the decision was made. Once that was made, then we pushed it out, immediately out after your decisions were made.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm not following the timeline. I'm -- I'm not going to -- I'm not going to continue on, but I'm -- I'm not following the timeline. If it expired in July, our attorneys didn't come on until -- until September. I'm not sure of their timeline, but it seemed like you would have gone through the process of -- of -- of getting someone on board. Begin that process in May or April, May, June or sometimes, far before July 2nd. It just seemed that way to me.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: You -- right. Your dais -- the dais was going through a full discussion on your decision for legal at that time, and that was pending everything for us as well, because that -- the attorneys were all part of that process.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: But we never had any lapse in legal service, so I'm not sure why would that prevent you from moving forward with this. Other contracts, we were able to move forward with them.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: They would --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: And that's my last question.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Yeah.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: The attorney that was part of that process would -- it would create an issue, and we did not want to have a conflict of interest during that time period. We were waiting on the dais to finalize. And once you were finalized and made your decision, then we moved forward with it as soon as you made your decision, because -- and then we had to have discussion with the attorney to then surrender their documentation to pull themselves from the magistrate, which then allowed us to go full forward with all -- any persons that were interested at that time. And, of course, names were brought forward at that time, and we made it available for them in a good, timely manner, so they all were able to submit the documentation for -- for review for the City Manager at that time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah. Okay. I understand all sides, so I understand why the delay. I understand the -- the conflict. Also, I was trying to find an amenable option to grant the continuance that was requested by Commissioner Chambers. So it appears that we do have a window in which we can have the Commissioners additional inquiries addressed while not impacting the upcoming hearing. So the City Manager has also mentioned as well that they can accommodate that. So for purposes of the public understanding, how we are at this -- this -- this place at this moment, I think we can check all the boxes and be able to accommodate. So, at this time --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, --

MAYOR MESSAM: One second, I'm going to recognize you. I'm going to -- I see -- I'm going to recognize you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Even though I had the floor first before you all --

MAYOR MESSAM: No, we've had cup -- no, Commissioner Colbourne just addressed questions. I have not had a comment, so --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: So one second. I'm going to recognize you. You're going to have an opportunity. We're trying to accommodate your -- your request for the continuance. So, as -- as it's stated, it appears there's support to have it continued. The City Manager has made a comment as well that they can make the accommodation to allow the continuance, as well as keeping the dates of the hearings, so that we can move forward and make the decision in the upcoming Commission meeting. At this time, Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Chief, I know we had the replacement of the attorney, but one thing doesn't really have a whole lot to do with the other. There was one person that was -- went off the -- the board, and apparently the other folks' terms was up, and we can appoint someone at any time. And there's nothing in the rules that says we have to lump everyone together. If someone resign or -- from the board, we can -- you can come before us, and we can approve someone. We can go out for a request for, you know, someone to be put on the board. And I -- I think we all forgot, this is Miramar City Commission, we can approve anything, we can give an extension, so it doesn't matter when it expired, or if we coming up on the year; if we need to extend it, we can extend it. I -- I think we forgetting that, we can approve what we need to approve right here at any time, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Can -- at this time, can we have a motion for the continuance.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Sorry, before you do that. I may have a problem with attending the next Commission meeting. I do have another engagement, and I would like to look at this item, so I want to see what other options there are, in terms of if we don't meet that deadline. As Commissioner Chambers mentioned, so you're out of contract, but what else do you do? What are the other options, so that we're not rushing the process.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Extension.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well question I have is, is there a concern with any of the magistrates that are being proposed for approval? If there -- if there is -- it was a -- it was a Consent item, it's been noticed on our agenda for some weeks now, so if there's -- if there's a number of concerns of any of the proposed magistrates that -- that the -- if the Commission wants to get more information regarding those individuals, then we can have that -- that discussion. But if there's not a concern, other than the issue raised by Commissioner Chambers to allow him to have more time to ask questions, then I don't

know if there's a -- a risk of these magistrates not moving forward, unless there's concerns. So I just want to have --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Well, yeah, I have a concern. And, in the past, I've asked for the data on the rulings of the magistrates. Just to appoint a magistrate before they've been there for so many years, or -- I don't know how your scoring process is, but when I did the research, I found that the miniscule amount of cases that were found to be acquitted, as it were, it seems like every case that comes before the magistrate, the person is found guilty and has to pay a fine and has to pay administrative costs, if no fine. So that research, I think, should -- for me, I would like to see the research of the current magistrates, and -- and their -- I could say their fairness. I -- I can't imagine that of all the cases that have come before them, that 99 percent of them, folks are found that they -- that the City is always right, and that the complainant is always wrong. I think the role of the magistrate is to weigh the preponderance of the evidence, and if a case, even if it's brought by the City and they don't -- the preponderance is not on their side, then it should -- you know, it should be balanced. I can't see why, the last time I checked, that 99 percent of the cases were in favor of the City. So I would like to get more data before I make a decision. You have five -- you have six candidates, and I would need more information on the ones that are currently doing the job.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. I see Commissioner Chambers has requested to speak. For sake of moving the agenda, since there are -- that's why I wanted to know if there were any issues with any of the magistrates. I would like to propose that we do an emergency extension for 30 days to carry the current magistrates, so that it would allow the additional time for any Commission member that may have questions regarding any of the recommended magistrates, to get them -- get their questions answered and resolved in that time, and we bring back the item, I guess, for the second meeting in February for approval. Is that something that something that would be amenable to address the concerns of the Commission?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: My extension is 60 days.

MAYOR MESSAM: In terms of any extensions, I'm not sure what our procurement code -- if our procurement code would accommodate that or no. What is our current --

MS. AYUM: So this -- this contract is a little bit different. It's governed by section 2-332 of the code, so I was going to refer to the City Attorney to see if they have any input on that. I can read what section 2-332 says, if you guys --

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Glasses.

MS. AYUM: Section of the code governing appointment of special magistrates. There is, hereby, created a special master code enforcement system for the City of Miramar, Florida, that shall consist of individuals appointed by the City Commission. Special masters shall be members of the Florida Bar in good standing, shall be selected on the

basis of experience or interest in the fields of code enforcement. Special masters shall possess outstanding reputations for civic pride, integrity, responsibility, and business or professional ability. The term of office: the City Manager or his designee -- his or her designee shall appoint as many special masters as are deemed necessary, subject to approval by the City Commission. Appointments shall be made for a term of one year. Any special master may be reappointed at the discretion of the City Manager, subject to ratification by the City Commission. There shall be no limit to the number of reappointments that may be given to any individual special master provided, however, that a determination as to removal or reappointment must be made for each special master at the end of each one-year term. Appointments to fill any vacancies shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Question. What you just read, was that approved by the City Commission previously?

MS. AYUM: It's in the City code.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: That mean it was approved by the City Commission, right? Good. I rest my case.

MAYOR MESSAM: The -- the -- the -- the -- the question is to accommodate the request by the requesting Commissioner of 60 days, if it's -- if it's within compliance of our City code, then that would be a viable option. If not, then --

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: And if I may, Mr. Mayor. Yes, that would be an option. You all are completely within your purview to do that.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. So my goal is to make sure that we have enough time, so that the Commission can have their issues addressed without deleteriously impacting our -- our -- our hearing schedule. So I would live to move the item, so can I have a motion on the floor to allow that to take place.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: 60 days, motion for 60 days extension.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: 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 Vice Mayor Davis, to continue the subject item and grant extension of existing special magistrate contracts for 60 days Resolution #R7102, the Commission voted:

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

Continued

MAYOR MESSAM: Before we move on --

CHIEF WILLIAMS: I need clarity then. So the two that I presently have as magistrates, they just will continue and remain in place until --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: -- the 60 days.

MAYOR MESSAM: Status quo.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Absolutely, great. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

7. Temp. Reso. #R7080 approving the purchase of three **Safe Air Diesel Exhaust Removal Systems** for **Fire Stations 19, 84 and 100** from Safe Air Corporation, a sole source provider, in an amount not-to-exceed \$135,635.00, for **Fiscal Year 2020**. (*Fire-Rescue Chief Robert E. Palmer*)

Resolution No. 20-45

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Before we move to the next item that has been pulled, it is now time for public participation. And we have two -- four residents that have signed to speak. Our first speaker is Mr. Roland Abel, followed by Ms. Norma Martin, Ms. Ina McNeil, Ms. Debra Scialabba.

MR. ABEL: Good evening, Mayor, Commissioners.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. ABEL: Members on the dais. Roland Abel, 7606 Harbour Boulevard, and I'm very pleased to say I have with me tonight two stalwart community leaders and even nation builders who shares my concern for the item that I will be discuss tonight. I want to say also very quickly, not to take our sizes for granted. Persons who are standing in front of you tonight represent 240 years of fighting power. Those who know me know that I rarely every bring a item in front of the Commission that could be dealt with elsewhere. From - I have a relationship with three departments here in the City: Public Works, Utility and Parks, and they can attest, they can testify without any doubt that I always share my concern, especially when it involves waste or poor engineering practices. Tonight, I'm here to talk to you about something that happened maybe 17 years ago, this matter of speeding in our City. Seventeen years ago, I spoke with our then police chief, who was Chief Standley, and I expressed to him the fact that we -- my community has changed very drastically from elderly and elderly people have moved out, and the younger families have moved in. And, as a result, they've moved in with young children, and so the business of speeding was even more urgent that we -- we -- we look to make sure that we can protect our children on the street. This was brought forth forcefully to me on or about the second week November, I witnessed --

MAYOR MESSAM: Were you going to --

MS. MCNEIL: I yield my time.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

MR. ABEL: Yes.

MR. ABEL: I witnessed what I regard as a miracle, where two children riding bike was spared, I would say by the hand of God; it was this close to being killed by a SUV at high speed going down on Harbour Boulevard. I am concerned that if this continues, the likelihood is that we may find our children being killed, and it is important that we note that if our children are killed or maimed as a result of speeding on our street, that the families will no longer accept the token response of thoughts and prayers for the -- as a consolation prize for their children. So I am here tonight to ask us to look at this speeding in -- I am a member of an organization called Bold Justice, and what we do is that we look out for our citizens, we find the problems, we look for best practices, and we present them to the authorities that are in charge. I have done my research and found that still the only safe, low cost prevention for speeding is the good old speed bumps and, happily, that they are no longer a problem for -- for our emergency vehicles, because we can now design them to make sure that they can be functional and, yet, not impeding. So, tonight, I'm going to ask us -- I brought this attention -- as I said, 17 years, and I have mentioned to it to all subsequent chiefs over that period and, yet, nothing has been done. I know that, as a City, the business of trying to protect our children on the street is a big task, but it's not beyond our capability to do. So, tonight, I'm going to be asking our Commissioners, and also our City managers to take a good look, and to make sure that we provide our children in our streets as a safe place to exist. Thank you.

MS. MARTIN: Norma Martin, 7200 Grand View Boulevard, Miramar, Florida 33023. Okay. I'm just going to make a request that -- with reference to what we are now referring as Historic Miramar, residents have been -- will -- have -- are concerned as to the colors. They've mentioned it to me, both in my neighborhood and outside, and if there -- if -- as a historic board, if their guidelines or a palette as to what colors we're going to be using for the new buildings that are coming up. Someone made a -- more than one resident made reference to Taco Bell, and it was brought to the Com -- to the attention of the Commissioner, and I would say that she did do justice. She responded. She inquired, and explained what it was all about, that that's the color, and something was done about it, and the residents have been pleased. Thank you, Commissioner, for what you did. But there are still other concerns that if buildings that are going to be put up during this time, if they're going to be, you know, haphazard type of colors, pink, blue, yellow, if there are guidelines. Because I've had experience with doing permits when I retired, and especially the City of Coral Gables of Miami, you have historic areas, and, of course, the historic area has to pass whatever is being done before the City can do it. So I'm just asking, you know, what our guidelines, etc., because residents are concerned. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Mr. Manager, can we have staff just address, briefly, a couple of the issues, and then if we can assign appropriate staff representatives to meet with community leaders in regards to what can be the next steps to address the concerns specifically. There are two issues that was raised, one in terms of speed bumps to address speeding in the community, and as well as, perhaps, one would be from, I guess, our land use code, and any special districts, and -- and any types of proposals.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Dexter Williams, Police Chief. In regards to -- I can speak to the topic in regards to the -- for speed trailer or speed humps along the -- the roadway. As you know, all of you have been here a long time. Throughout the City we were not a proponent in the City of putting speed bumps; we have recently changed the -- the dynamics with that, and have now started to put speed bumps in various areas throughout the City. What we will do -- we already spoke to the Deputy City Manager in regards to that, we will have traffic engineering go out to Harbour Boulevard, I believe it is. We also have some other program -- projects that are underway, which anyone of them can speak to; I believe a director behind me who can speak to that as well, in other various areas along Utopia Drive, along other communities, in Riverdale area and so forth that we have speed bump projects that are underway. Harbour Boulevard will -- will be another area we'll take a look at. I'll allow him to speak to that, and what the process will be, and what we'd have to go through to ensure that there's -- there's funding available for that, which he can speak to.

