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Council: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Cubillos: Madam clerk may I please have roll call.

Clerk: Roll call. Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Here.

Clerk: Vice Mayor Nickerson will not be in today. Councilperson Mathis is not here. Councilperson Dreher.

Councilperson Dreher: Present.

Clerk: Councilperson Roman.

Councilperson Roman: Present.

Clerk: You have a quorum. Also present for the record. Christia Alou Interim Village Manager. Yenise Jacobi Village Clerk. Irwin William CFO and Councilperson Mathis is also here.

Councilperson Mathis: Present.

Mayor Cubillos: All right thank you. At this time, we're going to move for approval of the agenda. I do have a couple of changes. Like we talked about a couple of meetings ago, we talked about following parliamentary procedure, so agenda items that have not gone through committee will not be discussed at a full council meeting. Therefore, agenda items H1 through H4 will be struck from the agenda and moved to committee meetings which, if all goes well, should be next week to make up for the September meetings that we had to cancel because of Irma.

Councilperson Dreher: Just a quick comment. We had added those items on a couple of things, right? Just in consideration of the timeline for the project for that septic to sewer conversion. I understand, based our conversation with our manager on Friday, there is an RFQ, there is also other documentation that at that time we spoke and it was put forth and moving them forward in this agenda.

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Mayor Cubillos: If it does not before a committee where the committee has had the opportunity to discuss it to bring it to the full council, it needs to go before the committee.

Councilperson Dreher: I'm sorry to come back again, this project has been discussed in the last six months about the septic to sewer conversation. If I can elaborate on the three points, it's basically just one, accepting the grant that we received for the actual design phase, that we all agree to move forward with and it's just pretty much requesting to accept this, and again there are some time components which impact some other artifacts, the materials that made us qualify for this grant and as well for the future, and there's a dependency so if we move this back into the committees, as of today, we still haven't established any committee meeting.

As of my information, the next scheduled committee meeting is scheduled for next year for the public work, so in light of that information, that's why I included there, and again, there is time-sensitive information we need to move forward and I think the manager can speak to this.

Councilperson Mathis: For my understanding, the governor has pushed all deadlines back, correct?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes. I was going to add that, yes.

Clerk: I just send an email.

Councilperson Mathis: You can have a special committee meeting at any time. You don't have to wait till the scheduled committee meeting.

Mayor Cubillos: I sent an email to the clerk a couple of hours ago reminding everybody that because Irma our committee meetings were canceled and my recommendation is to have it next Monday and Tuesday.

Clerk: Monday and Tuesday. I already sent it out. You probably haven't had a chance to--

Mayor Cubillos: At that point, there needs to be full discussion so if the committee has any questions, we can be a bit ask them and they can move it to the October agenda. If it's dire in terms of a deadline that's pressing, we can always have a special council meeting if need be, but all of these need to be better discussed at a committee meeting.

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Manager: If I may just add a little something. There are very sensitive dates involved here for the project that councilman Dreher is speaking about, so I hope that we can resolve this as quickly as possible. I'm prepared to do so. If you will schedule it Monday or Tuesday then we'll do what we can to solve this issue.

Mayor Cubillos: It works. [unintelligible 00:04:28] Monday [unintelligible 00:04:28] .

Councilperson Dreher: Sorry if I come back again. If we're looking for next Monday that's going to deter us back to a month which is the next October committee meeting. When is the next committee meeting? I'm sorry, next week but the next. Then it has to go to approval to the next council meeting.

Councilperson Mathis: We can have a full council. We can have a special council meeting once. If the committee feels that it needs to be heard at a special council meeting, we can have a special council meeting at any time.

Councilperson Dreher: We can have this council meeting the same week.

Councilperson Mathis: It has to go through the committee.

Councilperson Dreher: The same week we have the same committee meeting?

Councilperson Mathis: If we have enough time to notice, we can do it the same week.

