



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

**April 1, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:04 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Miramar City Hall, 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida.

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

Mayor Wayne M. Messam  
Vice Mayor Alexandra P. Davis (Virtual)  
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes (Virtual)  
Commissioner Yvette Colbourne (Virtual)  
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers (Virtual)

The following members of staff were present:

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

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

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes. Commissioner Barnes.

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 all rise for the pledge of allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we'll observe a moment of silence for any condolences in the community. I would like to make an announcement. According to the Florida Department of Health, as of this evening at 5:00 p.m., we have 74 residents in the City of Miramar who have tested positive for Covid-19, so let's keep them in our prayers and our thoughts, as well as their families, as they deal with this condition, and that they have a speedy recovery. Thank you. Before we go to our proclamations and presentation from staff, I would like to read into the record -- actually -- this is actually a historic moment for the City of Miramar and other cities across the State in regards to holding virtual meetings, and pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69 issued by the office of Governor Ron DeSantis on March 20, 2020: Municipalities may conduct meetings of their governing boards without having a quorum of its members present physically or at any specific location, and utilizing communications media technology, such as telephonic or videoconferencing, as provided by section 120.54 5(b) 2., Florida Statutes. The members of the City Commission appearing remotely for this meeting are Vice Mayor Davis, Commissioners Barnes, Chambers and Colbourne. An opportunity was given to the public to email the

City Clerk 24 hours prior to the Commission meeting with any questions, comments, concerns on items we will hear on this evening's agenda. Any person may be heard by the City Commission through the chair, and upon registering, pursuant to the published notice for not more than three minutes on any proposition before the Commission, unless modified by the chair. This meeting is being streamed live at [miramarfl.gov/commissionmeeting](http://miramarfl.gov/commissionmeeting), and televised on Comcast channel 78 for City of Miramar subscribers.

## **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:**

MAYOR MESSAM: So, at this time, I would like to read into the record two proclamations.

A Proclamation: Water Conservation Month (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And our first proclamation is in observance of Water Conservation Month, April 2020:

Whereas, Florida's natural beauty, crystal blue waters and white sandy beaches attract residents and visitors from around the world; and, Whereas, clean and sustainable water resources are vital to Florida's environment, economy, quality of life, and is a basic and essential need of every living creature. More than 90 percent of Florida's drinking water is supplied by underlying aquifers; and, Whereas, every business, industry, school and citizen can help by saving water and, thus, promote a healthy economy and community; and, Whereas, the South Florida Water Management District is implementing a comprehensive water conservation program to instill a lasting culture of conservation in our communities; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar has partnered with Broward County's Water Conservation Incentive Program to encourage residents and businesses to adopt an enduring water conservation ethic that supports long-term water resource sustainability; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar, with grant assistance from the State of Florida, is investing millions of dollars to develop alternative water supplies, upgrade drinking water facilities, reclaim waste water for beneficial use, and reduce waste disposal; and, Whereas, the City of Miramar is the pioneer in the South Florida region of water conservation by reusing up to four million gallon per -- gallons per day of reclaimed water as an alternative water supply for irrigation. The City of Miramar has also developed a brackish water from the Floridan aquifer as an additional alternative water supply to meet future consumptive demands; and, Whereas, the South Florida Water Management District and the State of Florida have designated April, typically a dry month, when water demands are most acute, Florida's Water Conservation Month to educate citizens about the importance of water conservation, and how they can help to save Florida precious resources. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2020 as Water Conservation Month.

A Proclamation: Earth Day (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And our second proclamation is in observance of Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020:

Whereas, the year 2020 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. In 1970, 20 million people marched on the streets requesting for the protection of our earth and our people's health. This event remains as the largest civic engagement in human history until now; and, Whereas, the world needs us, and our actions for Earth Day 2020, the enormous challenge, but also the vast opportunities of action on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and, Whereas, the global community is facing extraordinary challenges, such as global health issues, food and water shortages, economic struggles, degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species, and global climate change; and, Whereas, all people, regardless of race, gender, income or geography have a moral right to health, sustainable environment with economic growth; and, Whereas, the youth of the world are our most valuable resource, and represent a source of endless creativity and potential; and, Whereas, expanding environmental education and climate literacy is vital to enhance awareness about the environment, informed decision making, and protect future generations; and, Whereas, it is understood that resilience will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations and, furthermore, it is more important than ever to act locally and to cooperate internationally, and demand the environmental progress that has been here -- heretofore gained. And now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on the -- on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, as Earth Day.

A Presentation: COVID-19 and Emergency Management Update (Assistant City Manager Shaun Gayle and Fire-Rescue Chief Robert Palmer)

MAYOR MESSAM: Now, before we go to our presentation that will be given by Assistant City Manager Shaun Gayle and Fire Rescue Chief Palmer, we have a short video to play. And, as of April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 a.m., we have received eight inquiries expressing interest in participating in the meeting. One resident had an inquiry unrelated to the items on the agenda, but it was forwarded to staff for a response. One resident submitted his questions pertaining to an agenda item via email, which we'll read into the record at its appropriate time. And one resident submitted questions via email regarding the item that I will read into the record for response at that designated time, and we have questions for the presentation that will be given by Chief Palmer and Assistant City Manager Gayle that I will read after the -- the presentation. (Video shown) All right. So, at this time, we'll have staff bring the presentation for Covid-19 and emergency management update. Chief Palmer, welcome.

FIRE CHIEF PALMER: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City staff. Robert Palmer, Chief of the Fire Department. I'll be presenting today. This is an update on our -- on our coronavirus, and kind of how the City is moving forward and -- and

adapting to what's occurring. Just a little information on -- from the Department of Health. As the Mayor stated earlier, we have 74 positive residents within our City. And another - just another point too, we're also the third highest in the County, right behind Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood, just to kind of put us in perspective. But there are actually hundreds of -- of positives ahead of us, so I think one is 300, and the other one is like 400, so we're like third when you look at us in the County. We continue with our City priorities, monitoring the pandemic outbreak of Covid-19. We protect and inform our residents, businesses and faith-based organizations, ALFS, and employees. Some preventive strategies that we continue to provide, acquiring supplies for City departments, decontaminate City facilities and the City public transportation, public outreach through flyers, social media and our websites is how we continue to do that. How we're protecting our employees: we provide supportive information to our employees. Everbridge notifications are also -- are also being sent to notify them of information as it's been changing, visiting and assessing needs of all our departments, securing supplies for all our departments, implementing departmental network policies, tell working policies, and decontaminating work areas. Purchase of protective equipment; it's the one -- been one of the challenges, obviously not just for us, but for the County, actually, for the whole nation, and one of the things that we keep on doing is reviewing and implementing whatever the CDC and the Florida Department of Health guidance for the use of personal protective equipment. One of the things that they have done is they kept adjusting it due to the shortage that we're having, and it -- and that we're all encouraging -- that we're all -- we're all going through, so they keep on kind of adjusting it to kind of allow that. You - we don't have to throw away everything; we're allowed to do certain things, and they're kind of just -- just kind of help -- keep what we currently have and make it last a little longer. Logistic support for all our city departments; we're encouraging and guiding our city departments on how to properly use their PPEs. We're also utilizing our medical director to guide us as we go through this. He is -- our medical director is associated or affiliated with the Memorial Healthcare system, and he actually brings us a lot of information that we're going to be actually putting out to all of our employees to just kind of give at least more information. Because the one thing that we're noticing is, everyone's scared. I mean every day it's changing, what's -- what's expected, what's happening, what's going on next. It's constantly changing, so everyone's scared. And so, through our medical director, through the guidance of -- also through the hospital, we're going to be able to put out the information for them to kind of assist them. Protecting our employees; oh, no, read that -- I'm sorry. Transition; one of the transitions that we're kind of going through is we have to establish protocols for employees to self-evaluate prior to entering our public buildings. We've helped departments set up a one way in, one way out type of thing, because we want them to remain safe, we want them to evaluate their -- their staff, and -- and if you're sick, we want -- you want to encourage them, obviously, that everyone is sent home. So, one thing that we're helping them with is actually doing temperatures as they -- as they come into the building, and also as -- as -- in the afternoon when they come back from lunches, just to kind of keep continually enforcing that. We're creating internal policies that are consistent with the CDC and the FDOH for employees who test positive. This is something that we're also transitioning to as we move forward, and we're going to have more and more employees that will test positive. We're