MR. ZUNIGA: Good evening, Mayor, Commissioners, Sal Zuniga, Assistant City Engineer. Yes, the City has an ordinance in place when it comes to speed humps. There is a process involved. Unfortunately, the City and every city understands speed -- speeding is an issue in every street, pretty much. There is a process where the residents can make a request, we get them all the time. We do a preliminary study with the assistance of police to do a statistic, a count of how many cars are really speeding. Typically, we consider -- if -- if the cars are speeding five miles per hours above the speed limit, if it's less than 20 percent, we don't consider it to be warranted based on our policy. So we can definitely go out there to Harbour Boulevard, I mean we'll get the exact locations and try to do a preliminary -- work with police to do a preliminary study to see what is the percentage of cars that are really speeding. Because a lot of times it's perception. It might be one car out of 1,000 vehicles that go through there every day, so -- but we'll definitely go -- starting take a look at that -- at that -- that location.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. I think what I would add to the discussion is that every community wants to be safe, and -- in that if -- if -- since we do have a process to install these humps, that we provide that information, in terms of the process to make the request to our community homeowners' associations, our community organizations, so that they can be able to properly make the request that engineering department go out to the meetings. And I'm willing to go with you -- there to explain -- explain that process. Obviously, it's a fiscal impact in terms of when are going to -- to -- to make these installations, and that in the budget process that we are adequately proposing the adequate amount of funding for, you know -- you know, for prospective bumps that -- that are warranted.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes. And, Mr. Mayor, either way, it doesn't matter. What we will do from the public safety side, we're going out there regardless, and we're going to put the speed trailer out there to alert the residents along that roadway that it's time to start slowing down. We'll have our CRO that frequents that particular street area speaking to

all the community members along that block, and we'll just do a soft campaign, like we like to do more so than hitting members in their pocket. So we'll start with the soft campaign to bring awareness to the area, at the same time, while traffic engineering and ourselves have worked together trying to see how we can deal with the speed bump, if the dais is okay with that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. And -- and a reminder that to meet with the -- the residents that came forward to get them in that -- that process.

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yeah. They're already waiting for them.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: May I -- just have a comment on --

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

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yeah. You -- you mentioned the boards that are -- that are there, and when they do the study, you put up these big boards, which folks will slow down, so when you're trying to find out how fast they're going, they're actually slowing down, because they see the boards out there. Is there any other way to do the study without giving them an opportunity to slow down, and then -- and then --

CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yeah, -- well --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You know, because it's -- the -- the -- the study cannot be accurate if you are trying to get them to slow down at the same time.

MR. ZUNIGA: Yeah. I mean it's not perfect, and it has a doc flow component on it. The radar does pick up the speedway before --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MR. ZUNIGA: I forgot the -- the distance -- let's say 500 feet. It picks up the speed of the cars, so -- so -- so the driver, by the time they see the sign, they are already recorded the speed way before he saw the sign, so -- so it records the speed, and it also helps slow down the drivers, so -- and in that sense -- because the other method would be putting tubes on the road, like doing a data count, which is a more expensive -- once again, this is a preliminary -- just to get a preliminary idea of how bad the -- the -- the conditions are.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Mayor, Commissioners, let's -- let's -- let's look at it from a different perspective. I came here in 1997. The demographics have changed, all right, and the City has to change too. Our millennials are no longer going out; they're leaving, they're coming back home. So what has happened is the -- the traffic pattern has changed greatly in here, and you can come all these things. We just have to be in tuned

in the community, and I can understand what is being said in here. I was driving yesterday, and I had not been looking behind myself in here, I would have had an accident with a young man that was going to run right into me going probably about 100 miles an hour, all right. So we have to be conscious ourselves about what is happening in our community, so we have to make that adjustment. We can't use the same plays that we did 20 years ago, so the adjustments will take a little time. Yes, we have those same studies that we've been doing here, but you have to do more than just study. You have to study the community and understand what's happening inside that community. Remember, we went from 50,000 and now we're looking at 140. They're not seniors. When I came here, it was a lot of seniors going west, all right. It no longer looks like that way. So staff is -- is conscious we're having this conversation in here that we have to change our whole style. It's just like we're talking about with -- with -- with the colors. It's changed, all right. Everything is changing, and so there's some give and take in this whole thing. I think the Taco Bell building looks attractive to me, but everything has changed again; it's not the same. I think you and I both went out there and looked at it. Historic Miramar, we want to keep its flavor, but there's some thing's changed. Everybody forgot that when -- when -- when I first came here in 1997, there's three commissioners came here. Take a look at all the houses from Palm Avenue going back in here, and you'll find out that all of them look similar, all the communities, because some commissioners came in, and they changed the color palette. So we have to look at the same thing in Historic Miramar; and I agree that we need to be on one accord with that. There's a change going on here. Our young folks going be there -- the things that we like as colors in here have changed in here, so we have to find that happy medium. Just remember, you're no longer -- I know Commissioner Barnes said this about -- Commissioner Barnes you said this about five years ago, we are not a bedroom community. I would love to say we're a bedroom community, but we're not, but we got to be practical about what we do and what we look like. So there's some work that staff has to do in here, so we acknowledge there'd be complaints. We acknowledge the challenges, and this is what the staff has to do. We have to pay attention to what's going on in our community; give us a little time, we're making that adjustment, but we will make the adjustments to make sure nobody is left out.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. I'd like to -- so, in terms of -- City staff will get with the residents in the community to address the concerns, as well as meet with -- I'll be having meetings as well. I'm sure some of my colleagues, as well, will be discussing the issues that -- that were raised in terms of safety, as well as architectural standards and -- and -- and color selections for the City. All right. Ms. Debra -- next speaker, Debra Scialabba.

MS. SCIALABBA: Good evening again. Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26 Street. I'd like to thank Commissioner Chambers for the opportunity to serve on the P&Z Board. I have wished -- I had wished that you had reconsidered allowing me to remain for the 13 months to finish my term. I've always been committed to P&Z, and my attendance record is impeccable. I am passionate about public service and government. However, I would appreciate a clarification this evening. I was placed on the board as a current employed realtor. Is my replacement required to also be employed as a realtor as well? I checked

with the State the list of candidates to replace me, and none of them are employed as a realtor; only one is eligible to take the exam. If this is a requirement, I am requesting your consideration that I continue until the end of my term. Secondly, I'd like to share my concern as to what Mr. Abel had talked about. The problem is not only speeding, okay. We have a lot of young people driving reckless. One car in particular -- it could be many cars, but I know of one in particular by me, they drive around in circles, burning the rubber, and creating a circular skid marks. SW 27th, SW 28th, my -- my -- my house corner, my house, if -- if I need to, I can take pictures of this and write down the streets. This poses a danger to themselves, as well as others. I was also going to request speed humps from SW 65th Avenue to SW 26th Street at Miramar Elementary School. There's also an older gentleman that converted a moped, looks like he's got a lawnmower engine, gas engine at the back. It's very noisy. Sometimes 4:00 in the morning, whatever, you know when he's passing. Nighttime he has no headlights. This also is dangerous to -- to children, to -- to animals. As far as the process for speed humps, it used to be you needed -- the resident had to get 1,000 signatures within the area. I don't know if that is still is -- if -- if it's still like that. Also, about Taco Bell, I did bring up -- I had several emails from residents about the color. I did bring it up at P&Z, and even last night I had thanked the City for -- for -- that they're very pleased with design now, so I also would like to thank the Commissioner, that was also a part of it. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. The public participation is over at this time. The reference item -- the reference issue is item 15, where we have board appointments.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mayor, if I may.

MAYOR MESSAM: Sure, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I would like to thank Ms. Debra Scialabba for her more than 20 years of service on the Planning & Zoning Board. She served this community well. I will always -- always appreciate her, and I'm sure our resident appreciate her for her service, and I have no doubt that she will continue to serve this great City of Miramar. Ms. Debra, thank you so much for your service to the board.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

CONSENT AGENDA cont'd.

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number eight.

8. Temp. Reso. #R7078 approving a piggyback agreement with M & M Asphalt Maintenance, Inc., D/B/A All County Paving, for **resurfacing of various roadways** throughout the City, in the amount of \$699,969.85; utilizing the City of Lake Worth Invitation for Bid ("IFB") No. 17-106, entitled "Annual Paving, Concrete and Misc.

Hardscape Construction Services". (Public Works Director Anthony Collins and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving a piggyback agreement with M & M Asphalt Maintenance, Inc., d/b/a All County Paving, for resurfacing of various roadways throughout the City, in the amount of \$699,969.85; utilizing the City of Lake Worth Invitation for Bid ("IFB") No. 17-106, entitled "Annual Paving, Concrete and Misc. Hardscape Construction Services", authorizing the City Manager to execute an appropriate agreement with M & M Asphalt Maintenance, Inc., d/b/a All County Paving, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you have a question on this item, or you need a report -- presentation?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mayor, I just have a comment, and maybe my colleague have something to say, fine. But I just want to, Mr. Tony, from time to time, I have our resident reach out to me in regard to his street need to be paved, and they're seeing other street getting done, and why not their street, and I know we have so many resurfacing need to do right across the City. And just elaborate a little bit as to some of the challenge and where we are today, where we going as to getting some of these work done.

MR. COLLINS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, Tony Collins, Public Works Director. As it relates to the challenges that we face, we have to start with financial constraints; there's limited money. Study was done back in 2000 -- I believe 2013, '14, which identified the condition of the pavement throughout the City, and from that study, a budget was developed as to what it would take to restore some of the roadways to, you know, acceptable or suitable conditions. So, essentially, each year we, you know, take a look at the report and, from the report, we identify the worst case scenario, and then based on the funding that is available, we make a determination as to which one of the roads we'd be prioritizing in terms of the resurfacing and the repairs.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So we are not picking one street over the other, it's based on the need, and how badly the street is to be resurfaced?

MR. COLLINS: Yes. It's very -- it's an objective study that was done.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right.

MR. COLLINS: Information presented, and staff interprets the information that's presented, and based on the analysis, we look at which ones needs to be done first.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Do we have a -- a projection as to how many years it's going to take to --

MR. COLLINS: Catch up?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right. Can you -- can you speak in the mic a little.

MS. MARKWEI: Hello, sorry. Good evening. My name is Marilyn Markwei, Public Works Department. It depends on how much money we are going to be obtaining every fiscal year. According to the study, we needed about \$69 million to be able to mill and resurface, and last year I believe we got just a little, about \$600,000.00, and this year just about the same amount. So, yeah, we can't really project, unless we can tell how much money we will be getting each year.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So can we get -- maybe give us a report as to what's the -- a number, in terms of money, what we can come up with to maybe catch up sooner, and then to see if we can, collectively, as Commission can work on it to see how we can accomplish that?

MS. MARKWEI: Yes, yes, we can definitely give you that.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? Seeing none, back to the dais. May I have -- oh, I have a speaker. Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized, sorry about that.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. I have question for staff. I see that this contract was awarded through the City of Lake Worth, competitively solicited and contract -- an awarded contract. So my question is do we have local, and this may be a local company. Do we have local individuals that can do that, or -- why are we going to use another contract rather than trying to solicit a contract here, and -- and get work for your local contractors?

MR. COLLINS: The contract that we're proposing to piggyback, it actually was based on 2016/'17 prices. Staff take a look at the current market prices and recognize that the price that we're proposing to pay is below what is currently prevailing in the market. We looked at -- City of Fort Lauderdale has two contracts, and their prices is far more than what we're paying, because this is based on 2017. The other concern or issue that we face is that we're trying to get this done as quickly as possible, so once we get the funding approved from the dais, then piggybacking provides us with an effective way of turning it around quickly. Again, like I said, the pricing is -- is one of the concerns. We're utilizing 2017 prices. As far as local asphalt companies are concerned in the City of Miramar, maybe the procurement director could speak more directly to that. Are you aware of any -- I don't think we have any.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I'm sorry?

MR. COLLINS: I don't think we have any local paving company --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: We don't have local paving companies --

MR. COLLINS: -- in the City -- City of -- in the City of Miramar.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I didn't mean just the City of Miramar, but --

MR. COLLINS: You mean local to South Florida?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: But you just -- yeah.

MR. COLLINS: Like I said, the City of Fort Lauderdale has a contract with a company that would be closer to here, but their prices is even more than what we're paying right now.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay, --

MR. COLLINS: We're paying a 140 something thousand dollars a ton, their price is 200 and something --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I understand your -- your justification, and that's fine, but I -- if we were to advertise locally, then we would know who we have locally, okay. The other thing I wanted to mention, because I did get a -- a couple of complaints in reference to paving in Historic Miramar in the area of construction, and where residents are saying where there is -- there's been new roads put in, new paving, and there are holes in it, and -- and then they having to go out and -- and fill the holes. So I'm being told that that is not the final paving of those roads, that that will come at a later time. So that being the case, I just wanted you to be able to confirm that, so that our residents will know that that is what's going on in that area where it's -- where it's paving. So if -- if the story is different, you can tell us, but that's my understanding of that.

MR. COLLINS: What -- what you have just reference, Commissioner Colbourne, has to do with the Phase III drainage project. What -- the items here tonight is to address existing roadways --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Un -- understood. Understood. But while we're talking about paving, the residents listening to this don't know the difference. So I just wanted to make sure that you -- that you address that.

MR. COLLINS: I'm not directly involved with the Phase III project, so, Marilyn, you want to elaborate a little bit on that?

MR. GORDON: Good evening, Commissioners, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Whittingham Gordon, Deputy City Manager. So Phase III construction project is, pretty much, a new project. There will be rebuilding roadways. This is a -- pretty much, a

repaving of existing roadways. So there are two -- two totally different projects; one is we complete infrastructure project, and one is just a asphalt resurfacing project. So --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Un -- understood. I just wanted -- for the residents out there in that newly area that -- that was just paved, that it's not a final paving.

MR. GORDON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: That there is going to be a final paving over that area that's being -- being -- being patched right now.