Councilperson Dreher: All right, being that the case, if we can have that committee meeting, I'm sorry, I'm just trying to get things in the right direction here, if we can have the committee meeting then let's schedule for next week and if, due to the time-sensitive information, if-

Councilperson Mathis: You're the chair.

Councilperson Dreher: -we can request a council meeting the same week to move forward with us.

Mayor Cubillos: When is Public Works? Monday or Tuesday?

Clerk: Monday.

Mayor Cubillos: Monday.

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Clerk: Then on Thursday we have the hearing.

Councilperson Mathis: The budget hearing?

Mayor Cubillos: Then complete care IT is going to Admin and Finance? Is that what you all.

Council: Yes.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay. As a result, we are striking H1 through H4 from the agenda. May I get a motion for approval of the agenda with the striking of H1 through H4.

Councilperson Mathis: I move approval.

Mayor Cubillos: It's moved by councilperson Mathis. May I have a second?

Councilperson Roman: I second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by councilperson Roman. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

Council: Aye.

Mayor Cubillos: Approval of the minutes for July 25th. Have you all had the opportunity to read the minutes for July 25th, and if so is there a motion to approve the minutes?

Councilperson Mathis: I move approval.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion had been made by councilperson Mathis, is there a second?

Councilperson Roman: I'll second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by councilperson Roman. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

Council: Aye.

Mayor Cubillos: Any nays? At this time acknowledgment of visitor's special presentations. We don't have any here. We have our acting chief Hafenegro here. We have our residence. Excuse me?

Councilperson Mathis: Where is Joe.

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Mayor Cubillos: Joe is running late. At this time, Good and Welfare. If you would like to come up and say anything at this time. You have three minutes. Come up and ask us anything before we get into our two resolutions. Yes, please.

Councilperson Mathis: Excuse me.

Debra: Debra Tomkinson, 241 Northeast 88th street. I've chosen to speak at this time for Good and Welfare because council meetings are getting very long.

Female Speaker: Debra, can you [unintelligible 00:07:14] the microphone a little bit?

Debra: I'd like to know what the story is about Raider Church and FEMA.

Mayor Cubillos: Would you like to answer? [inaudible 00:07:27]

Debra: I'd like the full story.

Clerk: About the Raider Church and FEMA.

Manager: Thank you. I can tell you that during the preparation and then the recovery from Hurricane Irma, El Portal was required to find a staging area large enough to handle the bulk pickup that we needed to do or the debris pickup from the emergency, and Raider Church is the only site that's central enough but also large enough to handle that kind of collection and then disposal. We made a lease agreement with the owners of that property and they have donated it to us to use for this hurricane debris cleanup.

Debra: You need to continue/

Manager: I need to continue with the--?

Debra: How long is it going to last?

Manager: We are expecting it to be one month.

Debra: One month.

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Manager: One Month, yes. I can tell you just based on some of the progress that has happened. I mean, we've selected the management site, which is the church, we've applied for authorizations from Miami-Dade Emergency Management and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and they've certified the location. The trucks have been certified to begin their hauling off the debris, and they had started that today. We began removing all of the limbs, we've done our the second round, we're continuing on phase two which is the cutting of trees and canopies that we've pretty much finished the first round of debris removable in front of the homes off the streets.

The site is going to look like that for just a moment. We have hauling capabilities already. We've already gotten those pieces in place and we're moving ahead. Actually, we're a lot ahead far beyond what other municipalities have been doing in the Hurricane Irma recovery.

Debra: How much are we being charged?

Manager: Well, we don't have all of our funds in now but we have allotted half a million dollars for this cleanout.

Debra: From the village? Out of the village funds?

Manager: Yes.

Debra: How are we being charged by the contractors?

Manager: They are giving us industry rates. We do have some invoices in already and I mean I have that information for you if you like.

Debra: I'd like copies of everything, please. Thank you.

Manager: If you wouldn't mind stopping by my office tomorrow or I can get him to you.

Debra: I stopped by your office on Friday and you didn't acknowledge me.

