



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 23, 2016

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:28 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 Darline B. Riggs
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers
Commissioner Yvette Colbourne

The following members of staff were present:

City Manager Kathleen Woods-Richardson
City Attorney Jamie Cole
City Attorney Alison Smith
City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: Legislative Update (*House Representative Shevrin Jones*)

Presentation: Flamingo Road Reclaim Water & Amphitheater Projects Funding (*House Representative Manny Diaz*)

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

Norma Martin, Miramar resident and of the Miramar Parc Homeowners' Group, expressed kudos for the teamwork and support of City's police officers that she witnessed at the funeral of Police Officer Joseph Vetter. She went on to mention resident inquiries concerning the sound barriers along Acapulco Drive in east Miramar, noting the residents complained about the sound levels they dealt with, particularly at nights, and they requested information about the legal sound level from City staff. To her knowledge, the matter had yet to be addressed, so she was requesting the staff of the relevant City department to look into the matter.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, and we'll have appropriate staff follow up with you, Ms. Martin.

George Pedlar, Miramar resident, congratulated the City Commission on retaining the Public Participation agenda item as a regular part of Commission Meetings. He commented public participation allowed members of the public to state their views, concerns, and make requests of the City Commission and staff, and this was sometimes the only conduit elected officials had with members of the Miramar community. When a member of the public attended a Commission meeting and spoke, Commission members needed to personally follow up with residents as a positive sign that they were endeavoring to stay in touch with their constituents, so the latter did not feel they were speaking in vain.

Nasif Alshaier, Miramar resident, commended the City Commission and staff for the revenue bond projects taking place in the City, though he did not feel the City should have used the revenue bond to build the wall at the Harbour Lakes community, as it was a private residential community, so the residents of Harbour Lakes should be responsible for paying for the wall.

PRESENTATIONS contd.

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

Proclamation: National Community Development Week (*Mayor Wayne M. Messam*)

Proclamation: Camasha Cevieux Day (*Mayor Wayne M. Messam*)

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Chambers pulled item three.

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

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

1a. Minutes of the Cottages at University Park HOA Meeting of February 3, 2016

Approved

1b. Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of February 23, 2016

Approved

1c. Minutes of the Special Commission Meetings of March 2, 2016

Approved

1d. Minutes of the Regular Commission Meetings of March 2, 2016

Approved

2. Temp. Reso. #R5988 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cash Security Agreement and issue to Broward County a cash bond in the amount of \$405,464 as security for the **Flamingo Road Reclaimed Water Distribution Main Project**. *(Utilities Director Hong Guo)*

Resolution No. 16-79

3. Temp. Reso. #R5889 approving an amendment to Resolution No. 15-09, to **change the location** for the **new playground equipment** from Miramar Regional Park to **Civic Center Park** and to reduce the approved expenditure amount from \$103,155 for the purchase of playground equipment from Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a Gametime through Dominica Recreation Products, Inc. to an amount not-to-exceed \$89,290. *(Parks & Recreation Director Terrence Griffin)*

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I don't why, this item seems like we were getting ahead of ourselves, because this playground was purchased for the Regional Park?

MR. GRIFFIN: I'll briefly explain. What was happening was, initially, the project at Regional Park, the expansion of the Corporate Conference Facility, and the Administration Building were big projects. Obviously, it was scaled back, but prior to that time, we moved ahead to get the playground, because what was happening was the footprint of the new Corporate Conference Administration building would require that

the existing playground that's near the corporate pavilion, if you're familiar with Regional Park, was going to be relocated across the street. Once the project was scaled back and the footprint was reduced, there was no need for that to happen but, as a result, we had moved ahead, anticipating the project would go through and ordered the playground, so it was being manufactured at the time that discussion took place to scale back. Not to lose any funding, and we still needed a playground at our new park the Civic Center Park, which is next to the Miramar Aquatic Center, we were able to talk to the playground manufacture, and say, "Can we scale the project back and the playground back and still use it?" And, obviously, we were able to do that, so that's what's happening. The Regional Park isn't losing anything; we're just able to provide a playground at the new Civic Center Park that we were going to do anyway.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: My question is, the existing playground, we were not able to relocate that if we were going to proceed with the corporate building? It's not locatable?

MR. GRIFFIN: No, there's no need to relocate it now.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I know. But let's say we were going to build the corporate pavilion, could we have relocated the existing playground?