MR. GORDON: That is correct. The -- the Phase III construction, at this time, just got their first lift of asphalt, and once all of the roadwork improvement is finished, they will come back and do the final lift, which will be a brand new road at that time.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. I have Commissioner Barnes, followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: It's that time of the evening, as the temperature grows colder here. But a question -- I'm not sure who from staff will be able to answer this. There's this matter of settling. Once you place the material in a project, sometimes just a patch, there is a time required for the material that has been put in to settle before a final level of -- of repair is done. Can you explain that that might be what the residents are reacting to.

MR. GORDON: Are you referencing to a new construction, or you --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: It doesn't matter.

MR. GORDON: Well, --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: The point -- let -- let me -- let me see if I can clarify it more. A repair is done, even a new construction is done, and it appears as if the job is not finished. But the manner in which the construction is effected demands that a time be allowed for the material to settle before the final level is put on. Is that what obtains in this situation?

MR. GORDON: So in regards to the repavement, there's no actual waiting time on the repavement. What they do, they're going to mill that road and put the new asphalt on top of the existing road that's there, so there's no time wait, once we -- once the -- the **(unintelligible 1:22:12)** of the existing asphalt is taken up. Now when it comes to the new area that we're working on, the Historic Miramar Phase III project, contractor going and they're actually -- they're rebuilding this entire road; this is a brand new road that's

building in that area. They do what we call density tests on those roads to make sure there's no settlement. Once the settle -- once the density test is completely, then they allow --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Then they go ahead and complete --

MR. GORDON: They'll be allowed to go ahead --

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay.

MR. GORDON: -- and do the asphalt lay. Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right. Thank you, Mr. Gordon. Just to follow up -- I agree with the commonsense of the density test to prevent shrinkage. But one of the thing also, we have a number of complaint in the east is regard the Phase III, and they do some preliminary pavement to control dust, which some of the resident been complaining about. So I -- I think that was one of the issue that we address. Also Phase III, the final repavement already included in the contract, so we would not be putting additional money into those street. All of that is cover under the contract. So what we are paving now is street that just need to be repaved, just to kind of clary that -- clarify that for some of our residents. Am I correct, Mr. Gordon?

MR. GORDON: That is correct, Commissioner, yes. The Phase III project is part of a contract, and the repavement is part of the existing area that's out there right now that's been repaved. That's not part of the Phase III project. Totally different funding.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. At this time, I'll entertain a motion for item number 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 #R7078, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-46

9. Temp. Reso. #R7081 approving the award of Invitation for Bid No. 19-015 entitled “**Landscaping, Irrigation Maintenance and Litter Control Services**” to Landscape Service Professionals, Inc., in the annual amount of \$43,386.00, for an initial term of two years commencing upon execution with three optional one-year renewal periods. *(Public Works Director Anthony Collins and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 20-47

10. Temp. Reso. #R7083 approving Hazard Grant Mitigation Program Subawards and grant agreements between the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management and the City of Miramar to accept grant funding for **standby generators for Lift Stations C, No. 6 and No. 7**, in the amount not-to-exceed \$218,685.00. *(Utilities Director Roy Virgin and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

Resolution No. 20-48

11. Temp. Reso. #R7088 approving the increase of **annual purchase of corrosion inhibitor chemical** from Carus Corporation for the **East and West Water Treatment Plants**, in a total amount not-to-exceed \$269,087.00 for Fiscal Year 2020. *(Utilities Director Roy Virgin and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum)*

MAYOR MESSAM: You -- five-minute recess.

Recess/Reconvene

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Welcome back everyone. The meeting has now been reconvened. Item number 12, please.

- 12.** Temp. Reso. #R7079 approving a request to exceed the **residential rehabilitation** maximum allowance for the property located at **6771 Pansy Drive**. (*Community Development Assistant Director Deborah Stevens*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving a request to exceed the residential rehabilitation maximum allowance for the property located at 677 -- 6771 Pansy Drive, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MS. STEVENS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Deborah Stevens, Community Development Department. This item is an approval for the residential rehab program. Our Local Housing Assistant Plan was adopted in March of 2016 and was amended in August of 2018. The amendment was to increase the allowable -- maximum allowable amount up to \$90,000.00. The goal of this strategy is to assist very low and low-income residents with home repairs. In this particular case, the homeowner was approved residential rehab in 2014. During the five-year period, three general contractors and one inspector have withdrawn from the project. There was water damage and mold that we later discovered, which amended the scope of the work, and also increased the project's cost. The estimated cost of the completed project is \$126,244.00. The scope includes various areas of the home, including the roof, garage door, air conditioning, kitchen sink, water heater and so on. The following pictures will show the condition of the home right now with the mold and the water damage. And this one shows the condition of the home that the homeowner is living in while the repairs are being done. The justification for requesting the approval is the homeowner is a senior citizen, the household is on fixed income, and this home is under construction for an extended period of time. The City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. I know that -- the madam resident did come with some concerns. Are there any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? All right, seeing none -- from what I gathered is there was a concern, not necessarily to -- to approve the additional funding, but the concern was that the additional funding would be more of a financial burden, because it would be more to pay -- pay back, that was the concern. Could you clarify exactly what is transpiring, in terms of how much

additional funding, what are the obligations, what is grant, what is loan, if at all, so that the resident can fully understand what's going on.

MS. STEVENS: The project is funded by federal and State funding, it's not from the General Fund, so it is considered an interest-free loan. There is no payment required from the homeowner. So as long as the homeowner -- in this case, because it's from 2014, at that time, the recapture period was ten years, we have since increased it to 15 years. But in 2014, once you got a grant for home repairs, there's a lien placed on the property for ten years. If you remain in the property for ten years, it's your homestead, it's your primary residents. After ten years, the loan is forgiven, so there's no financial impact to you. However, if during the ten-year period you rent it out or you have another home, then you will have to repay the funds. But it's considered a zero-interest loan, no payment at all from the homeowner.

MAYOR MESSAM: So, madam, if you could -- can come forward, please. Yes. Can -- can you share your name again?

MS. SPENCE: Ilene Spence.

MAYOR MESSAM: Ms. -- Ms. Spence, welcome -- welcome back. Based on the presentation, does that address your concern? Do you have other additional questions regarding what is going on, in terms of providing the required resources to finally complete your home?

MS. SPENCE: Yes, that was the main concern with regards to the loan, whether or not that would be added to my mortgage, and, also -- left my paper. Also I wanted get some information as to what the additional money would be applied to.

MAYOR MESSAM: Now the answers for that question would -- I would recommend is that you meet with Ms. Stevens, who is the administrator over the program who knows -- she's spent many years in this program and, perhaps, along the way there was communication gap in terms of understanding what is taking place. But if we can share with Ms. Spence exactly what the additional funding is, what it will be applied to, and what she is to expect to once the construction is -- is completed, I think, if I'm not -- if I'm correct, will address your concerns. Okay. All right. Well, thank -- thank you so much.

MS. SPENCE: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. So we do have a couple of comments from Commissioner Colbourne, followed by Vice Mayor Davis, then followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. My concern is the length of time it has taken for the homeowner, and it's still not -- it's still not completed. Can you enlighten me? I mean this is -- I can't even imagine that you've gone through this many contractors. There's got to be something underlying that I -- I don't see, so can you help me.

MS. STEVENS: Well, as mentioned before, there were several contractors. First of all, the project is put out to bid, and the lowest contractor with the lowest bid receives the contractor, so that was assigned. Then, after a few months, the contractor walked off the project, and we've had consistently contractors walking off the project. Well, each time there's a contractor that leaves the project, then you have to put the project out to rebid, so that extends the time. So every time there's a contractor that left, it was put out to bid. We reach a point where it was put out to bid and for months and months and months, we could not get any contractors to bid, so we contact our city attorney and said we have this project, the homeowner is waiting, we cannot get any contractor to bid, can we just go and give it to anyone. The city attorney at the time recommended that we ask our Procurement Department to issue an RFQ, so we worked Procurement, and that was issued; no one responded. We did again, no one responded. So we went back to our grant consultant and say, "You have a good rapport with your contractors, could you please speak to them, ask them to please bid on the project." So finally then, the one that's currently work on the project, he did agree to work on the project, so that -- those are the circumstances have led up to the delay. Because like I said, each time one left, we had to start the bid process all over. We have to send the bid out, wait for the response, and then -- before you can move on. So it -- it's really is an unfortunate, but that's what happened.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: But why are they walking off the project? Are they -- did I -- did I hear that we paid them, and then they -- they walk away or -- did they -- did they get paid for work that was not completed?

MS. STEVENS: No. The first -- the first contractor worked for you walked off, he didn't do anything much, so he didn't any payment. The second contractor did do some work, and he got a partial payment. The third contractor, no payment. And the fourth contractor is the one that's currently working now. For two that walked off got zero, one did some work and got a partial payment.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Is there a problem with the home why -- why no one wants to bid on it? Is there a problem with the way -- where we're advertising?

MS. STEVENS: No, it's the same -- it's the same pool of -- because remember the City has a pool of contractors, so it's the same pool that we advertise each time. For some reason, the contractors are not responding for this project.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: So do we -- do we need a new pool, or do we need to increase the pool?

MS. STEVENS: We have not had a repeat of that situation since. In other words, other projects, we've had contractors bid on other projects. I think that was just an isolated circumstance of events.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Is it isolated that it took this long?

MS. STEVENS: It was --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Is that a --

MS. STEVENS: -- unusual for -- in all my years of being, it's the first time we've ever had a project that took this long.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Thank you. One other question, actually. You mentioned there -- the payback period is ten years.

MS. STEVENS: In this case, yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: When does that ten years start?

MS. STEVENS: 2014, so it's only --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: It started when --

MS. STEVENS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: -- originally started?

MS. STEVENS: Yes. It's start -- it starts when the award was given to the resident, and the award was given in 2014.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Thank you.

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

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Unfortunately, we do have a lot of issues that come to the forefront of the contractors. Even after the project is completed years later, people say the work was shoddy, it didn't get done properly. So the contractors that we're using, just because they're the lowest bidder doesn't mean that they're the lowest responsible or they have a record of doing good work. I mean I'm trying to figure out -- that's not the only criteria you're using.

MS. STEVENS: Well, what we've done recently is to do a -- we start sending out surveys now to the residents asking -- there are several questions, and most of the questions pertain to: Are you satisfied with the work; are there areas that were compromised; are there things that you would like to see done better. So that's something we've instituted to try to get feedback from the residents as far as the work that's being done for them.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And the company that you you're using -- is it CRA?

MS. STEVENS: Community Redevelopment Associates of Florida, that's our grant consultant.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: They have nothing to do with the -- they do have a pool -- you're saying they have a pool of contractors or we have a pool?

MS. STEVENS: No, the City -- we create a pool, and they use that pool. The City -- the grant consultant manages the program for us, so they're the ones that interact with the residents, they're the ones that interact with the contractors.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And who signs off on everything?

MS. STEVENS: The -- there's an inspector that CRA hires that makes sure everything is done. Of course, they call for inspections with the City, and then once everything is finalized and CRA signs off, and then sends us the invoice to pay the bill.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Because I -- I think my problem is that, you know, again, that -- how involved are we in the process, even though we do hire CR -- the CRA consulting firm. At the end of the day, it comes back on the City, so even just -- tomorrow morning, I have to go to a resident's home, very similar problem, changing of the contractors, not happy with the work that's being done. I have another person that the work has been done, but now everything is falling apart, it's too late now, because, of course, the timeline has already elapsed. So I do want us to do better due diligence at finding these contractors, and not just saying: Well, you bid the lowest, so you get the job. Because you can bid low and your is shoddy and it's not good, and we need to do --

MS. STEVENS: We can also do -- we can also create another pool -- we can always create a pool -- go bid again, and create a new pool to get more contractors in the pool.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: But how are you monitoring what kind of work that they do, what they've done in the past. Are you getting referrals, are you getting, you know, any information from previous work that they've done, are we vetting these people, not just because they bid low?

MS. STEVENS: In the past we have not, but that's something we can do going forward if we create a new pool.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I would suggest we do that, because, you know, if somebody is working on my house, first of all, I'm going to try to figure out have they done other work, and how is the work product, because it's not always about the lowest, it's about what kind of work your produce. And so we do need to put ourselves in the mindset just because, you know, it may be a grant, at some point, this lady now has added money that she -- if she happens to sell or something happens, now she's in the -- she has to pay all this money, and that was not her original bargain. The same thing happened to this other lady, so they're concerned about the added cost if they don't stay in the home for 15

years, if they don't stay in the home for ten years, and it -- it comes back on the homeowner. So if we could start doing a new pool, and really vetting these contractors, making sure that their work product is -- is up to par.