minimizing the social interaction within the workforce -- the work environment. We're establishing that work from home policies and procedures, which is -- it's an interesting thing, because we're not used to that, but that's some -- one challenge that we're going through, and we're working through to make sure that we keep everyone safe, and we're providing that work from home option. Economic & Development has been pretty busy; they've contacted Miramar bars and -- bars, pubs, nightclubs regarding the Governor's executive order, as it pertains to suspending all sales for 30 days, and they provided additional information on financial resources available through the government. Restaurants were also contacted when servicing guidelines were enacted. So we didn't just allow the businesses to wait, and hopefully they read it, and, hopefully, they read it. And we actually went out and made sure that they understood what was -- what was out there, and made sure they also got a copy of it to -- so they were also were informed, just -- just in case they didn't see it. We provide business prevention tips and information on financial resources through electronic media. Constantly, those things are -- additional information is being added, so we're constantly making sure that that's being put out. Prior to the safer at home in place stat -- prior to safer in place, staff personally visited businesses in Historic Miramar and provided information on prevention tips and financial resources available throughout the government. We continue to encourage businesses to sign up for our City's emergency alert system. Staff is reaching out to businesses who are -- staff is reaching out to our businesses who are visited -- that visited our Business First program to provide information on resources. We've emailed Miramar businesses with a business tax receipt information on financial resources. The email also included a survey, so that the department can obtain additional information regarding the businesses. Through an environmental cooperation, we -- we're making follow-up calls to businesses who have not yet responded to those surveys, so we can -- so we're following up, and it's allowing -- and that's one thing that -- well, I'll bring it up at the end, is this is involving a lot of the City a lot of the resources, and everyone is really, really cooperating, and making sure these things are really happening. Couple initiatives the Economic & Business Development is -- is in -- is moving towards; staff will -- actually, it was today. They actually received online training on how we could assist businesses in completing their online application. This can be provided via computer-to-computer communication, not one-on-one in person. This allows us not to have face-to-face contact, and to keep our social distance; it also provides us to be able to provide help through the -- through the -- a computer, and -- and help them fill out those applications. We're also looking into setting up a call-in number, which we'll set up to provide businesses with an up-to-date information hotline, that's some of those new initiatives that we're hoping to be putting out. With regard to Community Development, we continue as if the businesses have any -- any other department's list -- oh. This is one -- this -- this is something here kind of shows where our Community Development services is open right now. We actually have a partial activation. And one of the things we want to make sure is that we are still open, and if you have -- to do with any of these five areas, it shows you how to -- the way to contact them, and these are the phone numbers we've provided, if you have con -- information and you need to contact to the Building, Fire, Planning & Zoning, Housing, Engineering, we provided an email and also a phone number to contact, so we can help you along with whatever services you might need -- be needing to require.

Our billing services; if you haven't figured out -- I mean, if you haven't noticed, the billing office has been closed, so we're not -- we're not taking any personal bills anymore. Online payment is preferred, and convenience are -- are being waived at this time. Drop -- we have -- do have drop boxes throughout the City; and one thing we want to make sure that everyone is including in their payment is an invoice or a payment coupon. And the three locations are the City Hall, the Multi-Service Center, and the Sunset Lakes is where they're -- they're available to actually drop off your payments. Transportation services; the community bus service will reduce their services from 12 hours per day to six hours per day, so from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the buses will run, and also we're zoom back from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on a daily basis. This is something that's continually being monitored as -- as it -- as it results to the usage of our transporting system. Assisted living facilities; that's a -- it's a it's a topic that usually is brought up a lot of times when we have these scenarios. In our city, we currently have 17 ALFs within our City. Currently, we have zero positives of what are Covid-19. Assisting the State and delivering our resources; the State has finally given up some supplies, it hasn't been many, so we've actually helped them distribute it to all -- all of our ALFs, and made sure that they're -- they're receiving what they need. They're being visited by the State and actually local authorities almost weekly -- on a weekly basis to make sure that they're properly following through with what their -- what their requirements are. For us, we're contacting the ALFs and assessing their needs, making sure they have what they need, and if they need some assistance, we're making sure that we're -- we -- we provide it for them. And just some of the information to the CDC and Florida Department of Health; as we get updates for any of our -- any our ALF systems, we're actually sending emails and phone calls to make sure that they understand what the changes are, and what -- they're also continuing to follow through with them. The City put out an emergency order for a safer at home the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, and it became effective at 12:00 a.m. Each resident ordered to remain in place at home or place of residence, with exception of essential work and activities. Residents may engage in travel to obtain assistance from law enforcement, fire rescue or other emergency services, and to care for or support of a person in need. Residents may make use of all exterior portions of their home, such as patios, porches, yards and driveways. Residents may -- residents may engage in outdoor activity and recreation, while staying six feet apart from the other person or groups. Essential business employee screening and cleaning protocols; asking employee questions recommended by the CDC, provide disinfected wipes for cleaning, and disinfect hourly and wash hands. And we want to continue to practice social distancing, covering all coughs and sneezes; do not shake hands, and do not enter any public space -- any public place if you exhibit any flu or Covid-19-like symptoms. This is our stay informed. The one thing that -- that -- that I just want to reiterate, this -- this is not just a -- a Miramar battle or just our -- our city battle, this is -- this is an everyone battle. So, really, as we continue to move forward through this -- through this -- this -- these times really are unsure, we just need to continue making sure that we're continuing to be safe, make sure that we're following the guidance that -- that -- that -- that are being brought. It's not something that usually being make up or we're -- we're getting information from other countries that have -- have learned, and what they're learned or lessons learned, they're passing it to us, and we're making sure that we're following too, make sure that we -- we keep the spread of this to -- to the minimum

that we can. And that's all I have, I think, for our Covid -- and right here we've -- we've attached some of the information from our City -- our City Diseases Control number, and our Department of Health number if you have any questions that -- you might need additional information from the, and they also do have websites. And so that concludes my presentation. If anyone has any question.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Chief. I do have an email that was submitted from the public from resident Wayne Simmonds. He asked that this be read, and he has three brief questions, and his statement is as follows: First, I want to thank our Mayor Messam, Vice Mayor Davis and the entire Miramar team for your tireless efforts in keeping the residents updated and informed during the Covid-19 crisis. My prayer and hope is that all of you and your families stay safe and health. His first question is: is the City of Miramar able to rack Covid-19 clusters in our city, and do we have the ability to communicate the information to residents?

FIRE CHIEF PALMER: Yeah, when it comes to the -- it's just like any kind of HIPAA law; we're not allowed to provide any medical information of any one of our residents, patients, or those things, and that's -- that's just what that -- that law provides, the protection of that, so that -- and we don't know -- as a fire department, we don't know where the clusters are, and we don't even know where -- where they actually live, so we don't even have that information.

MAYOR MESSAM: And the second question is -- this is in regards to social distancing. Also, how do we address someone who isn't practicing proper social distancing, sneezing or coughing while rep -- replenishing supplies from any of our shopping locations that are open for business?

FIRE CHIEF PALMER: One of the things, obviously, you want to do is report it to the store manager. I have what the -- the -- the actually -- what the -- the safer at home, it actually identifies in here that the -- the business employees' screening and cleaning protocol, so it actually provides that through that -- that -- that -- that -- that -- that ordinance or that -- what are they called -- what is that called? That emergency order, it actually states that the -- that the businesses should be screening employees. So one of the things that is that you report it to the -- the store manager; that's one thing that maybe they didn't realize that maybe when they came in, they didn't -- they didn't exhibit those signs. It's for them to really go out there and actually examine that employee to see if they are exhibiting them. At that point, they need to send them home. And if that's not occurring, another -- another option that you have, you can actually contact the Broward County Health Department and let them know what's happening, because they're -- they're act -- they're actually the authority that -- that will be able to enact on that.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. And the final question is: Lastly, is there a list of seniors who may need assistance with shopping or in need of other necessities, and how can we, as residents, help?