Manager: I didn't see you. I'm sorry I didn't know you were here.

Debra: You had to sign a piece of paper on my behalf.

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Manager: I'm sorry if I did, I didn't know that there was a visitor. No one told me someone was here to see me.

Debra: Alright. Alright. I'd like also a copy of the license that you have with FEMA, with these contractors. I'd like a copy of the insurance that these contractors hold. I have spoken with the governor Scott's office. I know what I'm allowed to ask for. Also, I'd like to know what made you decide on the Raider site when we have the Horace Mann site.

Mayor Cubillos: Can I intervene for one minute? How are you doing? Nice to see you, Helen. No one wanted hurricane Irma to ever come to Miami. Hello, Hello--

Debra: Allowed me to talk what's happening now.

Mayor Cubillos: But if you allowed me the opportunity like we've allowed you for more than three minutes. You're going to allow me please [unintelligible 00:11:33] opportunity. Selecting a site in El Portal as you can imagine is not easy because we're not very big. If we would have tried to use the Horace Mann field, the amount of hoops and loops that we would have to go through Miami-Dade County Public Schools, all of the debris would still be in the soils like they currently are and most of the municipalities in the Miami-Dade County. We are one of the only municipalities moving as fast as we are.

We've been applauded by many mayors, many places in Miami-Dade County because we're moving pretty swiftly. That's the only only single place that we were able to select to be able to move quick. If not again, all of the soils in the El Portal would still have that pile that we see there and all of the soils. Like the manager just said we just got the MoU which is allowed us to start hauling and the hauling is going to start this week. So we're moving again pretty pretty quick. All the trucks that you see here are going to start hauling the material out. Anything that you want, you are within your absolute right, I encourage you to please send an email to the clerk and ask her for all of that and we will get it to you with that without a problem.

Every single step that we have followed has been in 100 percent compliance. I can tell you that. Let me tell you, I agree with you because you know I've had to experience a mayor for the first time and in my head, I've said to the manager and to many residents, "It would make the most sense to pick up the debris from the soils and just take it to the site." But if we did that, that half a million that we're going to have to spend, we are not going to be reimbursed

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for it. The only way that this city can be reimbursed is if we follow procedure and protocol and the procedure is that it must be taken from the soils and must be staged.

It's going to be separated by vegetation, by items that were damaged through a hurricane, then it's going to be compacted, then it's going to be measured, then it's got to have a monitor that checks it in and checks it back out. And now when they go to the site, we have to pay another monitor to be there. All of these paper trail, you are completely entitled to have the copies and please email it to a clerk that she'll get it to you. I agree with you, I think the process should be simpler if you're calling governor Scott's office. Tell him that FEMA should probably simplify the process because it would cost the city less money and it'd probably be would a lot quicker.

I definitely agree with you in that way. I would love to be able to pick up all of the debris and take them right to the waste management or the world recycle site. But if we did that, we would pay half a million and we wouldn't see a dime back.

Debra: I don't think you'll see a dime back anyway with the way FEMA is going at the moment. But I'd also like to point out that what are the reasons that they're most probably ahead of a schedule? Do you realize that they were working on Sunday till 9:30 pm? Where in this village is a contractor allowed to work on a Sunday?

Councilperson Mathis: Are you serious?

Debra: We're not in a state of emergency.

Mayor Cubillos: I'm going to answer that. If you would like our contractors to only work 7:00 to 7:00, not a problem we'll pass the resolution but you know what's going to happen? That stuff is going to be there longer. We, and by we, the police officers back there all of us, were working 15 to 20 hours and we have since September six and we're doing it to trying to expedite as much as we can to alleviate the burden of our residents because that's our primary responsibility. Not only the burden but the public safety that it would take if we would keep that there any longer.

If you would like our contractors not to work, I'll ask the council will pass a resolution, will stop it at 7 o'clock but please understand that by doing that you're limiting their time and this is going just take longer.