MS. STEVENS: Okay.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: All right. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I think what I hear is a cry from this lady, and I'm going to make a recommendation, because -- not just her. There is other folks having the same issue, and maybe not just with what we're doing, but also with the -- all the other company, YGreene and so on and so forth. And I think what we need here is monitor. We have enough folks that live in Miramar that have experience in construction that might not be doing it anymore. Mr. Roland Abel have a lot of experience in how things need to be done right, myself, and so on and so forth. So if we create a group of pool where we go out and monitor the process or of the numbers that residents can call. Because this lady know nothing about construction, but she sees what's happening, and she have concerns. So for -- for those people who -- especially our elderly, who having work done, and if there's a way that we can have a hotline or something, where they could get immediate results, someone to come and take a look and see what's going on, be a advocate for them to -- in between, like an ombudsman, between whoever the resident is and the contractor. I think that's what we need. Before we start doing survey after the fact and so forth, where the contractor already got paid and gone. So I think -- I think that's -- that's one of the things that we need to look at. Now there's something there that should have been taken care of early, where we keep losing contractors on this project; I'm not sure what it is, but it was serious. And now this resident is living in a home with mold and so forth, where -- I'm -- I'm not sure, I think mold is supposed to be a very dangerous substance, so that's not good. One of the other thing is that I must say that right now the home value is significantly less than what it would have been if it's in good condition and when it's get done. So I'm not worried so much about -- I know we have to watch the cost of what we're putting out, but, ma'am, if you choose to sell your home, you will -- within that ten year, you would be ahead, because you'll be able to pay back whatever put into the home, and your home will be worth more being fixed up than not being repaired. So, to some of our residents, sometimes when they call me, I have to explain to them that there's no bank that will give you an interest -- a loan that you don't have to pay back, so just take the repair, sit tight. If you do want to sell, you could sell, you just have to -- you know, pay back whatever it is, and you're not losing, because you have a home that's fix up that worth close to \$400,000.00. So that's -- that's where I'm at with this, so -- and I thank you for coming here and bring this forward, and bring this to our attention, because you do have concern with some of the workmanship, so -- and -- and with the money, so thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Actually --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: You have some --

MAYOR MESSAM: Actually -- yeah. Commissioner Barnes, and I have a couple comments and then --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Can I just respond to his statement?

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. As long as it could -- can go to -- to Commissioner Barnes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Just -- yeah, just to Commissioner -- Commissioner Chambers. What I was explaining thought with the -- the overruns, you know, it's just like it was supposed to cost, say, \$94,000.00, now it's 126, because no fault of their own, because of shoddy workmanship, and now they have to have somebody else come; part of the money has been paid. Everything goes back to that homeowner, so even if they sell, nobody wants to sell and then have to pay back 126 when they should be paying back 94.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: That is true.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So it still comes out of -- and even if they have a profit, they don't want to give it back to -- because there was some problems with the workmanship.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: But, lucky for her, she's grandfather in under the ten years, and she --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yeah, in this case.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right, in this case.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: But I have another lady that's actually --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: -- going through this now, and she's under the 15-year, and the prices keep going up that she may have to pay back, but, hopefully, she's going to stay in that house for 20 years.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And that's why we need the upfront help, the monitor, to make sure we don't fall into these situation. I think if we preempt this, it's going to be help everyone.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yeah. The idea of that -- that group that may be an oversight group, volunteer group.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Right.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Just like we do with some other volunteer or, you know, groups that we have in our City, maybe that could be formed.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: It will help a lot, and that will alleviate me, you from running out to these homes, sometimes, to take a look at what's happening.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I was going to hold this comment and observation for our comment period, but I think it's at least tangentially relevant, so I would like to call the relevant department's attention to complaints that we've gotten over time regarding the PACE program, which I think you are aware of. I'm not sure how involved the City of Miramar is with the PACE program, but in case we are, and going forward if we are going to be, one of the complaints I've had from residents is that they contract with the company, bring in the PACE program, roofs, windows, and so on. They are totally unaware of the contract they are signing. I -- I make no bones about it, people don't realize that they're actually signing a new contract, a new -- a new mortgage agreement as it were. So you'll get the call from the resident who will say: I signed the papers; I thought they were going to repair the roof. What I now find out is that I owe all of this money. Just a request on - on behalf of our residents that if we are involved in -- in the PACE program, if we're going to be involved in the PACE program, have the various vendors explain as much as is possible the contract people are asked to sign for the repairs and, say, the hurricane-proof windows. It -- it has become a major problem. We're talking about senior citizens who sign up for this program, and they sign the contracts, but they have no understanding of -- of what it involves, what it demands of them. So just -- just asking that we, as a city, look at that particular program and ensure that the vendors, once they talk to our residents, that is explained. Because we're talking about people who are retired, have virtually no spare -- spare funds to -- to spend, and they -- they realize that, basically, they have a brand new mortgage. And some of -- some of the -- the advertising and promotion at these people are aggressive, and the promise of a brand new roof, the promise of stormproof windows and so on is very attractive. They -- they want to jump in, but people keep telling me that they didn't realize what they had signed for. So all I'm saying is ask, when these people come in with the PACE program, demand of them that they explain to our residents what it involves.

MS. STEVENS: We have staff member that's a liaison between the City and the programs, the vendors, so we will have some -- someone talk to them about that.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: And all I'm all I'm saying, don't -- don't -- don't say now we can't do business here, but tell them, listen, be honest with the people, be upfront, be as transparent as is possible.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Couple -- couple observations. Quickly, as relates to the PACE program, since we're on -- on that topic. I would recommend that staff create a FAQ, frequently asked questions, just basic facts about what PACE is, you know; pros,

cons, risk, and bold letters: it is a contract, and it is a loan assessed to your house. The only involvement the City has is we had to approve their legal right to be a taxing authority to put it on their -- their property taxes. But there are some things that we can do, in terms of public information campaign when -- and we can provide that to -- to residents. As it relates to the -- the other item, a lot of issues. I know this may be specifically for Mrs. -- Ms. Spence residence, an outlier, but there are still some common impacts on other projects as well. You know, as a Florida certified general contractor, I've had experience in doing many types of projects, contracts -- projects that go bad can go bad for many reasons. I -- I think that what would help the City of Miramar and our program, and our home rehabilitation program is -- is, first, that we put some requirements, starting with the design consultant, the architect, to ensure that they're specifying quality finishes and furnishings, and components into the project that would have a decent or reasonable life expectancy that won't break after the 12-month warranty period expires. Oftentimes, they spec out the bare, basic components, pulls on drawers, you know, the cheapest paint. Just -- juts really cheap items, all right, and contractors are charging as if it is premium product, and I think we start there. We -- and -- I'm sure we can have our facilities folks at least give some recommendations, and just in terms of some minimum, basic design requirements. If you're going to participate in design or repair for one of these projects in this program and be paid for it through the program, these are minimum aspects, as it relates to each CSI division, from existing conditions to HVAC, all the way down. And we can have our -- our -- our competent staff assist with that. But what I hear -- what's -- what's -- what's screaming out the loudest is a quality assurance issue. As far as the pool of contractors, a contractor is only as good as their sub, their trade contractors, or if they're self-performing, the workers that are doing the work, and they could be good on one project and horrible on the next, depending on who's working or on the job, so it's a very dynamic process, and very hard to manage. So maybe we need the strength in our requirements for the pool of contractors that are participating. I don't think there's anything that would preclude us, instead of -- in terms of warranty, why is it 12 months, why can't it be 24 months? If you want to participate in this program, we're not forcing you to, but if you choose to, you're going to offer a 24-month warranty. Now that might come at a slight premium, but at least the residents have an assurance that once the project is complete, it's 24 months, if there's an issue on certain components of the -- of the building or the property, that they can call them back out. During their partial payment process, I know we have the CRA consultant that is approving and inspectors that are coming out and working with our inspectors, but we need to be in communication with the resident as well in that process. Do we commit the resources to have someone that's inspecting or that liaison for the resident? You know, that may be a good idea, I'm not sure on volunteers, because, you know, you get what you get with volunteers. I think it needs to be a competent, trained professional that is ensuring that it is getting done and representing on behalf of -- of the resident. So I think if we also apply a punch list process. You know, meeting Florida building code is, basically, meeting the minimum standard of the building code. It doesn't get into aesthetics, it doesn't get into what a homeowner may approve, in term of -- of finish product, so the owner should have some way to -- and there may be a process, I'm just not aware of it, where the owner can bring out issues, when they walk the product -- their residence and see that, well, this doesn't look right to

me, let's get this fixed. That it is there, and the contractor is held to get it completed within reason. I don't work for residents, and I know that sometimes it can be a very difficult process but -- but, in all, some kind of checklist process that -- where the resident can sign off; when that project is done, the homeowner has signed off that: I've been involved in this process; I've had someone to be with me to ensure that what is happening to my project actually was installed in my project, and I'm happy with it. And if we strengthen the warranty process with -- with -- with the contractors and -- I don't know if we're requiring a bond for these contractors to participate --

MS. STEVENS: No, there is no bond.

MAYOR MESSAM: You know, so I know a lot of these projects are not -- the dollar value doesn't necessarily warrant that. You don't want to put a artificial barrier for -- for smaller general contractors from being able to -- to participate. But I think, though, that working within the confines of what the State and federal government will require for this program that we initiate our own checks and balances, so that this quality issue can -- can be addressed, it can be fixed. At least work better than what is working -- how it's working right now. Commissioner Colbourne, and followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. I just want to say that I think this -- this particular project, perhaps, you say it's the -- the longest it has taken, and maybe it's the worst case scenario, but I -- I think, you know, based on the complaints that I've heard, and what I've heard other Commissioners are saying, that they've got -- they've gotten complaints as well. I think that the program really, really does need to be changed. Something has to be done. I -- I hear what you're saying in terms of what actually caused the delays, but if you have a program that actually takes seven years, no matter what the justifications are, it truly is unacceptable, and there has to be some changes to prevent this from happening again. So I'm asking that you -- you take into consideration the suggestions that were given here tonight with the pool, and some of the other Commiss - - suggestions from the Mayor, and I would ask that you bring something back to this Commission, showing how the program has adjusted. I do like the idea of the survey. I would certainly like to see the results of the surveys, and I don't know if you're just giving them to new individuals, but I would like to see you go back and -- and give the survey to a number of individuals, so that you can truly get a good picture of what's going on, how satisfied or dissatisfied the residents. Are. I would like to see something comes -- come back to this Commission, showing that something has been done to make changes to this program.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. No other comments, I'll take a motion on item 12.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mayor. Twice I pressed my --

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, I didn't -- I didn't see your name on the list, but --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Twice, twice.

MAYOR MESSAM: It's not on my list, but you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Real quick. I'm going to be straight up. Seven to -- seven to nine out of ten contractor are shady, they're crooks. I've been in the business of seeing them. There is no reason for a job cannot be done right from the beginning. So that's what we're dealing with. And to put it back on the homeowners, they can't handle it. They're just like car dealers. It doesn't matter how smart you are, they're going to trick you. They don't know what's happening, they don't -- typical homeowner don't know what a contractor is doing, what are they using, okay. So to have the homeowner bear that responsibility, it's really, really tough; seen it all the time. So we have to put simple things in place, as far as a volunteer team. When people volunteer for something, most often than not, they're going to do a good job, because they're putting their heart and soul into it; they don't have anything to lose. As far as this YGreene program and -- and PACE, I think we need to draft legislation. We approve those -- that -- that program. We brought this back; they brought it back from National League of City here and approve it. So I'm going to challenge the City Manager and staff to put something in place where -- require homeowners to speak with someone from the City who are knowledgeable as to how the job is need to be one, and what they need to look for and ask for before they sign that contract. And I think we need to put stop in place before the wrong goes wrong, and -- and I think that's where I'm at. It's easier to prevent than to come behind and try to fix things, much cheaper and much easier. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: No other comments, may I have a motion, please.

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 Resolution #R7079, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-50

MAYOR MESSAM: Before we go on to our next -- to -- to Item number 13, we need a motion for item number eight. We had full discussion, but we did not have a final vote, rushing for our restroom break. So may I have a motion on item number eight.

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 Resolution #R7078, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-46

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 13, please.

- 13.** Temp. Reso. #R7097 approving the **update** of the **list of Special Events** to include the renaming of the Caribbean American Heritage event to the Afro-Carib Festival, and the renaming of the Hispanic Heritage event to the Latin Music Festival. *(Parks & Recreation Director Elizabeth Valera)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the update of the list of Special Events to include the renaming of the Caribbean American Heritage event to the Afro-Carib Festival, and the renaming of the Hispanic Heritage event to the Latin Music Festival, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you pulled this item.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I -- my question is: does this item cover all events? I don't see mine there, so do I need to add my MLK to my family night?

MS. VALERA: Okay. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager. Liz Valera, Parks & Recs Director. This item is, basically, just a housekeeping item to update the list that was brought before you during our budget cycle, and it's only updating the two that we -- are deemed necessary at this time. It's, basically, to -- the titles are being changed to better represent the actual event, but if you look in the presentation -- and I think we could bring it up on the last slide. This was the initial listing that was presented during the budget and, as you can see, the two that were -- that are highlighted are the two that we're changing. Nothing else has changed on the list, and this change doesn't have any fiscal impact at all. It's just a matter of changing the titles to better represent the event.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So what I'm asking, if I do have funds left over from my MLK, am I going to be able to transfer that funds to my family night? Simple.

MS. VALERA: That's not for me to determine. The budget was approved. I would have to defer to the City Manager, and you all would have to approve that, because that would amend the budget, but that's not part of this item.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I'm not sure we have to amend the budget, because if the funds is already approved, it's just transferring from one function to another function, so -- simple.