FIRE CHIEF PALMER: Where's that -- senior needs are -- I -- I don't see that in this information. Senior needs are addressed and served through the Community Service Department, in conjunction with the Aging Disability Resource Center of Broward County. Meals on Wheels of Florida, and the various other agencies in the aging network. These needing -- these needing -- those needing assistance should call 954-889-2719, and staff will assist them on -- on -- on -- on those residents that need assistance.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Thank you so much. Are there any questions from the Commission, from staff regarding the Covid-19 presentation?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I have a couple of questions; I'm not sure if I should ask them now, or -- since we're you're on that topic. Can you hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead, Vice Mayor.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: One of the questions I have. As far as our HOAs, in terms of the community policing, have they seen that parks and playgrounds and schools in our gated communities, are they being used? Are there signs up for folks not to gather in them or to use them? Could I get a -- an -- an update on that?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Dexter Williams, Police Chief. To answer your question, yes, ma'am, we have. We have taken the liberty to dispatch all of our staff members that are in the community policing bureau to every community within the city limits of Miramar; that is every HOA group, every homeowners group. We have spoken to individuals that are in management position, i.e., the president and or the managers over the properties, and we've asked them to adhere to all the regulations and rules on the emergency executive orders. We have their names, we've gone on and done physical inspections of those courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, walking paths, etc., and just asked them to let us know if there are any issues, or any congregations around in their communities. All of them, pretty much, that I have -- I've not -- hadn't received any other -- any other issues, that they've all closed their pools and so forth with chains and locks, etc., so they've closed off those areas where our community would normally congregate. So -- so for right now, we've been doing regular checks, daily checks, and our community resource team is out there. If we do receive any complaints by any residents, we have did -- done a spot inspection, unannounced, and then we also go and speak directly to -- to the management team and/or the HOA group in regards to that.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. I have one other question. In light of the fact that we are the third highest number in the County compared to similar sized cities who are reporting in the sing -- you know, in the teens, and we're right up there pushing into 80, I wanted us to see about any other stringent measures that can be -- can be made. I was informed that cities like Miami Gardens, they actually have a curfew in place, 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.; Hallandale Beach has a curfew, 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.; Hialeah also has a curfew. And I want to ask the police chief, these curfews that are abutting our

communities are likely to have an effect on the City of Miramar. I -- I know I read that we have burglaries, in terms of car -- car break ins, and, you know, I -- I -- I -- I want to ask my colleagues what -- what their thoughts are on -- on curfews. And one of the reasons -- I spoke to a resident just recently. In the home, there's an older son, obviously over the age of 18, and a lot of the times, his son is just going out, not going to the grocery stores, not going to work, he's not going to the pharmacy, and he's just out, and he comes in as he feels. Obviously, you know, we don't have much enforcement powers, but I think it could be an issue that we need to be prepared to look at. Our numbers are growing and, again, the curfews on either side -- then, unless you're going on essential job, I think, seriously, we should consider a curfew in place.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you. That's a very good question, and very good observation as well. The chiefs, we have all had this conversation about instituting curfews. Some cities took the liberty to move forward faster than others. The communities that did do that, those are the ones that have high transient traffic coming to their particular communities, whether it was a coastal community or whether they had entertainment districts that brought people there, which would force them to have to keep people out of their city. So it was a measure, a tactic, a strategy to help keep people out of their city, and making sure folks would stay home, to let them know that there would be zero tolerance. The thing about going into curfew issues, now you're bringing the officers into a law enforcement perspectives more so than a campaign, because then curfews at that point will then force our officers to start stopping individuals that may be traversing through our communities. And then that level of engagement will then increase the contact with our officers with that community and, potentially, also bringing into possibly arrest issues or whatever that might develop out of. The reason why we -- we are treading gingerly with doing curfews is because we are trying to also assist Broward County with reducing the level of cases, bringing things into the courtroom, bringing individuals into the courthouse, and then -- or into the jail system if necessary. Right now, the City of Miramar has been doing an outstanding job over the midnight hours. The uptake that I spoke of in regards to vehicle burglaries, that was a comparison that I had from last year where I had 20, and now we had 27, so some light -- slight uptake, and that was the only criminal activity that -- that showed some reflection in regards to what we were going through with this coronavirus and folks staying home and so forth. I was trying to do somewhat of an analysis to see any changes that have occurred. So that's where we're at presently. It is definitely up to the -- the Mayor, the decision of the City management if a curfew is desired or not, but at this juncture, we -- either way, we will still continue to monitor our community in the evening hours to make sure that they are staying at home as requested. Thank you.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. I -- I guess this discussion can come up again, maybe during comments. I'm not sure that I want to go -- labor into it right now, but I do think it's something we should look at seriously, because of the numbers. Folks just need to stay home, and just last week we had people out there doing soccer tournaments, basketball tournaments and, you know, it's just not sinking in. And they depend upon us, the leadership, and I -- I just hope that's something that we can look at. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Vice Mayor, for your input. I must say, at this time, I'm not in favor of a curfew, but keep in mind, as days and weeks go by, we have to be mindful of people going to become more desperate -- desperate and I'm -- I'm going to -- been aware of businesses been break -- broken into, so I want the Chief to be diligent and keep that in mind that -- that something going to eventually -- if this goes on much longer, where people are out of work and need to feed their family, they might want to start breaking into business. Homeowners, most people are home, the kids are home and parents are staying home, so not a lot of big concern with residents in their home, but businesses definitely. I do have another question for the Fire Chief or the Police Chief. In regards to the N-95 masks for your staff to protect them, do we have adequate masks in place? And, if not, I did reach out to a source this afternoon, and I do have a lead I would like to pass on to the Fire Chief to check out and see if we can get more of those N-95 masks to make sure we have proper protection for the folks who are on the front line.

FIRE CHIEF PALMER: As for -- for right now, we do have adequate supply to -- to keep us going through. One of the challenges that we have is as we -- we actually go to purchase masks, we find out a day or two later -- we get a phone call and they say that: Okay, we don't have those masks available anymore. So what's kind of occurring is -- I guess I don't know if they're kind of like trying to get the best price or the -- or the most for the masks, that we end up getting into and kind of making our purchase, and then days later we're being actually told: Okay, that that deal fell through. So that's -- so we're constantly chasing those things. We've actually secured quite a few. We're hoping that within the next week or two we should have an abundance again coming in, and then we've also reached out to some other new vendors that'll, hopefully, within the next couple weeks, we'll also have an additional -- and those N-95 masks. And, also, we're purchasing the surgical masks, because both of them have -- have -- either for patients or for our own personal protection, there's -- there's two masks that do work. So, as we go through it -- and, also, not just that, we have our gowns, which is another thing that's very high commodity that's very hard to find, your goggles, and -- and even your -- your gloves. Everywhere we're ordering from that we normally would order from is -- everybody is limiting everything. They're only allowing so much for us to be able to purchase, because everybody is pulling from the same pool. So that's part of the challenge. But as for right now, we -- we have a -- a good -- good amount. Our call level has slowed down, the hospitals have actually become slower. I guess it's due to, maybe, everyone just being scared and not wanting to go to those hospitals. So, as that occurs, to allow -- and, you know, another week or two weeks to go by, which -- which our supplies are slowly coming in. So, as of right now, we're doing pretty good. I will definitely take the information that you have and -- and put that forward, and make those phone calls and see what they can do for us, so I want to thank you for that.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: And -- and then -- and I can add to that as well. The police department staff members that are actually responding to calls day in, day out, we also have equipped them; each one of them has two masks, the surgical mask that he spoke about. We have had a total of over 1,000 masks that we have on hand, so we are trying to make sure that we work sparingly, but we also want to also make sure that we are conservative, at the same time, with keeping the officers equipped with this, because we know that emergency management is having a -- you know, a good time trying to find some of this equipment that is being sought after by the entire world. So we also issued our staff with -- with goggles and so forth, and gloves and etc. So I did speak with our union staff members as well, just to make sure that our teams were -- were receiving, in addition to sanitizing bottles as well, as re -- refillables. So we've been -- we've been doing that. And so, right now, with the masks I think we're doing okay. And as more come in for our staff, we will be pushing that out to the operations road patrol staff.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Chief, I want to thank both of you so much and all your staff, because you guys don't get to go home and stay home regardless of what's happening. You have to be out there to protect the public, and to serve the folks who -- who call in the rescue and to be transported to the hospital. Thank you guys so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. One quick question. Oftentimes, we get inquiries about businesses that may or may not be in violation are -- are falling under the classification of an essential business. So when we receive these inquiries, who should the public contact? Who enforces? Who goes out and checks, so that residents can know where to communicate that information -- that -- that inquiry?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mayor. Outstanding question, because we are the end, stop. We are going to go out to every single business by every complaint that is made. We're not forwarding any information. We're going and doing site inspections. If it's a business, essential business, nonessential business, we will go out and make that determination. We would then go inside and make sure that the individuals that are running the operation is adhering to the -- the safety zone issues, and discussions that we've been talking about for safe space. And, obviously, for social distancing within the business, how many individuals are within that business, working scope line, how the -- the employees are, what testing methods they may have, even though that's a little bit above and beyond for us to ask, but we are recommending it. Just like we are doing for the Police Department, as we did here at the City Commission Meeting, where you took the temperature of every individual who came in here, just to -- just for a word of education there, so. We are also recommending when individuals do call, to just give us the information. A lot of them are trying to remain anonymous, but we are definitely looking into each and every single complaint that comes in.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Chief. Great presentation. I see no -- I do see one more speaker, Commissioner Chambers. If you would like to speak, I would remind Commissioners to please select "request to speak", so I can know that you request to