MR. GRIFFIN: We were only going with the plans that called for just the relocation of a couple of pieces, because that playground is now more than ten years old, and we couldn't relocate the entire playground structures. No, we were going to add some new pieces and relocate a couple of the existing pieces. That's what the original plan called for.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I'm trying to get to see why we went ahead and purchased the playground before we even approve the building of the corporate pavilion, because things were never finalized until I got here, that we made the decision not to build the corporate pavilion.

MR. GRIFFIN: No, we were moving ahead with the project, and then, eventually, discussions came about and things were changed. We were moving ahead. That project was on the books to be done, and that's why we moved forward and ordering the playground, and getting our bids, quotes, and things like that.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: What kind of equipment are we talking about?

MR. GRIFFIN: Just your typical playground apparatus, slide, swings, just different play apparatuses, and we're going to be providing that at the new Civic Center Park.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: How large is the property that we're going to put this playground on the east?

MR. GRIFFIN: That site is about a one-acre site, but it always called for when we developed with the Civic Center Park, this is the old PBA building, where the building was demolished. We had always planned to put a playground structure there, and we've gotten \$150,000 in grant funding from Broward County to help with the project, so it was always planned to have a playground there, but, obviously, since we have one being produced for regional, we just relocated that item.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: What I'm trying to get at is, on the east side of Miramar, if you take a look at the County park, Pineland Park, that preserve park, it's heavily utilized, so it's in high demand, so I just don't want any playground on the east side that's going to sit there and not being used properly. I was wondering if we could look at the Pineland to see if we could do something like that to make it more useful on the east side.

MR. GRIFFIN: We think the project is going to be used. This is, as a part of the grant that we applied for years ago for the Civic Center Park. It was to take away the exotic vegetation, restore it, and the County saw the value in that, because, see, basically, the building was purchased from the PBA by Broward County and deeded over to the City, so it was an asset. And now you have to realize where it is; you have the Aquatic Center, now you have that piece. You have our Youth Enrichment Center, which doesn't have a playground, by the way, and this is just a small facility: a picnic pavilion, a playground, couple exercise station, that's it. It's a small neighborhood park.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Is there room to add anything else?

MR. GRIFFIN: No, not really, just a one-acre site, so once we get the pavilion, put in the playground, and then put a couple of fitness stations, that's really all you can do there, but the Aquatic Center is right next to it, so the pool is there as well.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I was trying to see if we could do something to add to what we have in Pineland, because it's so utilized.

MR. GRIFFIN: It's only a one-acre site. Actually, I think it's like .98 something; it's really not one acre. It's a small site.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, sir.

MR. GRIFFIN: You're welcome.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank staff for your proactiveness, and your ability to adjust, because that project was approved during 2013, so when decisions are made there with capital projects already in the pipeline, there's consequences to them. Just for recollection, the corporate pavilion was part of the 2013 capital program with the revenue bond, and then, subsequently, was repurposed when the Commission decided to build Fire Station 107, which cancelled the corporate pavilion, which, at that time, the

equipment was being manufactured at that time. I think it's a great location. We're always looking to add more features and amenities to the east side of town in Historic Miramar, and I'm sure the kids and the parents of that neighborhood are definitely going to put that park facility to use. Yes, Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just for information's sake. How difficult or how easy was it to get the manufacturers to actually scale down? Was it a great negotiating deal?

MR. GRIFFIN: Well, we worked with them before, and it's Gametime. We've worked with them before, and they worked with us, basically. They worked with us. Obviously, they want to continue to do business with us, so it was a partnership.

MAYOR MESSAM: If there aren't any other questions, I'll entertain a motion.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R5979, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 16-80

End of the Consent

RESOLUTIONS

4. Temp. Reso. #R5979 approving the award of Request for Proposals No. 15-09-47 for **Third Party Claims Administration Services** to Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. for a three year term, commencing April 1, 2016, with two one-year renewal options. (*Human Resources Director Sam Hines and Procurement Director Randy Cross*)

Human Resources Director Sam Hines went over the subject resolution, as set forth in the backup. The City Manager recommended approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Hines. At this time, are there any individuals from the public who wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, bring it back to the dais. Are there any questions on this item? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R5979, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 16-81