MS. VALERA: That's something that we can take back --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MS. VALERA: -- I can take back to the City Manager's Office.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: In terms of the -- in terms of the -- is it just renaming, because the -- if I'm understanding right, the -- the Afro-Carib Festival is not taking place this summer, it's taking place next month, correct? So we're also changing the date of that event, so it's not only a name change, we're changing the event, and the follow-up question would be what -- are we saying we're not having a Caribbean American Heritage event in the summer?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I can answer that question. We were not going to be doing anything for Black History Month, and so to incorporate everything, I chose to move it from June, which -- June is not a very good month to celebrate anything, because of the rainy time. So you can celebrate a Caribbean any time of year, but I chose to move it, and also celebrate Black History, so, in that effect, it covers two birds with one stone.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, a couple of consequences to this is, Caribbean American Heritage Month is a nationally recognized, designated -- designated month in the United States. If the Commission -- first of all, all of these events are City events. We, as elected officials, are host, so if the Commission is deciding to change the name, change the date, the Commission has to take a vote, saying that we are changing the name and changing the date, so we take the vote on that, and the will of the Commission prevails for procedures sake. Second, also, a consequence of this is Caribbean American Heritage encompasses many nationalities throughout the Caribbean, not just those from the African diaspora, so now we are defunding a City event that celebrates Caribbean American heritage in the City of Miramar. We're defunding it, and we are putting it into another event, into -- that's -- has been stated to celebrate African Amer -- to have an African American event in February. Which, again, if the Commission decides to do that, that is what the Commission is deciding to do. I'm just pointing out the fact that we are defunding a multi-heritage, multicultural event in the City of Miramar that takes place in - in the summer. That is actually what's happening. So if we're going to vote on something, let's vote on what the impacts are, and communicate that. Now if the will of

the Commission is to do that, then so be it, but it's more than just changing the name, we're actually changing an entire event to fund a brand new event in February. That is what is taking place. I'm not saying that the event that is being planned next month is not a worthy event or a good event, but the funding is defunding another event. I would prefer to see, for example, that if we're going to fund another event, that we request a funding for the event, and we don't disrupt the funding for the event that not only recognizes the nations of the Caribbean in the month that is designated, you know, in -- in June. Miramar is a very diverse community, a community that have residents from Caribbean nations, from the African diaspora, as well as from other diasporas that now are going to have an event that's not being funded that's traditionally being funded. So that's just what we are voting on, and whatever the Commission decides to do is what -- what moves forward. So I just want to bring to light that is actually what is taking place. It's more than just a name change, you're actually -- we would be changing an event that we've traditionally had in the summer, recognizing all of the Caribbean island nations as Caribbean Americans to do the event in February.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. Can I -- can I speak. And so if you understand the term, it's Afro-Caribbean, Afro-Carib Festival, so we're killing two birds with one stone, rather than not recognizing African American heritage, which we weren't doing at all, to now represent both during a time when, actually, folks can attend, and it's not washed out, we're not worried about hurricanes or what. So, in fact, this is the best-case scenario to incorporate both events, rather than just celebrate just the Caribbean and have no celebrations for Black History. When I voted on this item, I didn't vote on the date when it was going to take place at all. I voted on the name of the item.

MAYOR MESSAM: Caribbean islands aren't all from the African diaspora.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: That's not the concept.

MAYOR MESSAM: So -- so we're saying -- again, no matter how it's spinned, what is happening is the national recognized month of June for Caribbean American Heritage, where the nation is saying that we, as a country, will recognize Caribbean American Heritage is June, that is what the event is. So what we are doing is defunding that event. That's like saying: okay, we all celebrate Christmas, but I don't have to celebrate Christmas in December, we'll celebrate it in April. Or if it's -- whatever observation that is nationally recognized, we say: okay, we can kill two birds with a stone, move it up another month, and have it. So if the issue is having an event for February for Black History Month, let's just get funding for an event for Black History and leave -- that's all I'm saying. I'm not saying not have the event, I'm just saying we can request the funding. We can decide to fund that. But to not celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month in June, which we've done for years, to create a new event -- and, remember, all of these are City events. It's not your event; you're the host. It's the City's event, that's why we're voting on it. If it was just one elected official's event, you can do that as an initiative. It is the City's event, what we're doing with all of the City. So the will of the Commission will prevail, I'm just communicating what is being voted on.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And, just to be clear, both these events were both events that I initiated in the City, they weren't always celebrated. So Caribbean Heritage began even before it was brought to the City. I orchestrated that, in terms of Caribe Fest. When I became a Commissioner, just when you were on the dais as well, you were there, I implemented both Caribbean Heritage and Black History. You were on the dais with me, you didn't -- you didn't -- you weren't concerned about celebrating those things at that time. And I brought it --

MAYOR MESSAM: You were --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I -- I'm on the floor, I have the floor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Just keep it -- don't make it personal to me.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I have the floor. You address me. You said you, you, you, you, you.

MAYOR MESSAM: I said elected officials.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So now -- no, you said you. So now it's my turn to discuss it. The vision at the time was to celebrate Black History and Caribbean American Heritage. We have the funding. This year, we did not fund Black History, and they haven't funded it for a number of years. I'm back in office. Sometime it takes a little vision outside the norm to make sure we don't leave out a sector of this community. The vision for Afro-Caribbean is not just Caribbean nations of African descent, it's Caribbean and Afro, so if you want to ask me what my vision was, and what I chose to do, because as far as Caribbean Heritage, it was not well supported in June, it was always rained out, and there was nothing for Black History and, quite frankly, we don't have the money to do both. That's why it wasn't presented initially. Now we can always vote on it, I have no problem, but don't say something is being defunded, because, in fact, you may not know what has been -- what is being presented, but it's the same Caribbean items that we would have had during Caribbean American Heritage and Afro-Caribbean event. So if there is a vote to be had, let's go ahead and make the motion.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, we'll have the motion. I said that the Caribbean American Heritage event, as named, in June is no longer taking place, so, thus, it's being defunded and renamed to another event. Second, the City does do many events in Black History Month, with our Cultural Center and other activities that go through -- throughout the City, so there are many opportunities to --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Just as there are many --

MAYOR MESSAM: -- to -- to --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: -- Caribbean events.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- to cele -- to celebrate that. So all I was stating was that we're changing the event, renaming it. The Caribbean American Heritage event is no longer taking place in June. It's not just a simple name change, that it is, basically, eliminating that -- that event, because it's not the same event. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Has anyone but me noticed that from this dais, we always use a sledgehammer to kill a mosquito. I believe Ms. Valera answered my question, this was about money. I just concerned about transferring my fund; I guess I'll come back and fix that. But since I've been there, there's a number of Caribbean Heritage event that got rained out, where we still have to pay the -- the vendors or the performers, so I think Vice Mayor moving it, that is a good thing. We have plenty other Caribbean stuff that going around in June, enough to stone dog from a mile away, so it's -- that was not my concern. It was very simple, and it went down a road that it shouldn't have gone to, but this is where we are. I'm ready to make a motion, unless Commissioner Barnes have something to say, but --

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

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I think it is absolutely disingenuous for us to even suggest that this is just a change of name. It is not. It is absolutely disingenuous to claim it is only a change of name. Even if it is just a name change, names have connotations. I find this extremely restrictive in a city that claims to be diverse. I speak from the perspective of a clear and absolute understanding that Caribbean does not mean African. At an event in Jamaica two years ago at my investiture, I sat beside this gentleman, his mother was Italian, his father was French. He came to live in Jamaica via South Africa following World War II. There is none of his features, there is none of his racial background that says he is African or Afro. He is absolutely Jamaican, Caribbean. Are we going to have an Afro-Carib Festival that is going to restrict -- you know, and I think, not only is it disingenuous, it is so inappropriately timed. I'll tell you why I say this. Puerto Rico continues over the last couple of weeks to have incredible earthquakes that has brought damage and death to that country. Staff members right here at this city who are Puerto Rican in origin; are we through this so-called name change going to say these staff members are not Caribbean, because they're not Afro-Caribbean? They are Caribbean. As I've mentioned the gentleman earlier, he said to me, he said all of his background, all of what brought him to where he is now, this is someone probably in his 80s, he says, "Nobody can tell me I'm not Jamaican." He doesn't look like I do. This is not expansive, it is restrictive. It is not something I can support in good conscience.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Colbourne, you're recognized, then followed by Vice Mayor Davis.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I recall last year getting complaints from a number of individuals who are from Caribbean descent, who expressed that we were having an overwhelming amount of Caribbean events last year. I -- I assumed that there are some

other events planned during Caribbean Heritage that we will be celebrating Caribbean Heritage during the month of -- of June. Over the last few years, the event that the City has had for Caribbean Heritage has declined in participation, and just over all. It hasn't been what it had been in the past. And I would say that it has been rained out a number of times. I'm willing to try celebrating Caribbean heritage at a different time. In June, we can do an indoor event, which is what end up happening last year in different -- different events. We had to be moved indoor. For that reason, I am willing to try something different. I don't know the entire scope of the event that's happening, but I would expect that it does have a Caribbean flavor, if it's what I understand; it has a Caribbean flavor, and it also has a African flavor. And I -- I think we can combine events. We just cannot have a single event for everything, so I -- I don't think it's -- I think it's worth a try. And I'm -- I'm willing to -- I'm willing to try this, knowing that we will be -- we will have other Caribbean events during -- during the month of June as well.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes. So just to clarify. I -- I heard Commissioner Barnes totally off topic. Afro-Caribbean, just like African American heritage, you go back to your roots, in terms of the African diaspora. Caribbean, we have Caribbean from all over. In fact, we're having folks perform, not just from the island of Jamaica, from Bahamas, just as we would with the Caribbean festival. The extra component is now the African portion of it, and, again, that has to do with African American History; we're celebrating our roots. So it's not a matter of saying that all Caribbean people are from Africa. Clearly, that's not what this is about. Sorry. At this time, I would like to make a motion to accept the name changes and the date change for the Afro-Caribbean event.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

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 Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R7097, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-51

14. Temp. Reso. #R7101 authorizing the seventh amendment of the agreement for **Enterprise Resource Planning System** with Tyler Technologies, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$259,000.00 to provide contingency improvements to the system identified during the last business process review. (*Human Resources Director Randy Cross*)

Resolution No. 20-52

End of Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR MESSAM: On to resolutions. Item number 15, please.

15. Temp. Reso. #R7084 approving **appointments to various City boards**. (*City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs*)

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

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. We have a few vacancies that need appointment, first starting with the -- I'll -- I'll go through the list of vacancies, and what the vacancies are. The first vacancy is the Blasting Citizen Advisory Committee, there are two at-large positions that are open; Education Advisory Board, two at-large positions that are vacant; Firefighters' Pension Board, one at-large position; and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Commissioner Colbourne has a vacancy, one vacancy; and the Planning & Zoning

Board, Commissioner Chambers has a vacancy. So, at this time, we'll go with the Blasting City -- Citizen Advisory Committee, two at-large positions. Sunset Falls has a representative with a vacancy, and Miramar business owner representative. There's only one applicant for Sunset Falls at this time, so I'll take a nomination for that applicant, or if there's another applicant, or candidate, make that person known now.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I would nominate Carola -- Carolina Coria-Castro.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other nominations for the Sun -- Sunset Falls representative? All right, so we'll move Carolina Coria-Castro for that. Education Advisory Board. Three are two at-large vacancies: Miramar High Innovation Zone, we have one, two, three, four, five candidates. Louis Kushner was recommended by the current Education Board, and we have a vacancy for colleges and university; there's only one applicant, Nari Tomlinson, who is also recommended by the Board. May I have nominations first for Miramar High Innovation Zone.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Louis Kushner from New Renaissance Middle.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, may I have the -- a -- a nomination for college/university; we have one, Nari Tomlinson who's also recommended by the Board.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Nominate Nari Tomlinson.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So we have those two nominees. On to Firefighters' Pension Board. We have two applicants; we have one at-large position available, Patricia Barry, which is recommended by the Board, and John Murphy. May I have a nomination, please.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Patricia Barry.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any other nominations? All right. We -- we'll move Patricia Barry. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Colbourne, you have one vacancy and several applicants. What your pleasure?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Nominate Carl -- Carlos Ramsay.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, Carlos Ramsay. Moving onto Planning & Zoning Board, Commissioner Chambers, you have a vacancy. Who's your nominee?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Vivian Walter.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, Vivian Walters. All right, so I'll read all of the appointments, and we'll move this item by one vote. Blasting Citizen Advisory Committee, Sunset Fall representative, Carolina Coria-Castro; Education Advisory Board, two at-large positions: Miramar High Innovation Zone, Louis Kushner, College and University seat, Nari

Tomlinson; Firefighters' Pension Board, one at-large seat, Patricia Barry; Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Commissioner Colbourne's appointment is Carlos Ramsay; Planning & Zoning Board, Commissioner Chambers appointment is Vivian O. Walters, Jr. May I have a motion to move the appointments.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to move the appointments.

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 Resolution #R7084, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-53

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 16, please.

16. Temp. Reso. #R7085 approving the allocation of up to 50 flexibility units from the City's unified pool of 384 flexibility units for a proposed mixed-use development project on the **Miramar Town Center Block 2** property generally located on the north side of Red Road, about 500 feet west of Hiatus Road, with Broward County Folio Number 5140-2413-0020, and more particularly described in Exhibit "A"; upon Certificate of Occupancy, any unutilized flexibility units from the allocation shall revert back to the City's unified pool. (*Community Development Director Eric Silva*)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the allocation of up to 50 flexibility units from the City's unified pool of 384 flexibility units for a proposed mixed-use development project on the Miramar Town Center Block 2 property generally located on the north side of the Red -- of Red Road, about 500 feet west of Hiatus Road, with Broward County Folio Number 5140-2413-0020, and more particularly described in Exhibit "A"; upon Certificate of Occupancy, and an exhibit -- and un -- and unutilized flexibility units from the allocation shall revert back to the City's unified pool, and providing for repeal, providing for severability, providing for correction of scrivener's errors, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Hello, Mr. Silva.