speaking, because I want to move -- move the agenda. Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I currently don't see the request to speak on -- on my screen.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Okay.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: But I would like to speak when -- after -- after Commissioner Chambers.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So Commissioner Chambers and followed by Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. In regards to the information that the State put in place for businesses, I do get a lot of calls from our local small businesses with a lot of confusion as to who can operate and who cannot operate. I just want to clarify something with -- let's say a business -- a beauty shop that's doing hair, can they make appointments for folks to come in, barber shops, can they set up a distance, six feet, or do appointments for their customers to come in, so they can continue to earn a living? How can we address those concerns with those businesses still do appointments?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Those businesses, there are so many variations with salons and barber shops. Our city has taken the position and posture that these businesses are nonessential and have been remaining closed. Dade County has also -- well, they actually in -- instituted before we did. They have closed as well, and Fort Lauderdale area and so forth, a lot of those areas of there are following suit. And I think it's because the close proximity and the contact, and -- but that's just my opinion with that. We also have a direct line as well to speak with the Department of Business and Professional Regulations, and other regulatory agencies in regards to those specific businesses. So if you have, or if the community has a question about that, we can also then refer them directly to those regulatory agencies, and they can speak direct if we have not already provided the information on -- with the updates that have been given out by the City. Because it is quite comprehensive, with the executive orders and declarations that have been going out; another one just went out today by the -- by the Governor, which will be enacted in the next day or two, so -- and it's constantly changing right now, so it's a fluid -- it's a fluid process that we're all going through. But we will take that information from you, and we will just look into it and make sure, like I said, the buck stops here with me. And we are just not going to keep continuously pushing our community anywhere, we'll try to get them answers and respond back as we should as a city.

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

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes, thank you very much. I really wanted to say thank you to staff for the -- the thoroughness and the reports that we have been receiving, very

informational; they truly, you know, try to capture everything, and it is -- it is really appreciated, because it does summarize. We hear so much from so many different people, so I am truly happy to see those daily reports, so thank you so very much for that. In -- on the topic of curfew, I would like -- I would like to know what businesses do we -- do we still have businesses open after 10:00 p.m.?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: No, ma'am. I would probably venture to say that 95 percent of every business in the City is pretty much closed outside a 24-hour gas station or something to that effect, but most restaurants -- all of them have been closing super early, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 around that timeline. Other than that, there are no other businesses that have been opened within our city limits in the evening hours.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: After 10:00 p.m. If we institute a -- a curfew, and we don't have businesses open, are we stopping cars?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: That is definitely a possibility. If an individual may say they're just going through the plaza or something like that, the officer may be alerted to that and may want to -- to initiate the stop based on that to inquire why the individual is within the City, moving in a vehicle. But then the officer then still has to inform these individuals that -- that the City has a curfew; we cannot assume that all know. But then, as I said, that then now creates a contact that the officer must have with that individual, and no telling where it can go from there with having to deal with individuals, or -- or what we actually maybe having to address at that time. But the City with -- with a curfew concept, yes, again, like I said, it -- it -- it does put another layer in there as well, but it does open it up for more activity of enforcement, where officers will -- instead of being on the monitoring side, will be more on the active, engagement side.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well, before we -- before we rush to a curfew, I would certainly like to see that our police department track the crime rates as to what's going on in the City with all these businesses closed, and the less activity at night. Most people are home at night, you know, do we have more cases, more burglary cases, does that continue to increase. I am -- I am concerned also if our neighboring communities do have curfews and we don't, that it's something that we -- we really need to track to make sure that it's not -- that it's not affecting us, that folks are not coming to us, because they can't go there.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Yes, ma'am. Overall, our crime rate continues to decrease, and if any fluctuation, like I said was -- one -- one or two cases that would be above what we had from last year, we do a lot of predictive policing, so we know where a lot of information should be, or, rather, resources should be pushed in regards to monitoring our crime levels. After hours, like I said, you know, crimes of opportunity are always prevalent and -- in every community, so we will just continue to focus on that. The gated communities assist a great deal, because, obviously, you know, they have gates and so forth, but communities that do not have gates, those are where the concentration of the officers are doing and heavy patrol and/or sitting along the Miramar Parkway corridor, and

I'm sure you know that we will observe everything. In addition to that, our license plates readers, the electronic tech -- technology that we have that catches everyone driving through our city, and we get the run of the tag information to know whether or not it's something we need to investigate or not.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I appreciate that. I think a reminder to our residents that you are out there, and some of the things that they can do to be more vigilant would probably be a good idea as well in -- in the interim while we, perhaps, think some more about a curfew.

MAYOR MESSAM: All Right. Thank -- thank you, Commissioner. Thank you to both chiefs for your report and informing the community about our efforts as we work to continue to head off Covid-19. Thank you, gentlemen. All right. So before we move onto Consent Agenda, I would like to remind the members of the Commission that you must use the buttons on your devices to motion and to second in addition to requesting to speak and voting when prompted, as this is a virtual meeting, and we must rely on that for an accurate record, so thank you for your cooperation, as we all are adjusting to this new platform.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. The Clerk received no requests to speak on the Consent Agenda. If items are pulled -- call for a motion on the balance of the Consent Agenda, call the roll, then we will record the votes in numerical order, and we'll also ask the attorney to read each pulled item, ask the dais if they would like a presentation or have a specific question for staff, then make a motion and ask for a vote on each item individually. May I have a motion on the Consent Agenda? All right. Vice Mayor Davis has raised her hand to speak. Vice Mayor Davis, are you requesting to pull an item? Vice Mayor Davis, are you on mute?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. We hear you now, Vice Mayor. Are you --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I just have a question. There was a presentation that I got that I don't know if it was the full presentation, this item on the T-Mobile. That's the one that's up, correct? The temporary use.

MAYOR MESSAM: That's item number two. Do you wish to pull item number two and we can discuss, or --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yeah, that's the one.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So Vice Mayor Davis wishes to pull item number two. May I have a motion on the balance of the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes has moved item one for the Consent Agenda. Do I have a second? If you're seconding the motion, press second, and then say --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second. Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Consent Agenda has been moved by Commission -- Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne. Madam Clerk, please record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: One moment, Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: One moment as we wait for the Clerk to load the votes into the system. Madam Clerk, record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes. Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Consent Agenda Item 1, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes

Yes



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

1. Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting of March 4, 2020 will be placed on the April 15, 2020 Commission Agenda.

**Approved**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number two, please.

2. Temp. Reso. #R7033 approving a Site Lease Agreement between the City of Miramar and T-Mobile South, LLC, a limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, for a **temporary cellular facility** and to place ground equipment on City property located at 14200 SW 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Vizcaya Park. *(Public Works Director Anthony Collins and Parks & Recreation Director Elizabeth Valera)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving a Site Lease Agreement between the City of Miramar and T-Mobile South, LLC, a limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, for a temporary cellular facility and to place ground equipment on City property located at 14200 SW 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Vizcaya Park, authorizing the City Manager to execute the site -- site lease agreement with T-Mobile, LLC, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Davis, you said you needed to see a presentation or did you have a question?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Well, from what I looked at on the presentation, there were -- it said there were payments of a certain amount. I'm trying to see if that's monthly or onetime payment.