Debra: I don't it's unfair for someone who lives right in the heart of what is happening to ask for [crosstalk]

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Mayor Cubillos: I understand.

Debra: It has been atrocious. In fact, I did address it to a police officer because on Sunday, I was nearly under the wheels of one of those big graders. I had spoken to one of the police officers on Friday when I came to the village hall, officer Santos and I said there's going to be a safety issue regarding this. 88th Street is used as a fly body. They don't want to go through the lights on 87th Street, so they come up our street. We've had many fender benders, this is not going to be a fender bender. This is going to be a car going under a contractor's truck and are we going to be sued as a village.

There needs to be a point man out there. I asked the officer on the Sunday when I reported my incident of which by the way, your bell doesn't work. You need to fix that as well. But it was horrific to be so close to death and this is the first weekend that I have had electricity and I have had air conditioning and I have been able to sleep which I haven't been able to do. I just feel that it is to know that it is going to go on for a month it's just awful to think about it. I just feel that I'm at my wit's end and I can't even drive out of my driveway and the whole place has been demolished, I mean absolutely demolished.

I do not see why. I was told that permission could have been given from Miami-Dade schools but permission was got from the owner. I just don't think it's a suitable site at all. You know you have to come off 88th Street because there's power lines on 87th Street. We've had man defecating and urinating until they brought the toilets in. I have a teenage daughter, this is not what I want to experience. It's been absolutely horrific and also I think you need to check your invoices because you're getting charged when you come in and charged when you go out.

I've watch them. They hand over a bill, the truck driver drives in, he hands over to the bill which is maybe the process that you reported, maybe it's a weight thing I don't know. But it's definitely a record of whatever and I just like to know who the contractor is to know I'd like to check up on them. Find out do they have a safety record or anything. Do they have any violations?

Manager: We've done that due diligence, as well as FEMA has done that. They are authorized to do this work. Again, if you will make that request to the clerk, then we'll provide all of the documentation to you. I have it and I'm willing to share that with you and if came to the village hall and I was here, I did not know I was not made aware of that.

Debra: You had to sign a piece of paper on my behalf and you walked through the office.

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Manager: Well, I walked through the office because I was probably doing something.

Debra: I took the day off work.

Manager: I did not know that you were asking to see me. I had no idea.

Debra: I was told that you were busy.

Manager: Well, I wasn't aware of that and if I was I would have certainly come by and said something but if I walk through I apologize. I didn't know that you were waiting for me.

Debra: I can take it that there will be no more business as of a month last week in Raider Church?

Mayor Cubillos: No. No. No, we can't be-

Debra: Dave told me it's going to be a month.

Mayor Cubillos: Guess what Barbara it could be three weeks.

Debra: I'm not Barbara.

Mayor Cubillos: I'm sorry Barbara. It could be three weeks, it could be five weeks. My take away from what you've said and there's validity there is safety. So I am going to ask the manager if she can sit down with our acting chief and maybe assign a police officer there. I was there late last night, I spoke to your neighbors. I spoke to Amy in great length. I spoke to Joanie in great length last night. I did not see you. You were not there but I did speak to them.

Debra: When did you come last night?

Mayor Cubillos: I was there from a six to eight.

Debra: I was home.

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Mayor Cubillos: I was there for six to eight and I talked to Amy for a long time. She expressed some of her concerns. I was able to answer that back. She works for Miami Beach. She even was one of those says she was pretty I don't think she used the word impressed but by how quick we're moving and I spoke to Joanie and she appreciates them. She doesn't like the mound either but she understood the process and she said it's not the first process she's gone through but that she understood it. They didn't bring up the public safety but I can see that because I was there and it's dark. It could be a conversation that the manager can make the decision with our acting chief to see if that's something we can do cause I agree.

One of the things that we have agreed or we've asked is to ensure that when it's nightfall that there is more patrolling of the police in that area because it's very dark and we don't want somebody backing up or something like that. I completely agree with you on that. Maybe there's something that we can incorporate and so on and so forth.