5. Temp Reso. #R5996 authorizing the **renewal** of **various insurance coverages** for the City's Protected Self-Insurance Program as part of the City's Comprehensive Risk Management Program, effective April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 (the "Insurance Renewals"); approving a projected premium cost not-to-exceed \$2,206,171, including taxes and fees; declaring by four-fifths affirmative vote that applying the City's competitive procurement procedures to the insurance renewals is not in the City's best interest, thereby exempting the insurance renewals from the City's competitive procurement requirements; authorizing the Human Resources Director to negotiate lower premium amounts due under the insurance renewals. (*Human Resources Director Sam Hines*)

Human Resources Director Sam Hines discussed the proposed resolution, as detailed in the backup. The City Manager recommended approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Hines. At this moment, are there any comments from the public on this item? Seeing none, back to this dais. Are there any questions. If not, I'll entertain a motion.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R5996, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 16-82

6. Temp. Reso. #R6018 approving a **Comprehensive Pay Plan** for **unrepresented employees** for the period beginning October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. (*Human Resources Director Sam Hines*)

Human Resources Director Sam Hines reviewed the subject resolution, as illustrated in the backup. The City Manager recommended approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Hines. Are there any comments from the public on this item? Seeing none, coming back to the dais. Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just an observation, and for your response. In the presentation, you mentioned promotion and tenure. Speak to us, if you would, and explain why it is important to not only attract the kind of staffing that we need, but to do as much as we can to keep them once they're with us? Because we understand, there are certain, specific tasks, job functions that need to be done, and sometimes we kind of raid corporate areas around us. Explain why it is essential to not only bring these people in, but to give them these kinds of incentives to stay with us?

MR. HINES: Because, number one, attracting good employees, if you have a good reputation, it becomes fairly easy to get people in the door. To keep them, because once you have competent people on board, the market pressures can be tremendous to steal those people away, so we have to be cognizant of that, and make sure that we were properly compensating our employees. Secondly, we should reward people, some people call it loyalty. I call it necessity really, because we should reward people for tenure, and those people that we have coming on board, we should reward those people. Right now, as you probably know, we do have a longevity award that we give people, and we should continue that. But all of those factors, really, we have to be aggressive, in terms of trying to keep our employees, we have to be, because if we don't, we're going to be on the losing end, and so what we're looking at are those kinds of things that we can ensure that people stay with the City.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just to cap this observation. I think this is most appropriate, having an understanding of what takes place even in your department, and some of the staff you've been able to take on in the last couple of years. This is most appropriate and timely. Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any other comments from the dais? Vice Mayor.

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: Under Section 5, it says: All employees, excluding Commission staff. I believe a few Commission Meetings ago, Commissioner Barnes; you mentioned you wanted that included, so how does this include our Commission staff? Where do they fit in? How do they benefit from this?

MR. HINES: They don't. They're under a separate program all together. They do not participate in the Comprehensive Pay Plan, and that was your decision to extricate them away from the Compensation Pay Plan in order to be able to have the flexibility to compensate them how you wished.

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: So, Commissioner Barnes, are you still—is this the one?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: We'll pursue this close to the budget time.

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: I see. Well, this is a conversation that we do need to have, because you mentioned some great benefits, and I also notice the education assistance program, so I do believe that the Commission staff be able to fit under that umbrella, and take advantage of those benefits as well. So we will be having that conversation in the future. I'm good. That's it, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, I'll entertain a motion if there aren't any other comments or questions.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6018, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 16-83

MAYOR MESSAM: There has been a request for a very brief bathroom break.

Recess/Reconvene

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Temp. Reso. #R5992 adopting the **Local Housing Assistance Plan ("LHAP")** for the **City of Miramar's State Housing Initiatives Partnership ("SHIP") Program** for Fiscal Years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019; authorizing submission of the LHAP to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. *(Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva)*

Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva presented the proposed resolution as indicated in the backup. The City Manager recommended approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Mr. Silva. At this time, are there any members from the public who wish to comment? Seeing none, coming back to the dais, are there any comments or questions? Vice Mayor Riggs.

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: You had the public notice on February 7th. Are you required to have an actual meeting?

MR. SILVA: It was a published notice.

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: Just a notice? You're not required to have an actual meeting for the public to come and ask question?

MR. SILVA: Right, for this, we didn't have a meeting, no.

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: No, I was under the impression that you had to have an actual meeting, where you invite them to ask questions, and be informed, because most people don't even know that this loan. They think it's free money.

MR. SILVA: That was for a different program. You might be thinking of the NSP program that we did last year, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: So this one is not requiring to have a public meeting, just the notice?