MR. COLLINS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, City Commission. Tony Collins, Public Works Director. As it relates to the -- the amount, the payment is on a monthly basis. It's \$2,260.00 per month; it's payable on the first of every month.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. And do you have timetable for it? Is there a timetable?

MR. COLLINS: In terms of the duration of the lease?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

MR. COLLINS: Yeah, it's -- it's for a year.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: One year?

MR. COLLINS: Yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. And then they will just move the operation elsewhere?

MR. COLLINS: Yes, they would, or they could be request for possible continuation, but the initial duration will be for a year.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

MR. COLLINS: You're welcome.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. May I have a motion for this item, item number two? When you select a button, please states you move the motion -- you move the item, and take yourself off mute, if possible.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion.

MAYOR MESSAM: I see there's a motion. Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, Madam Clerk, we'll wait for you to load the voting. Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes. 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 #R7033, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 20-97**

***End of Consent Agenda***

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number three, please.

**RESOLUTIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number three, please.

- 3.** Temp. Reso. #R7133 **selecting a Vice Mayor** for a one-year term, and providing for an effective date. *(City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs)*

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, selecting a Vice Mayor for a one-year term, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. The Clerk received no requests to speak on this item. May I have a motion for this upcoming year's vice mayor, please. Are there any nominations for vice mayor? Please speak at this time.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I nominate Commissioner Chambers.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Are there any other nominations?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: Hearing none. Commissioner Chambers has been nominated to serve as vice mayor. May I have a motion on the nomination of Commissioner Chambers.  
COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to nominate -- motion --

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a second.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second. Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Madam Clerk, you have a motion and a second, please load the voting.

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. Congratulations, Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, colleagues, for -- and I will proudly serve as vice mayor for the next year. Thank you, guys, so much.

On a motion by Commissioner Colbourne, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Resolution #R7133, appointing Commissioner Chambers as Vice Mayor, the Commission voted:

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

**Resolution No. 20-98**

## **ORDINANCES**

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Moving onto ordinances. Item number four, please.

4. **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. ***(Continued from the meeting of 02/19/20) (Staff recommends continuance to the meeting of 05/20/20) (Principal Planner Michael Alpert)***

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending portions of the Land Development Code and the City Code of Ordinances; creating new sections -- subsections regarding landscaping requirements and general development standards; making findings; repealing Chapter 9, Landscaping Requirements and Tree Conservation; creating new Chapter 5, sub -- 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 Section 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 Chapter -- and Section 4 -- 715, Transit Oriented Corridor Neighborhood Development -- I'm sorry, Transit Oriented Corridor District Code; revising portions of Chapter 8, Development Standards and General Applicability, specifically Section 801, Development Standards, Section 806, Wetlands Applicability -- specifically Section 801, Development Standards, Wetlands, Preservation Standards, Section 807, Surface Water Management Standards, Section 810, Compliance and 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 for Officials as authorized to take action; and providing for an effective date. This was continued for -- from the meeting of 1/15/20; staff recommends continuance to the meeting of 5/20/20, and the Principal Planner here is Michael Alpert.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion to continue to the meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, on item four, please.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to continue.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Motion to continue.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a second.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, you have a motion and a second, please load 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 #O1741, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes

Commissioner Colbourne	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for June 17, 2020

**Cont'd. to 05/20/20**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Reports and Comments:**

### **Commissioner Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number five, please.

5. Temp. Reso. #R7155 appointing a Director, Alternate, and Second Alternate to the **Broward League of Cities Board of Directors.** (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, appointing a Director, Alternate, and Second Alternate to the Broward League of Cities Board of Directors; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. This item is our annual designation for Broward League of Cities Board of Directors to select a -- appointing a director and alternate and a second alternate. Currently, I serve as the Director, Commissioner Colbourne serves as the alternate, and I think it's Commissioner Chambers is the second alternate, if I'm correct. In regard to the upcoming year, I still desire to be the director, moving forward. Is there any changes or recommendations? Is everyone want to remain or any new nominations? Hearing none, do we like to maintain the same representation for the City of Miramar for the Broward League of Cities?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: If so, may I have --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I would --

MAYOR MESSAM: Go ahead. Yeah. I wouldn't -- I wouldn't mind continuing on there. If one of my colleagues would like to do it, I would -- I would give them that opportunity as well. Otherwise, I would be honored to continue.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: The same sentiment.

MAYOR MESSAM: So, hearing -- hearing none, may I have a motion to retain the current representation with Mayor Messam as Director, Commissioner Colbourne as the alternate, and -- and Commissioner Chambers for second alternate to the Broward League of Cities. May I have a motion, please?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion -- motion to maintain our current office holders.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I just second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Madam Clerk, you have a motion and a second, please load the votes. Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R7155, retaining the current appointees: Mayor Messam as Director to the Broward League of Cities Board of Directors, Commissioner Colbourne as the first alternate director, and Commissioner Chambers as the second alternate, the Commission voted:

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



## **Resolution No. 20-99**

MAYOR MESSAM: On to Commission reports. Load up. We're ready. All right, we'll go through this. I would like to inform -- as you have seen on many of the reports to our many small businesses in the City of Miramar, especially those who may not be essential businesses, or whether you are an essential business, your businesses have been impacted and would like to inform you there are some resources that are available through the State of Florida. And the first is the [floridadisasterloan.org](http://floridadisasterloan.org) website that has a bridge loan to assist you in carrying forward any expenses once you apply. There's another location: [floridasbdc.org/locations](http://floridasbdc.org/locations); that's [floridasbdc.org/locations](http://floridasbdc.org/locations). There's a -- there are virtual webinars that are being held to inform our business community about many resources. For example, for employees that may be facing being laid off that you would like to keep. There's even a program with the State of Florida that will pay a portion of their salaries through unemployment while the employer keeps a smaller portion of that salary, so that those furloughed or those employees that they would like to keep but can no longer afford, so that those employees can -- can continue to earn their salaries during this time. And, as we all are aware of the stimulus packages that were passed by Congress, we or small -- our Economic -- our -- our economic development office is currently working with the Broward County Small Business Development -- Economic Small Business Development office to dissect that massive stimulus package to get information out to our Miramar businesses, so that they can get full -- take full advantage of all the opportunities that stimulus package has presented. This goes back a few weeks, earlier -- end of February, beginning of March, I would like to just to thank the community for -- for coming out to the Mayor's 5K Health & Fitness Fair. It was very warm that day, but it was a -- a good -- a good event, and -- and educational and very interactive for our community. Also, between our last presentation, I did have an opportunity to go to the National League of Cities Congress of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C. I was also joined by Vice Mayor Davis, so she may have some words during her report. We had an opportunity to meet with some of our congressional delegation, with our federal lobbyists who arranged our appointments. We had visits with Congressman Alcee Hastings, as well as Vice Mayor met with, I think, Senator -- we both met with Senator Rubio's Office, and I think Vice Mayor also was able to meet with Senator Scott Office as well. We talked about our federal legislative initiatives, and -- and desires from the federal government. Unlike years before where congressional -- a congressional delegation could earmark for special -- for specific projects for our city, earmarks are no longer available. There are some discussions, however, to bring them back. That empowers our congressmen and women and our senators to be able to directly amend bills with -- with desired projects for funding. But, until then, there -- it's -- it's -- they're there to support our grant applications, they're there to help us to prioritize funding in the areas where we may need funding at the state level, and then we go on and apply for those grants that directly fund those projects. But it's always great to meet with our colleagues from across the -- the nation. We talked about topics as it relates to homelessness, affordable housing, as well as priorities for cities in the upcoming November presidential elections. And we did have representation from our youth delegate, who is nationally selected a year ago to represent not only the City of Miramar, but youth across this country, and Ivanna Fregoso does a