MR. SILVA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Eric Silva, Community Development. This application is for the Manor at Miramar to allocate flexibility units. The location of the project; it's right across from City Hall, commonly known as Block 2, located fronting on Red Road. Related Group has submitted an application for flexibility units to the subject property; they plan to construct 393 units and 27,000 square feet of commercial space. You might recall this -- it's similar to the application that you saw last June for the purchase and sale agreement. We reviewed that conceptual plan, and it was for up to 400 units, so they refined that; it should be 393 units now. The request is consistent with the Future Land Use Map, which is the Regional Activity Center, and the zoning was traditional neighborhood development. What this is -- flexibility units is a term that Broward County has; each city is allocated a pool of flexibility units, and the cities are allowed to allocate those however they choose, and the City of Miramar currently has 384 flexibility units, and this request is to allocate 50 units from that pool. The site plan is currently under review by City staff. The recommendation is for approval, and to find this consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and allow us to transmit the revised charts to Broward County. Every time we do this, the County keeps track of our units, so we had 384 in our pool; if we allocate 50, the only other action would be to send that new chart to Broward County for them to confirm our total number of units. The recommendation is for approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? Seeing none, back to the dais. Any comments from the Commission? If none, I'll take 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 Resolution #R7085 as amended, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-54

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 17, please.

17. Temp. Reso. #R7099 authorizing the **first amendment** of the **employment agreement** with Vernon E. Hargray to serve as the City Manager, amending Section 5, Benefits, reducing the life insurance coverage from \$675,000.00 to an amount equivalent to the life insurance coverage offered through the City's group term life policy to an employee within the City Manager job classification; and to deposit \$11,000.00 annually, upon the anniversary of the employment agreement,

into the City Manager's Long Term Care Rider, or a similar tax equivalent vehicle.
(Human Resources Director Randy Cross)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, authorizing the first amendment of the employment agreement with Vernon Har -- E. Hargray to serve as the City Manager, amending Section 5, Benefits, reducing the life insurance coverage from \$675,000.00 to an amount equivalent to the life insurance coverage offered through the City's group term life policy to an employee within the City Manager job classification; and to -- and to deposit \$11,000.00 annually, upon the anniversary of the employment agreement, into the City Manager's Long Term Care Rider, or a similar tax equivalent vehicle, authorizing the Mayor to execute the employment agreement, and providing for an effective date.

MR. CROSS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, members of the Commission. Randy Cross, Human Resources Director. In November of 2018, the City Commission appointed Mr. Hargray as the City Manager. Section 5 of that agreement that the City entered into with him for his employment agreement requires that the City provide up to three times the manager's salary in a life insurance policy up to a maximum of \$675,000.00. The City was only eligible to cover the manager up to \$221,100.00 through the City's group term life policy, leaving a balance of \$453,900.00. Next slide, please. We looked at several options with the assistance of our benefits consultant to come up with an equitable solution that would make up that difference of about \$450,000.00 in life insurance coverage. The quotes that we received range from about \$8,700.00 to about \$10,700.00, so we looked at possible solutions that would be equal in value at no additional cost to the City. One of the things that the benefits consultant suggested to us was to take a value of the premium we would have paid, had the Manager been eligible for that additional coverage, and put that into a long-term care writer that he currently has in another section of the contract, or some other similar tax vehicle. So this is what we're recommending, is to take \$11,000.00, which is roughly what the premium would have cost the City for that additional coverage, and put it into an annuity.

MAYOR MESSAM: And I'm presuming the Manager is approving -- recommending approval? Are there any members from the public that wish to -- to comment on this item? Any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Back to the dais. I don't see any speakers. Are there any comments? If none, I'll take a motion.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: 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 Barnes, to approve Resolution #R7099 as amended, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 20-55

ORDINANCES

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 18, please.

18. **FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1736 providing for a small-scale **amendment** to the **Future Land Use Map** of the Future Land Use Element of the City of Miramar Comprehensive Plan by changing from **Office Park** to **Commercial** the future land use designation of three (3) parcels of real property containing approximately 3.4 net acres located adjacent to the southwest corner of Miramar Parkway and Douglas Road, and more specifically identified with Broward County Parcel ID numbers 5141-2901-0080, 5141-2901-0067 and 5141-2901-0061 to allow for the redevelopment of these parcels in a manner consistent with the long-term vision of both the City of Miramar Comprehensive Plan and the BrowardNext-Broward County Land Use Plan, in accordance with Sections 163.3174(1), 163.3177, 163.3184(11) and 163.3187, Florida Statutes (2019), and Section 303 of the City of Miramar Land Development Code; making findings; providing for adoption; providing for transmittal to the State Land Planning Agency;

providing for recertification; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. **(Staff Recommends Continuance to the Meeting of 02/05/20)** (Community Development Director Eric Silva)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, providing for a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Future Land Use Element of the City of Miramar Comprehensive Plan by changing from Office Park to Commercial the future land use designation of three (3) parcels of real property containing approximately 3.4 net acres located adjacent to the southwest corner of Miramar Parkway and Douglas Road, and more specifically identified with Broward County Parcel ID numbers 5141-2901-0080, 5141-2901-0067 and 5141-2901-0061 to allow for the redevelopment of these parcels in a manner consistent with the long-term vision of both the City -- the City of Miramar Comprehensive Plan and the BrowardNext-Broward County Land Use Plan, in accordance with Sections 163.3174(1), 163.3177, and 163.3184(11) paren 11, and 163.3187, Florida Statutes (2019), and Section 303 of the City of Miramar Land Development Code; making findings; providing for adoption; providing for transmittal to the State Land Planning Agency; providing for recertification; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. Staff recommends continuance to the meeting of 2/5/20. This is being brought forward by Community Development Director Eric Silva.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. May I have a motion to continue this item.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to continue.

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 continue Ordinance #O1736, the Commission voted:

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

Cont'd. 02/05/20

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for March 4, 2020

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 19, please.

19. **FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1739 **amending** portions of the **Land Development Code**; making findings; revising Chapter 1, Authority; revising Chapter 2, Definitions; revising Chapter 3, Processes; 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. ***(Staff recommends Continuance to the Meeting of 02/19/20) (Principal Planner Michael Alpert)***

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance amending portions of the Land Development Code; making findings; revising Chapter 1, Authority; revising Chapter 2, Definitions; revising Chapter 3, Processes; providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for -- providing that officials are authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date. Staff recommends continuance to the meeting of 2/19/20. The -- this -- this item is being brought forward by Principal Planner Michael Alpert.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion to continue to February 19th, 2020.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to continue February 19.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: 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 Vice Mayor Davis, to continue Ordinance #O1739, the Commission voted:

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

Cont'd. 02/19/20

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for March 18, 2020

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 19 -- item number 20, please.

20. FIRST READING of Temp. Ord. #O1740 **amending** portions of the **Land Development Code**; making findings; revising Chapter 4, Zoning, specifically Tables in Section 402, Residential Zoning Districts, Tables in Section 403, Non-Residential Zoning Districts, and Tables in Section 404, Mixed-Use Zoning Districts, and portions of text in Section 405, Specific Use Regulations; creating new Section 407, Transit Oriented Corridor Districts; revising portions of Chapter 7, Use Regulations, specifically Section 714, Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) District and Section 715, Transit Oriented Corridor District Code; revising portions of Chapter 8, Development Standards of General Applicability, specifically Section 802, Subdivision Design Standards, Section 803, Architectural Design Standards, Section 804, Driveway Standards, Section 808, Offstreet Parking and Loading Standards, Section 809, Accessory Uses and Standards, and Section 813, Community Appearance Board; 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. ***(Staff recommends Continuance to the Meeting of 02/19/20) (Principal Planner Michael Alpert)***

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance amending portions of the Land Development Code; making findings; revising -- revising Chapter 4, Zoning, specifically Tables in Section 402, Residential Zoning Districts, Tables in Section 403, Non-Residential Zoning Districts, and Tables in Section 404, Mixed-Use Zoning Districts, and portions of text in Section 405, Specific Use Regulations; creating new Section 407, Transit Oriented Corridor Districts; revising -- revising portions of Chapter 7, Use Regulations, specifically Section 714, Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) District and Section 715, Transit Oriented Corridor District Code; revising portions of Chapter 8, Development Standards of General Applicability, specifically Section 802, Subdivision Design Standards, Section 803, Architectural Design Standards, Section 804, Driveway Standards, Section 808, Offstreet Parking and Loading Standards, Section 809, Accessory Uses and Standards, and Section 813, Community Appearance Board; 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. Staff recommends continuance to the meeting of 2/19/20. This is being brought by Principal Planner Michael Alpert.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion to continue this item until February 19, 2020.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to continue.

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 continue Ordinance #O1740, the Commission voted:

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

Cont'd. 02/19/20

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for March 18, 2020

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 21, please.

21. **FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1741 **amending** portions of the **Land Development Code and City Code of Ordinances**; creating new Subsections regarding Landscaping Requirements and General Development Standards; making findings; repealing Chapter 9, Landscaping Requirements and Tree Conservation; creating new Chapter 5, Standards, including Article 1, General Standards for Site Development, specifically Section 501, General Provisions, and Article 3, Landscaping, Section 506, Landscaping Standards; revising Chapter 2, Definitions, creating Subsection 202.5, Landscaping Definitions; revising Chapter 3, Processes, specifically Sections 315, Variances, Appeals, and Zoning Relief, and Section 320, Zoning Permits and Planning Services; revising portions of Chapter 7, Use Regulations, specifically Section 714, Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) District and Section 715, Transit Oriented Corridor District Code; revising portions of Chapter 8, Development Standards of General Applicability, specifically Section 801, Development Standards, Section 806, Wetlands Preservation Standards, Section 807, Surface Water Management Standards, Section 810, Compliance with Comprehensive Plan, Section 811, Miramar Parkway Scenic Corridor, Section 812, Development Advertising Requirements, Section 813, Community Appearance Board; and amending City Code of Ordinances Chapter 10, Health, Sanitation and Nuisances (specifically Sections 10-92 Weeds and Debris and 10-126 Landscaping) and 25, Vegetation; 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. ***(Staff recommends Continuance to the Meeting of 02/19/20) (Principal Planner Michael Alpert)***

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance number O7141, amending portions of the Land Development Code and City Code of Ordinances; creating new Subsections regarding Landscaping Requirements and General Development Standards; making findings; repealing Chapter 9, Landscaping Requirements and Tree Conservation; creating new Chapter 5, Standards, including Article 1, General Standards for Site Development, specifically 50 -- Section 501, General Provisions, and Article 3, Landscaping, Section 506, Landscaping Standards; revising Chapter 2, Definitions, creating section -- Subsection 202.5, Landscaping Definitions; revising Chapter 3, Processes, specifically Sections 315, Variances, Appeals, and Zoning Relief, and Section 320, Zoning Permits and Planning Services; revising portions of Chapter 7, Use Regulations, specifically Section 714, Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) District and Section 715, Transit Oriented Corridor District Code; revising portions of Chapter 8, Development Standards and General Applicability, specifically Section 08 -- 801, Development Standards, Section 806, Wetlands Preservation Standards, Section 807, Surface Water Management Standards, Section 810, Compliance with Comprehensive Plan, Section 811, Miramar Parkway Scenic Corridor -- Corridor, Section 812, Development Advertising Requirements, Section 813, Community Appearance Board; and amending City Code of Ordinances Chapter 10, Health, Sanitation and Nuisance -- Nuisances (specifically Sections 10-92 Weeds and Debris and 10-126 Landscaping) and 25, Vegetation; providing for severability and interpretation; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for Officials -- that Officials are authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date. Staff recommends continuance to the meeting of 2/19/20. This is being brought by Principal Planner Michael Alpert.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion to continue this item 21 until February 19.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to continue.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: 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 Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to continue Ordinance #O1741, the Commission voted:

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

Cont'd. 02/019/20

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for March 18, 2020

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 22, please.

22. FIRST READING of Temp. Ord. #O1742 **amending** portions of the **Land Development Code**; making findings; revising Chapter 10, **Signs**, specifically in Section 1002, Definitions; Section 1005 Design, Maintenance and General Standards; Section 1006, Measurement of Sign Area and Sign Height; Section 1007, Permanent Signs, specifically window signs; Section 1008, Temporary Signs, specifically window signs, grand opening signs, special event signs, and feather flag signs; 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. ***(Staff Recommends Continuance to the Meeting of 02/19/20) (Principal Planner Michael Alpert)***

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: This is an ordinance number O1742, amending portions of the Land Development Code; making findings; revising Chapter 10, Signs, specifically in Section 1002, Definitions; Section 1005 Design, Maintenance and General Standards; Section 1006, Measurement of Sign Area and Sign Height; Section 1007, Permanent Signs, specifically window signs; Section 1008, Temporary Signs, specifically window signs, grand opening signs, special event signs, and feather flag signs; 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. Staff recommends continuance to the meeting 2/19/20. This is being brought by Principal Planner Michael Alpert.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion to continue this item to February 19, please.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Continue.

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 continue Ordinance #O1742, the Commission voted:

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

Cont'd. 02/19/20

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for March 18, 2020

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 23, please.