Debra: Well, that's another thing I've talked about. The streetlight still isn't fixed. I sent a request in for that.

Mayor Cubillos: Who did you send the request to?

Debra: The code enforcement came around acknowledged the email.

Mayor Cubillos: That's a committee meetup. But who did you send the request to?

Debra: I sent it to the village manager and I sent it to the code enforcement.

Mayor Cubillos: To the current village manager?

Debra: Yes.

Manager: We did contact FPL and they came out and fixed it. Mr. Garcia checked, he was there when they fixed it. Then you sent me the email said it still wasn't fixed. So, we called them again. And then we didn't hear back so I didn't know that it wasn't fixed because I know they came twice for that.

Debra: So what compensation are we going to get for the trees that they've massacred on that site? Have you seen what they've done to those oak trees?

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Mayor Cubillos: I'm there every single day. But we could have a conversation at the public works committee.

Debra: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: No. Thank you for being here. Anybody else in good and welfare?

Cody: On a brighter note, I would like to congratulate you guys for moving as fast as you did to remove all this debris. And in my neighborhood. If it takes you seven days, a week, 24 hours to remove as quickly as possible these debris, I think that we are for it.

Clerk: Can you state your name and address for the record, please?

Cody: My name is Cody and I live in 173 Northwest 89th street.

Clerk: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Alba: My name is Alba Pabon and I live at 87 33 North Miami Avenue. Thank you for everything you guys have been doing. I'm in the healthcare profession and I know what a storm takes to prepare for. I just had a question if on the back end once all the cleanup is done some of the trees were damaged but not necessarily down. They're probably not going to survive another event like this. Is there going to be a process in place to inspect some of those trees and possibly remove them or cut them down?

Mayor Cubillos: You want to answer?

Manager: I can answer that. Yes. We're in phase two of the recovery and our tree contractor is going through the village, looking at trees they're going to be clipping, cutting but also maintaining the Tree City USA integrity that we'd like to keep. We're going through the village doing that.

Alba: Okay. Then there's a home on my street and nobody's living there. It's sort of abandoned. There is a tree down on top of the home but there's a pool in that yard that there's been sort of mosquito issue there. Is there a plan for those homes to be cared for?

Councilperson Mathis: What's the address?

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Mayor Cubillos: If you can give us the address in the event that we forget. We don't want to forget but email the manager tomorrow or tonight. There are times that we do the route with the contractor and Barbara Fuechsl has actually volunteered to make sure that we're keeping our canopy intact so she's already met him as well, being our Tree City USA chair. So please send us that address of the tree that's halfway down number one.

Because we might not have caught that especially if it's in the backyard or it's on the swell. Many eyes see better than two or four.

Alba: Perfect.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay.

Alba: I don't have the address.

Speaker 4: [unintelligible 00:24:10]

Mayor Cubillos: Okay.

Councilperson Mathis: Thank you.

Alba: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: [unintelligible 00:24:15] you got it. Thank you for being here.

Everette: All right, good afternoon. My name is Everette Laws. I live at 231 Northeast 88th street. That's right in front of the church. You guys are doing a wonderful job. My only complaint is the dust from the dump. I wouldn't call it a dump.

Councilperson Mathis: A drop site.

Mayor Cubillos: A drop site. I saw you last night and I saw the same dust.

Everette: The dust, if it's going to be there for a month that's really going to affect us.

Mayor Cubillos: The council person Mathis just made a good point maybe let's tell Christian or Gabby. Let's maybe water it down. I know it rained today. But the good thing is that hauling starts tomorrow. So hauling does start tomorrow. Tomorrow's Wednesday? Tomorrow, latest Thursday. But it does start.

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Everette: Okay. Another quick question is, at the front of the yard, my grandmother. You know my grandmother?

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Everette: We both bought the grass and the soil and planted them and we were taking care of it. Right now it's a mess. Would that be replaced?