great job representing us in the -- in wherever we go, whether it's at the city summit across the country in the various cities, or during the spring from -- during the -- during the Congress of Cities in Washington. And had an opportunity to meet other students from across the country; many elected officials don't take the time out to visit with the youth delegates to talk to them about being a public servant and encouraging them to consider the same when they matriculate from through their education, so that they can give back to their community. And we really have some wonderful youth across this country, and if they decide to move forward, I feel comfortable that we'll -- that our -- that our nation will be in good hands with the bright minds that are coming through the delegate program with the National League of Cities. As well -- the Florida Black Caucus continues to have their spring conference in the City of Miramar. They typically have it the week of Jazz In The Gardens; obviously, this year's Jazz In The Gardens was cancelled, but it's an opportunity where black elected officials across the State have come to -- have the spring conference over for the last five years, starting back when I was the president of the Black Caucus where we started the spring conference for technical training with the Florida League of Cities, as well as dealing with issues across the State. And I haven't been the President in over the past three years, and the leadership there still continues to grow the organization, and they still continue to come to Miramar and holding the conference at the Courtyard Marriott. And it was great to -- to stop by and to see our colleagues from across the State, getting additional municipal training by the Florida League of Cities, as well as sharing ideas and best practices. And just in case if we are able to have the Mayor's Technology Boot Camp, it will take place June -- mid-June, between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>. There may be some virtual opportunities in the event if we cannot meet at the Florida Vocational Technical School right here in Miramar Park of Commerce, where students are learning how to code, they're learning about virtualization, a lot of skill sets that will prepare them for the gig economy, and to give them these -- the -- the technical -- the IT skills to make them competitive, regardless of whatever field that they will have. And that will be June 15 through 27<sup>th</sup>. Those who are interested, you can register online by visiting [www.fvi.edu/summerbootcamp](http://www.fvi.edu/summerbootcamp), where we will be taking a list of students that are interested. That's [www.fvi.edu/](http://www.fvi.edu/) or /summerbootcamp. And I think that concludes my report. And before I turn it over to Vice Mayor Davis, I just want to just share -- just a brief note to the community that we know that what we're experiencing right now is unprecedented. It's challenging, and we know that these are tough times, and we just want you to know from the City of Miramar that we are prepared, that you -- we have a plan. You have a city commission that really wants to ensure that we get things right, so that we can be able to provide the many resources. Some resources, the City can provide, but most and many of the resources will be available through our peers, fellow agencies with the State and the federal government, and it is our charge to ensure that we continue to educate the community, as we weather through this storm together as a community. So, I would like to thank you for your patience and, as always, we are in this together, and we'll get this -- we'll get through this together. Thank you. Vice Mayor Davis, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. Before I start my brief presentation, very brief, I have, I'm sure my colleagues have also, received various emails with regards the billboards

that are up around the City. But one in particular is causing a stir, which is the one located by Dykes and Miramar Parkway. I -- I did send an email; I have not gotten a response from staff yet with regards to are there any possibilities of relocating that particular billboard, or what would be -- ramifications be -- or if that's not possible, based on, you know, I don't what the contract says and things of that nature. But that, somehow, we could reach out to the community, mainly those west of I-75, and either send something to their HOAs or some information. Because the idea is that many folks are saying that they were not notified about the meetings, they -- you know, the 1000 feet did not include their communities. So, if I could ask staff to kind of let me know about any relocation options, and if that's not possible, then how would we do like a public service announcement regarding this -- this whole program.

MAYOR MESSAM: I would like to comment briefly on Vice Mayor Davis on that. I did receive number of communications and emails as well regarding the -- the billboard. Prior to the situation with the coronavirus, I was planning a community town hall to work to inform the community about the steps, the process about how the billboard came about, not just that billboard. Because questions are coming specifically about that billboard, but it's a broader issue, in terms of that billboard was not approved singularly, it was a part of the entire billboard ordinance that passed, and the -- and the subsequent RFP that went out. And the intention was to be able to have staff provide all of the -- basically, all the information that was presented during the multiple community meetings, Commission meetings, as well as during the process during the RFP, so that residents could know how the process came about, so that they could also voice any questions as well. But since the coronavirus came about, we were unable to have the town hall. Staff did prepare just a chronology of events, but I would suggest as well that the information that was being prepared by staff -- I don't think it was completed outside of the -- the chronology, that we have that information available and, perhaps, can present it either virtually or either a PowerPoint, or perhaps some form of virtual town hall, so that residents can -- can know. I've received a lot of next-door messages and then posts as well that we can use to compile a lot of -- some of those concerns. So, I agree as well. The challenge we've had in terms of not being able to meet to kind of address the fallout -- because many of the residents -- because most residents don't come to Commission meetings, most don't come to -- to -- to voice their concerns. They don't react until they actually see what's happening, and that's when the response comes. So -- but I agree in terms of, perhaps, putting something more illustrative, in terms of what actually took place, so that at least the residents -- not to say that it would change any perceptions or any minds in terms of -- because whether you like it or not, it's not completely -- it's -- it's -- it's being constructed. It's not completed yet, but whether you like it or you don't like it, it -- not saying that the information will change anyone's mind if you don't like it, or if you're indifferent about it, but we do -- we need to get the information out for those individuals, so that folks don't feel that this was a decision made in a vacuum, some backdoor deal. It was actually over a series of public meetings to the community, so that residents can know at least what took place, how it came about, so they can know the actual facts about how it came about.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And just -- you know, and that part is good, you know, after the fact, and, you know, to explain why it's there, and -- and the program. But the other question that I had, and maybe the attorneys that would have to look into that, in terms of can that be relocated.

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Vice Mayor, I have spent some time looking at this issue here, and I have spoken with Assistant City Manager Baker, and we are examining some alternatives, some ideas and things that I passed through -- I'll run that across to each one of the Commission, each one of you to let you know what I'm thinking about, the strategy to try to make sense of everything that's going on in here. Obviously, there's a lot of priorities that's in front of us, but this situation I have advised Commissioner Colbourne also that -- that I have been thinking about this project here, and I've been thinking about alternatives, resolutions in here. And we'll be getting back with the Commission within two weeks in here about some things that I'm thinking about this project.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. City Manager, appreciate that. And, so just a brief presentation. You can -- the Clerk can just run through it for me. (Video shown) It's self-explanatory. National League of Cities, which the Mayor spoke about, we were there meeting with our Florida delegation and other colleagues. You can continue. Yeah. We're not hearing the video, so you can just skip that. Here we go with our -- some of our, you should be able see it on the screen, Congressman Alcee Hastings and staff members discussing some of the priorities for the City of Miramar. Of course, we're in a serious time with Covid-19. As was mentioned before, Governor DeSantis has already done the Safer At Home for all of the State, which is good, and we'll continue to monitor, especially the cases in -- in Miramar, and try to see what the trends are, and how we can, hopefully, get that number not to increase as much as it is increasing. So please follow all of the CDC guidelines, all the guidelines from your federal and State departments, and -- and stay safe out there. Yeah. This -- this was postponed. It was a homebuyer's workshop; under the circumstances, we hope that we can bring it back once we all get through this time. And, hopefully, we can get to having this homebuyer workshop with NACA at the appropriate time. Again, tips on the coronavirus, which, by now, we should all be following, making sure we disinfect frequently, clean, wash our hands, don't touch our face, and social distancing. And that's it. Thank you so much.

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

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. First of all, I want to say that -- presentations aren't up yet, but I'll start off. Today is National Census Day, and we've taken a number of steps to get the message out to our residents. Currently, the City of Miramar, we have -- one third of our residents have completed the census -- response to census questionnaire, so that is -- that is pretty good, compared to national and to Florida. However, we're still pretty -- we're still pretty behind, so we really are urging our residents to please take the time -- it only takes about ten minutes, so please -- please help us.

Help the City to go ahead and -- by going ahead and complete the census survey. This is very important to -- to the City of Miramar. It is very easy to do. It can be done by phone, and that phone number is 844-330-2020; again, that's 844-330-2020. It can also be done online at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov). To complete your census form, you can also do that by mail. They are the safest way to complete the census and avoid contact with census takers. It takes less than ten minutes to complete. Your census responses are confidential, and you should count each and every one in your household. Please, it is very important to the City of Miramar. Again, it is National Census Day, and if you would just indulge us by taking ten minutes today to complete the survey for your household, you will be making a big difference to your community. Next, due to the coronavirus, our seniors are adhering to the State recommended social distancing, and many are unable to leave their homes. So last Friday, I had the opportunity to go out with many volunteers and take a hot meal to over 60 of our seniors here in the City of Miramar, and I tell you, I -- you know, we kept our distance, but we can -- we could see those heartwarming smiles; they were very appreciative of it. And this past Saturday, I just want to say thank you so much to Commissioner Chambers for putting on this Grab & Go event, and for allowing me to be a part of it, and I don't want to say too much more about it, because I'm sure he will, but thank you so much, Commissioner Chambers. I do have a couple of other things. There is a video interview that was done, if you're able to show that, you can put that on. Are we able to see that?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Commissioner Colbourne, if I May, this weekend, you were at the center of everything, so if you could expand some more on what took place, I'll appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Well, you know, it -- it was an awesome event. It started really early, and it was the entire day, and you had so many people who came through. I don't have a count, Commissioner, but I would think you had over 1,000 cars that came up and volunteered in -- in their vehicles, and some came from far away; most of them was from right here in the City of Miramar. And we still continue to receive phone calls from residents who were saying: Hey, I really need this. And, you know, are we having another one this weekend. So, it was certainly well received and, you know, it's - you know, it's well noted to me that it's needed in our community. Many are having a hard time; they are feeling that itch from -- from not being able to go to work. So, if you can play the video, we can play the Channel 10 interview. What's going on?