23. **SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1712 relating to Comprehensive Planning; considering Application No. 1808669 for an expedited State Review Land Use Plan Amendment involving certain text changes to the goals, objectives and policies of the Future Land Use Element of the adopted City of Miramar Comprehensive Plan, specifically at Policy 1.13 to modify the distribution and intensity of the mix of land uses within the **Miramar Regional Activity Center Land Use Category**, encompassing an area within the City of Miramar totaling approximately 2,205 acres and generally bounded on the north by Pembroke Road, on the east by Palm Avenue, on the south by the Homestead Turnpike Extension and on the west by Flamingo Road; by increasing the allocation of residential and office land uses from 8,710 dwelling units to 11,060 dwelling units and from 1,500,000 square feet to 1,750,000 square feet, respectively; and by decreasing the allocation of retail and industrial land uses from 1,836,400 square feet to 1,671,400 square feet and from 10,500,000 square feet to 9,542,784 square feet, respectively, pursuant to Sections 163.3174, 163.3177, 163.3184 (3) & (11), and 380.06 (12), Florida Statutes, Article 1 of the Administrative Rules Document: BrowardNext, and Section 303 of the Miramar Land Development Code; making findings; providing definitions; providing for adoption; providing for transmittal; providing for severability; providing for interpretation; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; providing for recertification; and providing for an effective date. **(Passed 1st Reading on 01/16/19)** *(Community Development Director Eric B. Silva)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: This is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, relating to Comprehensive Planning; considering Application No. 1808669 for an expedited State Review Land Use Plan Amendment involving certain text changes to the goals, objectives and policies of the Future Land Use Element of the adopted City of Miramar Comprehensive Plan, specifically at Policy 1.13 to modify the distribution and intensity of the mix use -- of the mix of land uses within the Miramar Regional Activity Center Land Use Category, encompassing an area within the City of Miramar totaling approximately 2,205 acres and generally bounded by -- on the north by Pembroke Road, on the east by Palm Avenue, on the south by the Homestead Turnpike Extension and on the -- on the west by Flamingo Road; by increasing the allocation of residential and office land uses from 8,710 dwelling units to 11,060 dwelling units and from one million 500 square feet to 1,750,000 square feet, respectively; and by decreasing the allocation of retail and industrial land uses from 1,836,400 square feet by 1,671,400 square feet and from 10,500,000 square feet to nine -- 9,542,784 square feet, respectively, pursuant to Sections 163.3174, 163.3177, and 163.3184 (3) & (11), and 380.06 (12), Florida Statutes, Article 1 of the Administrative Rules Document: BrowardNext, and Sections 303 of the Miramar Land Development Code; making findings; providing definitions; providing for adoption of -- providing for adoption; providing for transmittal; providing for severability; providing for interpretation; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; providing for recertification; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. SILVA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Eric Silva, Community Development. This application is second reading for the Miramar Regional Activity Center. The location of the project; it's 2,200 acres in the center of the City, in the north by Pembroke Road, in the south by County Line, the west by Flamingo, and Palm to the east. As you can see, most of it is developed, but right in the middle, Town Center. The change that's being requested is to add 2,350 residential units, to decrease the amount of retail square footage by 165,000 square feet, to add 250,000 square feet of office, to decrease the amount of industrial square footage by about a million square - a million square feet, and no change to municipal, and it'll remain at 200,000 square feet. The process for this Land Use Plan amendment change; it's been a long process; it was last before you about a year ago on January 16th, and then it went to the County for two readings at the Broward County Planning Counsel, and two readings at the Broward County Commission. And they also had State and regional review by all those agencies listed on the side, and also a few more agencies. Broward County approved a Broward County version to the Land Use Plan on December 3rd of last year. The only change during that yearlong process was a requirement for affordable housing, so any project that comes before us as part of that 2,350 units would either have to pay \$500.00 to the City per unit to be used for affordable housing, or dedicate 15 percent of those units proposed for affordable housing. And the recommendation is to find it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, approve the amendment, and allow us to transmit it to the State for final approval and recertification by Broward County.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any comments? I have one speaker; Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. Real brief. I -- I just want to, maybe, remind the City Manager and Mr. Silva, the existing business alongside the 24 Hour Fitness, as to look to see how we can have access parking right off of Red Road moving forward while this construction going to be going on. That's something we need to revisit with the engineer and staff to improve that -- those business, access to those business along Red Road. So that's just my comment.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. Any other comments from the dais? Seeing none, may I have a motion, please.

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 Ordinance #O1712, the Commission voted:

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

Ordinance No. 20-06

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Comments:

MAYOR MESSAM: On to reports and comments.

Commissioner Reports:

Discussion: City's Elected Officials Salary and Benefits (Commissioner Yvette Colbourne)

MAYOR MESSAM: First item under reports, Discussion: City's elected officials salary and benefits brought forward by Commissioner Yvette Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I don't wish to make -- speak on this issue. I don't -- I don't want to make any changes to this at this time.

MAYOR MESSAM: So you're rescinding the comment to -- on the -- the discussion point to talk about -- all right.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. All right.

Discussion: Airbag Recall Campaign (Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers)

MAYOR MESSAM: Discussion: Airbag Recall Campaign, Commissioner Maxwell Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. As you know, we have over 43 million -- 43 million airbags recalled on the books right now, and this is a big problem in our community, and I do have a representative here from the airbag company, and I believe the City Clerk has papers. So if I could ask her to come up and give some explanation as to what we're requesting, and I will ask for staff and our attorney to take a look, and bring back a resolution, if possible.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, thank you for having us this evening. My name is Monica Rodriguez on behalf of the Airbag Recall Campaign. The Airbag Recall Campaign -- the Airbag Recall --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Address, please?

MS. RODRIGUEZ: I'm sorry?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: State your address. Your address.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: 401 E Las Olas Boulevard. The airbag recall continues to be one of the leading issues in the United States, with hundreds of thousands of airbags being recalled. Right here in Miramar, we have 14,000 vehicles that are dangerously -- that are on the road, and can be dangerously impacted by something as small as a minor fender bender. I'm just going to share some facts with you on the -- on the actual recall. So Florida has the most confirmed deaths and more than a 100 major injuries, such as burns, lacerations and other injuries to the eyes, face, arms and chest; two of the most recent incidents were in May of 2019. Other confirmed deaths were one of our neighbors here in Hialeah. A hot and humid climate increase risk, which makes the rate of the airbags impacted going up. In January of 2020, we added 11.9 million vehicles to the actual recall. The problem is people are receiving notices from the car manufacturers and discarding them. They are thinking that it's advertisement; people don't trust something that is labeled in one way or another, and Miramar has been such a great outreach partner. We've done a lot of community events with you. We had one-on-one conversations with your constituents. We are requesting to participate in a new pilot program in partnership with the National Highway Safety & Traffic Association and the

affected vehicle owners by doing a direct mail awareness campaign with us. The mailer would be at no charge to the City itself; the auto manufacturers would sponsor the mailer. We are requesting to use the logos and envelopes of the City. Through our studies, we have found that residents do respond -- and if I can take it back a step. The vehicles that or the people that we're reaching out to with the most dangerous vehicles are second, third, fourth owners of the cars. So when they are receiving the letters from the manufacturers, nine times out of ten the letters are going in the trash. Through our study, we have found that when they do receive a letter from a respected source, such as the City of Miramar, they're more likely to open it. When they do open it, they will find out that repairs are simple, free and easy; that there will be a direct point of contact through our campaign to walk them through the process; and if there's any type of inconvenience, there are also additional resources, such as rental vehicles to help them with the repairs. So it is our accountability and responsibility, if I can say that, to make sure that the vehicles on the road are safe, and we would like to send out the letters to the residents of Miramar, so that they are aware of the dangerous recall, and are driven to action to get those vehicles repaired. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Monica. And, to our resident, there's no cost, and a lot of our resident don't know that they can -- supposed to get a rent-a-car, if necessary, for them to go to work or take care of their daily activity. So asking for the City Manager and the attorney to take a look and bring it back, so we can approve this. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. So on to Commission reports. All right. I'll lead off. First announcement, I'd like thank all of the sponsors for the Mayor's Aviation Expo that took place at the amphitheater. Broward Schools was a great partner with our children, as well as Spirit Airlines and Broward County Aviation Department, also known as Fort Lauderdale International Airport, and the many vendors that participated. The event, again, was a huge success; about 2,000 students were able to interface with pilots, engineers, there was a robotics completion, scrimmage that took place, as well, during the school day. And on the second day, on the community day, just as many residents and kids actually came back with their -- with their parents to do the flight simulators with the air force. And many of our local vendors, we have many aviation companies that are here in South Florida, and our youth are being exposed to this very lucrative industry. Aviation literally leaves no child behind, whether they are super genius who will go onto be aeronautical engineers or pilots, or if they are more inclined to gravitate towards vocational skills. They will be gainfully employed for those students that choose to take this career and, currently, right now students that have gone through this program are actively becoming pilots, flight attendants, and we're very proud of the progress of the program, and we thank all of our sponsors for making this possible. Next taking place, part of our Miramar Cultural Center Presents, there will be Drumline Live stage production that takes place at 8:00 p.m. You can visit miramarculturalcenter.org for your tickets. Pre -- right before the stage production will be the tailgate experience that starts at 5:30. Come represent your HBCU, Black Greek Letter organizations. So you have battle of the bands, drumline competition, high schools, such as our own Miramar High School

Patriots, Everglades High School, Miami City -- Miami Carol City Marching Chiefs, as well as other entertainment will take place right out front in the courtyard before Drumline Live. Many residents may recall the movie Drumline, where Nick Cannon made his debut as an actor and entertainer. It's a spinoff of that production; it's probably one of the most exciting live performances that you'll see, so if you like the marching band theme and the HBCU experience, come on out to the Miramar Cultural Center on Friday, beginning at 5:30 with the tailgate experience, then followed by 8:00 p.m. at the Miramar Cultural Center. On January 26, Sunday before Super Bowl, right out front on Civic Center Place in front of City Hall, we'll have the longest table. The longest table is an opportunity for Miramar residents to -- and friends to come out and enjoy dinner, and just get a chance to meet your neighbors to have a conversation about topics that are of concern to you. Many times we're so busy in our community, we don't even know who some of our neighbors are, and we want to -- give you an opportunity to meet your neighbors. So come on out, meet your neighbors. We -- reservations are filling up quickly, so don't wait too long. We have a few more spaces left. This is a totally free event, and we'll have entertainment available for -- for the occasion, and we're looking forward to having a very nice time right out here in front of the beautiful City Hall -- City Hall courtyard complex. And coming back to the City of Miramar is Universal Circus from February 6th through February 23rd. It will be at the Miramar Regional Park, located just west of I-75 on Miramar Parkway. They'll be many days; we'll have different community events. I'll have the opportunity to be the ringmaster on Friday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing all of our residents and visitors to the City of Miramar; it's a very electric circus experience. It's not your typical circus. If you have not experienced the Universal Circus, you will not be disappointed, so definitely bring the kids, bring your parents, bring your friends and neighbors to the Miramar Regional Park. The circus is back in the City of Miramar, and we're looking forward. And we can save you a few dollars when you go to ticketmaster.com, if you just use the code: MIRAMAR, you'll save a few dollars on your ticket, so remember to use the code MIRAMAR. Saturday, February 22nd, at Vizcaya Park, located on 1 -- 14200 SW 55th Street, we're having the Mayor's Chess Challenge, our second year having this event. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome, so come out for a friendly game of chess. We had a great time last year; chess is a great game to, not only make friends, but to build skills. Even if you don't know how to play, you'll have someone there to walk you through the steps, and if you think you know how to play, trust me, there will be a six-year-old that will kick your butt when you come, and, trust me, I've been the victim of that. So it's a great experience, so come on out. There's a nice network of chess players, and many of them right here in the City of Miramar that follows the Mayor's Challenge all over the County. The effort has actually grown out of the County, and we now have expanded into Palm Beach County, as well as to Miami-Dade County, and we're having it right here in the City of Miramar. And it's been known that children that play chess, develop very critical thinking skills, problem solving skills; it's a great tool to expand the education acumen of our youth, so we definitely would like to get even more of our youth involved in chess. I would like to personally, again, congratulate our very own Chief, Dexter Williams, who has been elected and has risen to be the -- the president of the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association right here in our wonderful County of Broward. And it was great to be able to take part in his swearing

in ceremony. I was joined by Vice Mayor Davis, Commissioner Colbourne, as well as Commissioner Chambers that attended as well, with the other member agencies. And what I like most about the entire experience is that he was sworn in by our very own Miramar resident, Judge Powell, as well as his -- one of his initiatives he's bringing forward is to work with Crime Stoppers to increase the award monies for -- to assist law enforcement in solving crimes. Many times crimes go unsolved, not because there aren't any witnesses, and that there are not any credible tips available to solve these crimes. But people just don't want to tell. They don't want to be known as a snitch. And, perhaps, the award money that's currently available by Crime Stoppers is not enough incentive to get folks to -- to give tips. So we look forward to a successful term for Chief Dexter Williams as the president, and wish him well in getting those -- all those initiatives accomplished. So congratulations again, sir. I had an opportunity to share a remembrance experience with the Haitian community this past Sunday to -- to recognize the tenth anniversary of the devastating earthquake that took place in -- in Haiti, where we have over 200,000 people die of a -- of an event, and many more either injured or loss of loved ones, and many Haitian residents left without limb during that experience. So it's something that, you know, we just can't never forget. And there are a lot of challenges that remain in Haiti. Many of our residents are Haitian descent, they have families there, and just encourage the community to continue to support our friends in Haiti, and never forget. As well as -- while we're on that note, let's also keep our friends in Puerto Rico in our prayers who have had such a -- a tremendous time enduring multiple earthquakes throughout their island nation. So let's continue to be of support in any way that we can. I would like to commend our staff for putting together our Florida Legislative session, our priorities that has been forwarded to our lobbyist in Tallahassee. As you may know, the Florida legislative session, 60-day session, that started this week, and we have funded - - we've made funding requests for -- for projects that covers areas of senior citizen services, a cyber-security project we're trying to complete in the City of Miramar, as well as a water infrastructure improvement project in the City of Miramar. So in the City of Miramar, we've been pretty fortunate over the years; our success rate in getting funding has been -- has been pretty good. We don't always get what we ask, but we, typically, come home with something, and we hope that this legislative session is no different. I'd like to make a request for staff -- I've received a couple of requests from the residents of Country Club Ranches on 138th Avenue, that -- that western entrance on the marquee, one of their letters is missing, I think it's the R is missing. It may be a easy fix to see if we can get that replaced. It's -- that entrance is right off our main thoroughfare, so -- and, perhaps, look throughout the City to see if we have any letters that may have fallen off any City marquees into community -- into neighborhoods, that we get those request. We did get a bit of good news today in the media. For those of you who know, I hosted a -- a -- I called the County to raise the issue -- not the County government, but our friends of other municipalities in Broward County. Several years ago when we found out about the Kanter oil property right outside of Miramar that had filed an application to get an exploratory oil drilling permit. That process, we were a part of that suit to try to prevent that. The Department of Environmental Protection actually denied the permit. However, through appeal, and the Department of Administrative Hearings, it was overturned, and - - which gave the entitlement for the property owner Kanter to begin their exploratory oil