MR. SILVA: Just the notice.

MS. STEVENS: Good evening, Debbie Stevens, Client Services Manager. Well, the HUD, for CDBG, we are required to have a pre-development meeting. For example, for an action plan that's coming up for this year, we're having a pre-developed meeting tomorrow at the Multi-purpose Center. But for SHIP, which is the LHAP, there's no required meeting, just a notice.

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: This is one of my issues that I face on a daily basis with my residents, and I was just wondering if I could have input tomorrow, if you could give me some information to take back. I was misunderstood at a previous meeting when I spoke about the funding for a resident rehabilitation program, and I just want to help more residents, instead of a few. This is something that we need to have more discussion about and I thank you guys for bringing the item forward.

MAYOR MESSAM: If there aren't any other comments or questions, I'll entertain a motion.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Colbourne, to approve Resolution #R5992, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 16-84

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

City Attorney Cole explained Miramar’s procedures regarding quasi-judicial hearings, stating the rules applied to item 8.

Those providing testimony on the following quasi-judicial item were collectively sworn in by City Clerk Gibbs.

- 8. Temp. Reso. #R5997 considering Application No. 1505794, **Site Plan Approval for MPC30**, a 71,466 square foot warehouse distribution building, to be located on a 9.22-acre vacant lot at the northwest corner of Executive Way and Miramar Parkway within Miramar Park of Commerce Phase III. *(Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva)*

Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva reviewed the proposed resolution, as set forth in the backup. The City Manager recommended approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening. State your name and address for the record, please?

Scott Hodges, the applicant’s representative, commented the subject development was the last building in Phase III, noting in over 30 years they had over 70 buildings in the Miramar Park of Commerce, and they attracted hundreds of national companies. They had a good working relationship with City staff and were anxious to begin the project, as they just learned there was a strong prospect that a national company might occupy the entire building.

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, are there any members from the public that wish to speak on this item who may not have stood to be sworn in? Seeing none, I’ll bring it back to the dais. Are there any additional questions for the applicant or the staff? Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I just want to make a comment. Commerce Parkway, it’s one of those decisions that were made way back when, and I just want to thank them for what they did. It was a pretty good decision, as it was a good economic engine for the City of Miramar. Park of Commerce was able to utilize the space, and I’m very

proud to have few job openings over there, in terms of the job creation in the City of Miramar. It's just one of those things that when the decision was made to build the Parkway, it might not have been popular at the time, but today we are reaping the benefit of bringing business to Miramar, so I really want to thank everyone involved in making that decision and the owner. It's a good thing in the City of Miramar. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I'm just saying thanks to some people.

MR. HODGES: It's a teamwork effort. We like to partner with the City and have established a very good relationship over the years.

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, I'll entertain a motion.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Riggs, to approve Resolution #R5997, the Commission voted:

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

Resolution No. 16-85

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Reports and Comments:

Commissioner Reports:

MAYOR MESSAM: Last time we started here, so let's start with Commissioner Colbourne moving back towards this way. Any reports?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you. I do want to comment on the Chamber event that they had a couple of weeks ago, the Sip of Wine, Taste of Heaven. It was a great turnout. It was absolutely the best event that I've seen here in the City of Miramar by the Chamber. I know it was their annual event, and they're obviously getting better every year, because this year it was really good. There were a lot of businesses, a lot of folk, and a great turnout of businesses and the community. Other than that, I just want to say happy holiday to everyone, and that's it for me.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, any reports? You're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Yes, Miramar/Pembroke Pines is the best chamber of commerce in the State of Florida. I just want to say we had a Commission retreat recently, and it was a great experience, a lot of fun. It was very productive, and I'm looking forward to another one in the next two or three months. It was a great workshop. I was proud of the presenters. Everyone was good. I really enjoyed it. I stayed longer than I intended to. I just want to say, recently, last week Monday, I had the pleasure of my student from my KAPOW Program at New Renaissance Middle School, they had gotten over 100 new and used purses stuffed with hygiene products, and we were able to deliver them to the Women's Shelter. I want to thank Miramar PD for coming out and supporting the program, we really appreciate them so much, and everyone who was a part of that. You'll hear more on that topic. I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Don't forget to come out to the park this weekend. It's Eggapalooza. It's a family fun day at Miramar Regional. Once again, I want to thank the men and women who work in this beautiful City of Miramar every day, who help it go grow and to flourish, and to take care of our residents. Thank you so much. I really appreciate what everyone does for this community. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: You're welcome. Commissioner Barnes?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just a couple of mentions. Special congratulations to our new Chief. We do have a formal situation coming up, but I want speak my congratulations here and now. And I've been talking for a couple of months now about this citizenship drive that we've been working on, and I bring the good news that we actually have a date, we have a venue, we have times, so here we go. Citizenship drive, Saturday, April 9, starting at nine o'clock in the morning. It's going to be at our Youth Enrichment Center, 7000 Miramar Parkway. For those residents and their relatives and friends who think they can benefit from this drive, we suggest you get the information. Our promotion is actually getting underway now, so you'll be hearing more about it. She has been out today, but for questions, you're going to call my secretary, Shari, and she's good at giving the information, so you can go ahead and call her. We wanted to do it a little earlier, but I think it's more timely that we do it now, in the wake of our President launching a "Commit to Citizenship" program. I would suggest that residents who are still greeting card holders and would still participate and benefit from the citizenship drive to go to the website: committocitizenship.org for information as you prepare to come to our citizenship drive. Come prepared to pay the application fee, and for the passport pictures that you need to go along with the application. So it's citizenship drive, Youth Enrichment Center, Saturday the 9th of April, and we start at nine o'clock in the morning. We have a band of attorneys who are going to help us to fill these application forms and get them on the way. The big boon, the big prize behind that is that if you get it done now, you'll be able to vote in November.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner Barnes. Vice Mayor?

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: Thank you. Fire Ops 101, for those of you who don't know about it, we pretty much got to live the life of a firefighter for about a minute, and I'm still traumatized. I knew I was claustrophobic, but it's confirmed. Putting that mask on, I had such a fear that I didn't have air in my tank, I would just die. I've always had so much respect for first responders, but it's up here now. Madam City Manager, whatever they ask for, give it to them. Your job is extremely, extremely difficult, and thank you so much for putting that event together. It's such an eye-opener, and I thank you guys for being such an amazing first responder to our City, where I feel very safe. Thank you so much to you and your staff for the opportunity to do this, and don't ask me to do it again, please. I don't think I'd live through it.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Mr. Mayor, now that she's gone through this, my absence, I don't think I have to explain. Having to deal with sinus problems and claustrophobia, now you know one of the reasons I wasn't there.

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: Yes. I know I never want to be a firefighter. It's just not for me, so thank you for those of you who are doing it, because if you had to rely on me to do it, forget it. It wouldn't happen, so amazing. Thank you so much. The Sip and Taste was amazing. Great event. Thank you to the Miramar/Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce. The Commission Retreat also was an amazing gathering. Other than that, Happy Easter. Yes, thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor, Miramar Fire Department, awesome. They did a great job, that training. Chief Williams also was there, it was a lot of fun.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good, good. A couple of announcements, and we do have to confirm a board appointment, a board renewal, which will happen after my brief report. First, I would I just like to notify the public that just this past week, the City of Miramar was again host to a group of elected officials. I have the opportunity to serve for the League of Cities, as the president of the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and we held our Spring Conference right here in the beautiful City of Miramar. In fact, the site for the conference was at the Miramar Wingate Hotel by Wyndham, so we had a little economic development going on, bringing dollars here in the City of Miramar with elected officials from the City of Orlando, Fort Pierce, Tarpon Springs, Fort Myers, Margate, Hallandale, Opa Locka and other cities that came in to receive ethics training. We coordinated with the Florida League of Cities University for Professional Development. We had great workshops, in terms of how to deal and having tough conversations in our community when certain events take place and dealing with our constituents. One of the highlights of the trip was the mobile tour that took place on Friday, where the local elected officials were able to tour the FBI building, was able to have a tour of the Police Headquarters, which is nearing completion, as well as dining at some of our Miramar establishments. It was a great opportunity to network with other local elected officials, as well as highlight and show off the City of Miramar, and bring a few dollars into the City as well. Thanks for all the support from staff. We hired bus