MAYOR MESSAM: It's not being able to play, so if you have any other comments.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. Yes, I do.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay, great.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay. On the billboards, I want to thank Vice Mayor - Vice Mayor Davis for bringing up that subject. I, too, have received a couple of emails. I know, Mr. Mayor, the process is important; it is important for residents to understand the

process, but I -- I also -- I also know from the emails that I got that they're -- they're truly looking at alternatives. So, I am -- I'm glad to know that the City Manager is looking at alternatives and presenting that to us, so that we can see where we're going from there. I have also received a number of -- of complaints concerning the blasting impact that -- that residents -- with residents saying that they're feeling impact from the blasting in Miami-Dade County. And I guess it's been going on; it has -- it has -- it's never stopped, but now many people are home, and, you know, they already have the stress from the coronavirus, and they are now sitting in their homes, and they are feeling the blasting. We have shut down many businesses, and I don't know if there are any plans to have White Rock -- White Rock to -- to either slow or stop blasting during this emergency situation. But I would certainly like, if my colleagues agreed with me, that we could have the City Manager and the City Attorney get something out to our -- to our Governor, asking him for some relief for our residents during this crisis, either by slowing, lowering the limits of the blasting, or just stopping it for another 30 days, or until -- until everyone, you know -- until we get through this health emergency situation that we have. So, if that's okay with my colleagues, I would like to see -- I would like to see something go out, requesting that from -- from the Governor. I would also like to thank staff. Staff has been truly amazing. They were -- they were very supportive, our police department, our Parks, last week as well. I know they are out there. They are continuing to work, even though the -- the City is quiet. We have many employees that are doing a lot throughout the City, and I just want to say thank you so much for it. It is certainly clear to me when I see the reports, when I see what's going on. My thoughts and prayers are with all of our residents. I know we can get through this; I know we will get through this together. Many of our residents will be -- will be observing Holy Week coming up, and I -- you know, I pray for -- for all of them as well. And I wish everybody a happy Easter, which it's coming up as well before our next meeting, so enjoy, probably not with as many family members as we usually do, probably not at church as you usually do, but Happy Easter to everyone. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: First, I would say thanks to the IT Director and his staff for hooking us up with this WebEx, and also to the City Clerk and her staff for working so hard to make sure that we have -- have this meeting. And, also, I want to thank our Fire Chief and his department for being out there on the frontline to -- and have presence to assist our residents with their needs, and also the Police Chief and his men and women out there; they're serving us day in and day out. I want to thank them so much. I also want to thank our medical professionals out there dealing with this pandemic. And I want to start off from the bottom up. We have folks who are at the lower level, HHS, CNAs, LPN, RN, all the way up through the doctors who are -- day in and day out, they don't get to not show up when we have this kind of crisis going on, so we want to really thank them so much for their work. I also want to thank our staff here at the City of Miramar for all they're doing during this crisis to assist, and I know they are there and always looking out for our residents. I'd like to thank the City Manager and his staff for all they're doing to

get us through this crisis. Also, I'd like to thank my colleagues, the Mayor, Vice Mayor Davis, Commissioner Colbourne and Commissioner Barnes, Mayor Messam for your -- our service to our community. When we decided to run for office, it's very challenging and demanding, and we put ourselves out there, and we're not only putting ourselves out there, we're also putting our family out there, so -- and in times like this, what -- what we have to give back to our community and serve, it's -- it's -- it's valuable. So, I want to thank you guys so much for your effort and for taking on this job to serve your community. I must say, in response to many calls that I receive in my office from residents who are laid off: I can't get food, or I can't stand in long lines to receive food from different distribution. Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> I did a food drive and was able to assist 264 families.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are you there, Commissioner Chambers?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can you hear me?

MAYOR MESSAM: Can hear you now. Go ahead, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Okay. So, as I was saying, I'd like to thank Pastor David Range and all his members of the church, my church, Miramar United Methodist Church for their assistance. It was very wonderful. Neighbors -- our UPS store lady right here across the street, she and her daughter were my two volunteers who came out, even though I did not solicit them. Their UPS truck driver, we told them we were doing it, and they came out. They were my two first on the scene who assist us packing bags, so I want to thank them so much for their effort. Also, this past March 28<sup>th</sup>, I was joined by my wonderful colleague, Commissioner Colbourne -- thank you, Commissioner Colbourne for your staff with -- alongside, so humbling to get this job done. And I greatly appreciated that effort to assist with the distribution this weekend. We assist over 2,000 cars. They got into a line and we're out there. I don't know how we got through it this weekend, because I end up running traffic, and you were able to take over the operation at the distribution point, and make sure everything went well, so greatly appreciate that. You were a lifesaver this weekend; thank you so much. I'd also like to thank Vice Mayor Davis, who sent out volunteers. I know she could not be there, because she's the primary caretaker for her dad, and she had to make sure she stay home and care for her dad, but I know she was there in heart with us, so thank you so much, Vice Mayor. I must say a big thanks to Miramar Police Department who came out and assist us, and that was really good, because the traffic was so backed up, and they were able to assist us professionally to get all that stuff -- folks on their way, so. I want to thank the Fire Chief also for providing some supplies to us, and it was greatly appreciated. I -- I must also thank our City Manager, Mr. Hargray, and Assistant City Manager, Mr. Baker, who -- they came out and were able to work in line with us for quite some time, and to help us get our resident -- a lot of residents on their way, so big thanks to you. And our to residents, we want to thank them for coming out and receive the donation to us. Those of you who could not be there, thanks to our nonresidents also. Take care of their family. Also, staff, we got some staff there that was helping us; Public Works and Parks & Rec., getting the word out, and also, they came out and did some interaction with the crowd, and some coverage. You know,

I must say that we create the success of our distribution in Miramar. Which -- so many people in need. One of our employees, Tennille, brought this idea to her city, and assist in getting this done in her city, and I must say -- firstly, I want to thank Feeding South Florida, because they answered the call once more to show up and were able to assist this. So, Feeding South Florida, I want to thank you so much. I also want to thank the Mayor and Vice Mayor Ryan for their contribution and their support, and the Parks Director, Sam; everyone who was onboard. Mr. C. Ron, he has a mentoring program -- he runs the mentoring program for kids up there in Delray Beach, so I want to thank them for inviting me to assist them with their feeding this morning. You know, I got up early and I went up there and assist, and I learned some things as to how to do a better distribution with Feeding South Florida there on the spot this morning. It was the first time I've seen them in action, so that was very good. And that's something I will be implementing at this upcoming Feeding South Florida this weekend. So, I want to thank Tennille Decoste for inviting me and having me onboard at the City of Delray, and their staff also. We were able to assist 568 families this morning. And I must say my thought is that desperate times call for thoughtful measures. We cannot make Covid-19 allow us to lose our focus and not show compassion during this pandemic. Our ultimate goal is -- our ultimate goal in society is to care for one another as human beings. So, with that said, this Saturday I will be kicking off another feeding the residents, another one right here at Ansin Sports Complex. We're asking our employees to show up at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to receive their bags of food, and we're asking our Miramar residents to come from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., and also nonresidents to come at 3:00 p.m. to -- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. So please -- we will be following the strict guidelines, keeping distance, and putting the grocery in the bag to make sure everyone stays safe during this time.