drilling in the Everglades right outside of Miramar. It was just announced that Governor DeSantis in the State of Florida have entered into an agreement to purchase the land, I think, at a cost of about \$16 million for all of the property, the proposed property, and I think funding is sought -- I think during this legislative session. If they don't close by June, the price goes up to \$20 million, so, hopefully, that is successful, but we hope that that transaction takes place, so that we will no longer be under the threat of potential oil drilling right outside of the Miramar -- in our fragile natural resource of water right in -- in the -- the everglades. I would, though, like to, as I close, is a -- a couple of meetings ago, we had a very lengthy discussion about the representation of the City of Miramar on a very important issue regarding solid waste in Broward County, and the City moved forward with the will of the Commission, but -- but, unfortunately, during that process, the City of Miramar is not represented, from an elected capacity, on the working group, which is kind of disheartening. Because Miramar has always been the leader, as it relates to transforming solid waste in Broward County. About three years ago, I called a meeting, convened a meeting here in the City of Miramar, inviting mayors and commissioners in other municipalities to bring the awareness that Broward County was becoming a landfill county. We're not meeting our recycle goals, in terms of percentage; almost everything that we -- almost all the refuse is going out to -- to landfill. And I called that meeting to -- to -- for the County to galvanize, so that we can use our collective tonnage to negotiate a long-term solution, especially coming off the heels of the Resource Recovery Board being dismantled. And, in that process, the City of Miramar has been in the driver's seat, in terms of working with our colleagues throughout the County to help shape the policy. And -- and, unfortunately, during that process, we are not -- we were not selected as one of the working group municipalities. So we'll have to continue to stay engaged, our staff -- we do have a representative who will be on the technical advisory committee to provide technical comments, as it relates to the study that was done to give recommendations on where solid waste will go in the County, and whether we'll be a dependent or independent authority to deal with solid waste in -- in -- in Broward County. This is a very serious issue, as it relates to the future of Broward County. You think about 90, 100 years from now, what will solid waste look like in our County. Everything that we throw away, will it go to -- be buried in our grounds, or we have to find somewhere to ship it. Recycling isn't the commodity that it used to be, so these are some really serious issues. So -- so we have to find a way to, not only remain technically involved, but politically involved as well, it's just that we won't have a seat at the table, as it relates to setting the policy. But -- but we -- but I know -- I personally will remain engaged with the -- with the process, and continue to bring reports back to the City of Miramar. That concludes my reports. Starting from -- Vice Mayor Davis and working down.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. Just a few items. Just a recap, and then a few new items. We had our recent -- well, last year we had our Turkey Giveaway for our seniors; that went very well. We gave over 200 turkeys to our needy seniors, including condiments. I'd like to thank Ann Marie Woodson, who was able to donate these condiments for -- for the occasion. This took place at our Multi-Purpose Complex in the historic neighborhood. The tree lighting events went very well. This year, we added the new component -- not so new, but we revived it at Shirley Branca Park, so we had two

tree lighting events; both were very well attended. We had sponsors for toys for our historic location; Walgreens came through, and also our Parks Department. I'd like to thank Liz and her team for providing toys to our youth over there at Shirley Branca Park. Of course, we begin a new year, a lot of new, exciting projects coming up. The month of February is Black History Month; we have a lot of activities that will conclude with our Afro—Carib Festival. For more information on those activities, you can go to the miramarfl.gov, and there should be a list of items there, as we celebrate Black History Month in the City of Miramar. I mentioned the Afro-Carb event. It's a new and exciting event, which combines the fact that we are celebrating Black History Month, and also Caribbean -- our Caribbean heritage, and so that would be on February 29th from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. It will be at the Miramar Amphitheater. Some of our main headliners, we have Stonebwoy, who's an afro beats artist out of Ghana, Capleton out of Jamaica, and Amara La Negra, locally, here of Hispanic descent, who will be performing. We have the Junkanoo band, and Julien Believe out of Bahamas, as well as other exciting acts. The event is free; however, we do have a \$10.00 parking, and park proceeds will go towards the Bahamian relief fund. Another initiative that was a -- a City event, this initiative that I have in the month of February, it's called Black History meets reggae. We'll have a series of events surrounding Reggae Month, which is also in the month of February. I was able to attend the launch that was officiated by Minister Olivia "Babsy" Grange, Minister of Sport, Gender, Entertainment & Culture. One of the events that we're celebrating in Reggae Month will be an Icon Awards event, at which time we will be celebrating a Reggae icon, Freddie McGregor, and he will receive an award at our banquet hall facilities. That will take place on February 8th from 6:30, which is our reception, and the award showcase will be at 8:00 p.m. -- 8:00 p.m. This will be under the patronage of the Honorable Olivia "Babsy" Grange out of Jamaica. She will be here, and it will -- it's endorsed by our Jamaica Consul General Oliver Mair. There are -- again, most of this information you can find on miramarfl.gov. It's free admission, and we do advise folks to go on Eventbrite and sign up at bhmiconawards.eventbrite.com. In addition to the Icon Awards, we will also have a movie night. The movie night will be held here at our theater, Cultural Arts/Park in the theater. It will -- prior to the actual movie starting 8:00, we will have a 20-minute snapshot of a documentary about Reggae called "Movements of Jah People", and after that we will go into our movie night, which will be the movie "Yardie" that was produced by Idris Elba. And it should be a fun night in our theater, as we present -- continue with our presentation of Black History meets Reggae and our movie night. Again, this is a free event, and we just ask that you RSVP, so that we can know how many people will be attendance. Lastly, we will have our press conference, which is when I'll talk about these various items that will take place here at our plaza, the Town Center, on January 28th at 10:30 until noon. We will have various acts come out who will be performing throughout the month of February. It should be an exciting time. We hope that if you are not working, and you are available to come and visit with us here at the Town Center plaza, where we will discuss the various events that are taking place during Black History Month. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor Davis. Commissioner Colbourne, do you have reports?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes, thank you. I wanted to invite everyone to my Day of Service, which will be held this coming Saturday at 9:00 a.m., from 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. We'll -- we'll be meeting at Lakeshore Park at 9:00 a.m. We'll be picking up litter in the area. We will be doing several beautification projects, planting flowers and adding plants to some of the areas that we have already beautified. So that will be this coming Saturday. We do have the opportunity for students to get community service hours, and we will be serving lunch after the workday. So I do invite anyone who's interested. Please call my office: 954-602-3143. I do have the honor of hosting Babyface. This will be at the Cultural Arts Center on February 7th, 8:00 p.m., and you can visit the Cultural Arts Center website for your tickets. That will be it for me, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Colbourne. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. First, I would like to apologize to our staff and some of our residents for keeping you all so late. My sincere apology. I do have a request from the City -- for the City Manager. I did make this request before from the previous administration, but outside the building, it says City Hall, but -- we know it's Miramar City Hall, but when you take a picture of something, and then Miramar is missing for so many years, I hope we can replace the letters Miramar -- the word Miramar, so we can clearly identify this is Miramar City Hall. I just want to touch on a phone call that I got today, and also last Sunday morning when I was getting dressed for work, I mean for church, I must say, sorry. We have these fields in the east, some in the west, but the eastern portion of the City where our residents who play soccer; these fields is being renovated, and I -- I'm going to suggest that when we're doing renovation -- renovation, we do one field at a time, kind of stagger it around to allow for folks who play on a Saturday morning or a Sunday morning. They can still go out and do so. We're living in a very stressful time, and we have a lot of folks that wants to play soccer, and do play soccer, and we want to keep our resident happy. They were more complaining in terms of -- we want to make sure our staff -- when encounter resident with these issues, they are courtesy to them, and speak to them -- ex -- explain what we're doing, so there's no miscommunication. The gentleman call me today also have a complaint that when the field is closed, it's shut down for months before the work is begun, so I'm going to ask staff that can we schedule the work to begin as soon as the park is closed, and not being dragged out. One of the other complaint is that when the field is re-sod and not open, some of our staff do go and try to -- or using the field, and they're not allowed to -- our resident are not allowed to use the field. I'm hoping our staff refrain from doing that, because if the field is not supposed to be used, then no one should be playing soccer on the field until it's ready to reopen. Thank you, and I hope you address that situation. Moving forward, I'd like to congratulate our Chief, Dexter Williams, for January 8, swearing in as the chief for Broward County Police Association; thank you, sir, and congratulation. I know you taking on extra work, and -- I have no doubt you will fulfill your obligation. This coming Saturday, we have the Prestigious Haitian American Music Award right here in our theater. We have red carpet from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. arrival; live TV, live streaming, and interviews from people traveling here from Africa performance, France, and New York and Haiti and so forth, so. Tickets are on sale, it's

\$25.00 and \$40.00 for those of you who want to come out and support this event. Please dress for red carpet arrival. Thank you. Also, we have, this coming January 20th, I am proud to host our Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration here in Miramar, and we have -- do have a parade begins at 11:00. For those of you who want to join us in the parade, you need to be in line by, I believe, it's 10:15. So you show up between 9:00 and 10:15, and you're allowed to join us in the parade. Miramar PD will be enforcing traffic coming into the lineup. And we start at 11:00 into the park. The concert in the park this year only goes from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. We move it back one hour to allow for families to go home and have a time with their family, and just going to be a real nice celebration. We have local performers from our schools and young folks from our churches, so, please, come on out and celebrate with us. We have foods, bounce houses, and so forth. This coming February 16, the Bob Marley One Love Football celebration will be held at Ansin Sports Complex, and we -- a little late with the advertising, but I think we can make up ground, so I'm looking forward to hosting that, and looking forward to our support. Tickets are only \$15.00, and we're going to be presenting award to two folks from our community, and two from our schools to support Community First initiative. Also, January 31st, we have the Unstop -- "Unstoppable Journey of a Teer"; this young woman, Raquel Herring. If you remember her from Star Search, she was the longest running teen on Star Search, and she's also -- you remember her from the TV hit show on Disney. So if you want to come on out and have a fun time with her on the -- on the 31st. Tickets are -- early bird special are \$25.00, and for more information, you can call my office at 954-602-3157. Can you move the slide, please? Okay. This is my lovely daughter, Meia Chambers, and I must say this young lady has taught me a lot over the last few weeks. As I reflect on her, she is -- finally went off this weekend to Chicago to start boot camp for the Navy. Just to share a little bit about Meia; she take control of her destiny. Growing up, she decided she want to attend a ivy league school, and she works hard for it, and every step of the way, Meia had -- in control. She got a scholarship in tenth grade to go to college, and she decide to turn it down, because she want to finish high school. She decide that she's not going to drive, and someone going to have to drive her everywhere she wants to go, and that's what happened. She decide that she's not going to go to school, ivy league school, she's going to join the U.S. Navy, because she's going to be finishing quicker, and she going to make more money. So she's doing her chemical engineering, and so the Navy wanted her when -- just as she finished high school; she decided, no, I'm not going in until January, so that's what Meia does. So my hat's off to her. It was very difficult in the beginning for the last two weeks, but once the day had come, I was at peace, I liked it, so we decide to have fun with her. And we were just -- dinner, church, and just doing different things, and have the luxury to taking some pictures. So she's in Chicago, and she will graduate March 13th, and then move to South Carolina, and in six months, she will have her associates, and she had committed to six years in the Navy and looking forward to getting her bachelor's, and maybe stayed in, maybe move on, and be in civilian life. So thank you, Meia. And, finally, this is one of the New Year's -- what should I say, postcard or add that I see, and I thought -- find it very funny, so this is my final report tonight. (Video shown) Happy New Year, everybody.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just to wrap up. Staff is already in Tallahassee for the legislative session. Come next Monday, I'll be going to Tallahassee as well for Broward Days. My -- my focus -- I hope I'll be able to talk to lawmakers regarding the problem of blasting in west Miramar, if only because there's a need for our residents to get a better understanding of what restricts or prevents change in that area. And -- and I think in one-on-one with people I hope to talk to, to give them an understanding of the minute-by-minute reality of what it is to have to deal with your house shaking, your -- your parents, sometimes in their 80s, even older, being frightened on a regular basis. And have them understand that the change will not take place locally, but has to take place at the level of -- of state government. That's my report.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

City Manager Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Mr. Manager.

City Attorney Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Yes. Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, Happy New Year, everybody. We do have an announcement for a notice of an executive, close-door session at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February the 5th or soon thereafter, as maybe heard. The City Commission shall meet privately to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to section 286.011A Florida Statutes for the following case: Moreland vs. City of Miramar, Broward County Case No. 17-006866. Present at the City attorney/client close door session will be the -- Mayor Messam, the Vice Mayor Davis, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Colbourne, and City Manager Hargray, City Attorneys Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Michelle Austin-Pamies, and Norm -- Norman Powell, and the court reporters. The estimated length of this session will be approximately 45 minutes. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

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ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR MESSAM: Meeting is adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, CMC
City Clerk
DG/cp