services, hired bus drivers; we hired our Miramar Cultural Center. We had a luncheon here; we were able to hire our catering services, so it was a great opportunity to do a great event in the City of Miramar. I'd like to announce, also, after you have gone to the citizenship drive at the Youth Enrichment Center, you can come back over to the Miramar City Hall plaza for the Annual 3K Run/Walk and Health Fair, it's a free event. There'll be a kid zone, free health screenings, and registration will be done onsite. This event is in partnership with our neighbors across the street: 24 Hour Fitness, Memorial Hospital Miramar, Joe DiMaggio, and Comcast, and the event, basically, is an encouraging event to encourage residents to take a look at their health and wellness. So whether you're in shape or sitting on a couch, a 3K is just a little over one mile, and we'll be doing a trek or a walk around the Town Center, and it's a noncompetitive event, and we'll be having free demonstrations. So if you always had an interest of how to do yoga or how to do jazzercise, or how to do spinning to choreographed music, we will have that activity right out here in the plaza of City Hall, as well as providing some patient education information while you get your free screening. So we look forward to seeing everyone on April 9th, that's a Saturday, just a little over two weeks from today. Also, we had the opportunity to welcome the Governor, Rick Scott, here, most of the Commission was there, I think, to do another jobs announcement in the City of Miramar, Lufthansa, which is one of our aviation corporations here in the City of Miramar is expanding. Another one of our Miramar-based businesses that are expanding, and they do aviation parts, overhaul and repairs, and service many airlines across the country right here from the City of Miramar and are actually adding another 100 jobs here. The City of Miramar, our Community and Economic Development Department works very hard with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, and Enterprise Florida to help attract, as well as to retain companies that are especially in the targeted industries. The City of Miramar is doing such a great job and remains attractive for these businesses, and the residual benefits is that we have high-paying jobs in our community, as well as being able to be an attractive place to live in the City of Miramar. It was a pleasure to take place in that activity. As well, I'm so glad to have the Commission Retreat, it was a longtime coming. I know that it was really hard to get everybody together, and I'm glad that we have a convert, but it was really beneficial and, in all seriousness, I think it has definitely laid a foundation for us to continue the dialog. Because, as a Commission, it's our responsibility and our duty to ensure that we're making decisions today that will continue to benefit this community and generations to come, long after we've all left our respective places of service. And the City has done an outstanding job to where we are right now, but we can't rest on our laurels, we have to solve not only the problems of today, but solve the problems that we don't even know that are going to exist tomorrow, and I look forward to working with each of you, so that we can set a path and a vision to move forward. As was shared earlier, I'd like to wish everyone a very blessed Good Friday, as well Happy Easter for those of you who observe the holy weekend. At this time, before we adjourn, I'll go to other reports.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: That's what I'm doing now. Before we adjourn, one minute, Commissioner Chambers.

- (a) Broward League of Cities Board of Director Appointments (*Mayor Wayne M. Messam*)

MAYOR MESSAM: We have to renew our appointments for the Broward League of Cities Board of Directors and alternate. Currently, I serve as the board, and Commissioner Colbourne is the alternate. Is there any desire to continue to serve?

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: I would be happy to continue serving.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, we always have to provide an opportunity. It's a diplomatic process; want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to consider, to continue, or not. If there aren't any recommended changes, I'd like to consider serve on the board of directors, and Commissioner Colbourne wishes to stay as the alternate. If there aren't any objections, we can submit those two names, as presented. Do we have to vote?

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: You have to ask for a second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Does anyone want to be a second alternate? Vice Mayor Riggs, Commissioner Barnes?

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: I'd be honored.

MAYOR MESSAM: So Vice Mayor Riggs. At this time, I need a motion to approve the appointments of Mayor Messam for Director, Commissioner Yvette Colbourne for first alternate, and Vice Mayor Riggs as second alternate. May I have a motion, please?

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve the above appointments as stated by Mayor Messam, the Commission voted:

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

Approved

City Attorney Reports:

None

City Manager Reports:

CITY MANAGER WOODS-RICHARDSON: Two quick reports. The first one is with the appointment of Chief Williams as our Police Chief. We will be trying to reach out to the Board members, so that we can schedule a swearing in. I think the date we're looking at is April the 5th, so we'd like to know if we can get that date to have a swearing in, and then that would complete that process. Then the next thing is, this week will be 17 years that Jaime Cole has been the City Attorney, so we just wanted to say thank you for hanging in there with us.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Thanks, I feel a little old up here.

MAYOR MESSAM: Jaime, you only look 17.

COMMISSIONER COLBOURNE: Thank you very much.

FUTURE WORKSHOP

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

VICE MAYOR RIGGS: Meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Denise A. Gibbs, CMC
City Clerk
DG/cp