MAYOR MESSAM: That concludes your reports, Commissioner Chambers, or you have more?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I have more. I just want to share that the next following Saturday, which is March 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing a Mega Saturday in Miramar Regional Park. That would be our next distribution point. We don't have time; we will be announcing the times, but it will be at Miramar Regional Park. And I must say this -- this morning when I got to Deerfield Beach -- Delray Beach, I must say, excuse me, the City of Delray Beach, they're in full force. They have the Vice Mayor, Commissioners, the staff, Parks and Rec., they were out there to assist, so I'm hoping that this weekend, we can have good support again from our city with PD once more, and Parks assisting us. What I'm asking also is for us to have, maybe, two or three delivery drivers from the City who deliver food within the city limits of Miramar for those residents who do not have a transportation, or who shut-in and would like to receive a bag. I'm not sure if that's possible, but I'm going to ask to see if that can happen, because we do get those calls, and people are not able to drive to us, and if we can deliver to them, that will be greatly appreciated. Also, next week, we don't have a -- either Thursday or Friday, I will be giving away 500 cooked meals at D&G Restaurant in Hollywood. It's a Miramar-based restaurant, and they open another location in Hollywood, so I will be giving out -- I will be -- also, I want to thank all our residents for caring about my safety, praying for me and



asking me to stay safe. There's so much love in our community at this time. God bless you all, and I love my family. I want to thank my family for their support, and I with that said, have a fantastic, wonderful Easter, and just love you all. Thank you so much.

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

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just to add to an appeal by Commissioner Colbourne for us to look at what is possible to mitigate the situation regarding our residents to the west regarding blasting. It has to be a disquieting experience to be home under the circumstances, as she said, and have to also deal with the -- the blasting issue as well. So I urge City Manager to see what is going to be possible going forward, where we can at least appeal to -- to the operators in Miami-Dade County too, if not totally cease the blasting operations, to at least mitigate it, so our residents don't continue to be scared. I, too, would like to also thank staff, but especially the staff that works on the ground, literally, in the street. And every time I pass a vehicle with the Miramar insignia on it, I keep thinking how dedicated these workers are, and I'm sure some would like to be home with their families and so on, but there is this -- this dedication to service across of our community that is a hallmark of what we do as a city. And -- and staff at that level especially, who continue to make us so proud. I also wish to thank the City Clerk Office staff for the incredible work that they've been doing since last week, early this week with our mock meeting, and again this evening. But a special appreciation for the people who work in IT. I -- I am most grateful for your patience in helping us to get over a number of hurdles over the last few days, and this has proven that the investments that we've made where IT is concerned in the City of Miramar has been money well spent. If you may, Mr. Mayor, just a question for our Police Chief, if it's possible?

MAYOR MESSAM: Sure. Go ahead, Commissioner Barnes for -- a question for Police Chief Williams.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: It was mentioned earlier in passing about some of the measures that have been taken to protect our police officers. For our resident's sake, I'd like to have you repeat those and -- and speak, if you would, about the kind of protections that we're offering our police officers, as they do their jobs.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: I'm sorry, Commissioner, I just missed the last --

MAYOR MESSAM: What type of --

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: -- part of your question.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- personal protection do we have for --

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: PPE?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah, for -- for our police officers.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: Oh. Okay. As it relates to the officers and the PPE equipment that they do have, they do have all the sanitary items, such as sanitizer, they have goggles, they have masks that they're using. We're using the thermostat temperature items as well to -- to gauge their daily health, so I -- I've implemented that as well with all staff members, the ones -- the officers on the road, and the ones that are working staggered within the police department as well. We have been monitoring all opportunities to purchase items working through the emergency management team for additional supplies, as they see -- as they come through with -- like gloves, etc. So that's what they've been utilizing. The officers also have been given directives as well from me to limit their contact with the general public as much as possible, as it relates to -- if they have to deal with things of evidentiary value, if they can take a photo of it, instead of taking it into collection, those types of things. So, we're trying to reduce the contact, and also reduce their footprint of having -- going into closed -- enclosed spaces, homes, etc. So those are the measures that we've been taking for now.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Very quickly. Last question. What, if anything, has been done regarding sanitizing the cars that our police officers use?

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS: That, also, I -- I -- I apologize if I omitted that. We also are doing that as well. We've been working with the emergency management team to use the ByoPlanet decontamination system. We actually have that on Tuesday. We have -- and we'll be doing a full, fledged, every vehicle decontamination with the officers as well. Every vehicle that we have that they drive will be deconned on Tuesday.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: And that, Mayor, is -- is my report.

MAYOR MESSAM: What was that -- Mayor -- what -- what was the question for the Mayor?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: That, sir, ends my presentation.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay, Thank you.

### **City Manager Reports:**

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

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: Yes, real short. And I will be short in here. I just -- there's an old saying: anybody can steer a ship in a calm sea. I'd just like to thank all the staff. I -- I was observe IT, I watched the Clerk in here prepare for tonight. Many times, you don't realize the amount of stress that these young soldiers are out in the front in here with fear of not being successful. A lot of people don't know that they even went 2:00, 3:00 in the morning going down to Dade County to make sure that they got a part in here,

so I'm just proud of this staff. I'm proud of -- of -- of -- of the -- the deputy, the assistants, I'm proud of the communication that's been going on in here, I'm proud of my -- my police chief and my fire chief in here, how they're keeping everything together. There's no way that any one person could do all the things that are taking place. I look at marketing in here, and the communication that's going on in here. I am so proud of the team here, and the communication, and the hard work; and no one's complaining. No -- not on person is complaining; all of us are together. And I look back and I -- I just want to say that 350,000 folks will lose their jobs, and I know that when you look at that number here, how many people in Miramar or surrounding of our family members will be affected. So, we got to stay together, and we got to be a family, because that's how Miramar was built. In doing so, I am going to implement ways that we can support our -- our employees with their position-based pay in here. We -- we -- every year, they -- they -- they -- they take 50 percent of their monies in here. At this point now, I'm relaxing that to allow them to use their PBL to be able to help their families and their neighbors, their church and everything, because we're all in it together. I just, again, would like to thank the Mayor, the Commission. Oh, we have come -- we've come a long ways and close, and I'm proud to be a worker for Miramar.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Manager. And kudos to you and your leadership, and our entire team for the City of Miramar. Something that we can be proud of.

#### **City Attorney Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Do we have a report from the attorneys? All right.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Very briefly.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, Madam Attorney, you're recognized.

CITY ATTORNEY NORRIS-WEEKS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Very briefly. First, we'd like to thank the Commission for being very supportive of our office, and congratulate Vice Mayor Chambers on his ascension to that position. Also, we've been busy working on all things coronavirus with City staff. We've spent quite a bit of time with the Manager, the ACM, City staff on a lot of different issues, whether it's drafting or helping to draft the declarations or answering questions about what essential businesses can operate, or working with the Police Department. We're doing these things in addition to our, obviously, our regular activities. So we've attempted to keep City staff updated on ordinance -- I mean on orders that are coming down, not only from the State, as they change quite a bit, but also from Broward County, giving information internally that we know of -- of things that are probably going to happen. And -- and just trying to do everything that we can to gel and -- and be -- and have a seamless system, and your staff is fantastic. And so, we -- we're here; obviously, we're available. We've been talking with the Commissioners and the Mayor on -- on various questions, and fielding questions also from attorneys from the outside, because there are a lot of attorneys to represent businesses, and they have questions about operational issues. And some things aren't

as clear as they could be, so we're navigating some of those things as well. And that concludes our report, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Kudos to our IT staff. We've pulled off our first historic virtual meeting, so --

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: One more thing for the City Manager. He spoke about employees. I would also like to -- to know -- and he doesn't have to tell me now, but what is being done for part-time employees as well.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So, if you could get with Commissioner Colbourne regarding -- if you're not prepared. You can --

CITY MANAGER HARGRAY: I'm not really prepared. We'll talk -- we'll speak about that.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Okay.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay, Commissioner Colbourne.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: That would be fine.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes. If we had a establishment of libation open, I would take all of the IT out for a toast for a successful meeting, but since it's not an essential business, here's a virtual toast to our fantastic IT team for an outstanding job today and -- and connecting us all, so that we can be able to continue to represent our community.

## **FUTURE WORKSHOP**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR MESSAM: Everyone, this meeting has adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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