Mayor Cubillos: I was going to bring up a public works meeting or even Admin and finances money. There's a lot of soils that were ruined. Number one, trees were there too long. Imagine if they were there longer or when the trucks came and they lift it up. That happens. I think it's a greater conversation to have with the committee to see if we want to consider doing. Maybe we'll have it with our Tree City USA committee as well. This is something we want to put money in. That is a conversation that I thought about I was going to share at the public works committee as sort of our phase four.

As the manager said, there's going to be so many different phases of this whole cleanup process they still have to sweep the streets. They still have to get the trees that didn't really fall but halfway fell. We've got a lot of danglers that would have to come down. Then when you do that, we got to sweep the streets all over again. Then the last phase is really more on us to take a look at the soils. Because the soils is public property but it's also in front of your house so that's definitely a conversation that I think we will welcome at the public works committee to identify if it's something we can do or maybe there's grant money.

I asked Christian yesterday if we can put sod down and he looked at me and was, "What, you want to sod all of the soils?" So, that is a conversation. It's something that we are going to talk about in greater time when all this cleanup is over which we're hoping will be sooner than later. That's our goal. The sooner the better because less money.

Everette: Thank you very much.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you. Nice seeing you.

Debra: I had another quick question. Don't panic. It's my bulk pick up tomorrow. And I've got nowhere to put my bulk pick. What am I going to do? Are you rescheduling a new time or you going to do something special for me.

Mayor Cubillos: My apologies if you didn't get that email.

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Geller: I know you've checked in before but your transcript won't show you. You've got to say your the name of and address.

Debra: Debra Tomkinson 241 Northeast 88th Street.

Geller: Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you, attorney Geller. We took care of that. The manager requested for the bulk pickup to be pushed. Councilperson Roman posted that on next door and email went out from the clerk so bulk pickup will still happen but in an effort not to have so many trucks out there because we have plenty as it is, that will happen when we're done with all these sweeps. So we're not going to miss it. We're still going to have it. It's just not going to be this week.

Debra: All right. Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: No, you're welcome.

Vincent: Good evening. Vincent Bisquem 135 Northwest 89th Street El Portal. I would like to congratulate the mayor and the council for the work they have done so far. And particularly for the installation of the new trees along our streets. A lot of them have survived which I was very thrilled about because I left, I got out of dodge and went to Tennessee and I had no clue what I'd find when I got back. I was quite thrilled to see that everything was basically intact. A lot of fallen trees a lot of broken limbs et cetera. But the other thing I wanted to point out because I've done that work before at the Corps of Engineers, the most prudent site is Raider Church.

It's paved in addition to the hoops you'd have to go through with them, Dade County public schools. plus the kids are back in school already. Okay, so imagine that site with all those trees on it and the kids having to put up probably another temporary fence to keep them out of the area and that entire field would shoot up with the wheels et cetera, et cetera. Unfortunately, it's an inconvenience right now but we'll all be thrilled when it's all done. But the Raider Church is the prime location and biggest paved location for the staging area for all the debris.

And there is a process. FEMA has a process that tickets have to be written. The trucks have to be placard. And the weight of the trucks. The capacity of the trucks is also written on those tickets. So I know the process quite well because I did in New Orleans and I also did it in Haiti. She's more than welcome as everybody else would want to see the process that FEMA has it

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down and they've had it down for quite a while. It's just a process. It's about 5 tickets in one. It's all written out vegetation, white goods et cetera, et cetera. It goes on like that and then it's given out to the trucker and copies are given out as they are distributed to the different individuals at the pickup areas. Thank you again for the wonderful job that you've done.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you. Nice seeing you

Speaker: Thank you for sharing that.

Mayor Cubillos: Anybody else in a good and welfare?

Barbara: Barbara [unintelligible 00:30:25] 220 East 85th Street. I'm going to see most of the things on next week during the committee meetings. I just wanted to say to Deborah that I was actually quite happy Deborah, that actually the Raider Church was chosen and not Horace Mann because what was already just mentioned, we would have to had to replace a sod on all the field that would have been very expensive and made a really big mess. To clean up the parking lot over there is relatively easy and it was just as dangerous over there and then it is where you are. If I could change with you locations I would because I do think that the cleanup is going really fantastic.

I mean there are some hiccups. I called the mayor on Sunday and she actually came because we had a problem but and I contacted you as well but in general I think it is really done fantastically. And the other thing is about the soils. It's good that you brought that up because I already thought about that as well and even maybe you're creating a new ordinance, I would like to bring that to the Public Works Committee. Thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you, Barbara.

Merlin: Merlin Brooks, 400 Northeast 90th Street. I don't have much to say but I would really like to congratulate you all for the fantastic job you have done. This was a trial for you Claudia, big time. I think you handled it very well. I have one problem as to why we didn't have electricity for so long and all of you had electricity. To the point, I had to get up and leave. I went to New York then my home. I just came back last night because I couldn't take it any longer but you did a fantastic job, thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you. Anybody else for good and welfare? Okay, Dr. Ward, yes.

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Anna: Nothing like [unintelligible 00:32:48] 415 Northwest 88 [unintelligible 00:32:52]. I've heard so much about who had and who didn't have lights, that's just silly. What [unintelligible 00:33:02] found out though is their equipment is not as good as they think it is. And it's a shame the rumor that was always said half of our village was connected on another line, was not a rumor. We're on different grids, doing different things and they were just as embarrassed but they didn't mind telling us it's our equipment. Half of the village especially by the river for those who didn't know, was hooked up on 54th Street at a large -- what you call that plan over there?

Mayor Cubillos: Sub-station.

Anna: -at sub-station there. We have right here over on Fifth Avenue, that's no longer rumor. That's what's real. Well, the way it started out and for the record. El Portal has not always been inviting to anybody that wasn't typical white American person. And that 54th Street was anytime they called the curfew in Liberty City, Brownsville [unintelligible 00:34:06] and now Little Haiti, the lights went off, guess what? Across the river so did where we were allowed. We minorities were allowed to live first, that's what Betty Wright bought her mother's house right by the river. It's no longer rumor, it was proven and they said how in the world did you have lights across the river and connected into the 54th Street plan.

So that's what they've been fixing. The rumors have been terrible. Mayor I was hurt, I know you had lights off for a period of time but I had lights all the time, what? Yes for one whole hour my lights was off the first for--. That's all. Me and four other people--one of four people, who had lights most of the time and I couldn't tell you why except that there's a former mayor that used to live on my street a long time ago. I'm just for the record, the rumor Mr. Mathis, councilmen -- vice mayor, which one you all are vices, you?

Councilperson Mathis: Omarr is.

Anna: That's right, Omar's right. It was not a rumor, it was real and those old boys done retired and everything. So, stop the foolishness people we all felt bad.

My husband and I walk. Did we not, walk every single street on Glendale Manor and called and told him the next day we had five trucks, that didn't leave until 9:30. They weren't even satisfied to leave until everybody had lights and that meant cutting off everything and cutting back on everything. I apologize miss Brooks but they were fixing bad problems, that we had right here in El Portal that we thought was just a rumor. It was not a rumor, it came true that's

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the only best thing besides what you all are doing. They came out of Irma. She told the truth, thank you all.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you, Dr. Ward. Anybody else? Yes, councilperson Mathis.

Councilperson Mathis: Harold Mathis, 420 Northeast 90th Street. I've had the privilege of working with the mayor and our interim manager and the chief and the police officers during this whole Irma situation. I've never seen a group of people jump into robot mode, I don't know what you want to call it but tirelessly. These two women sitting right up there and that woman right there ran this whole thing clockwork. I didn't see any hiccups, there probably were hiccups, but I didn't see any. Claudia in her, what were those rain boots, whatever they was. There was an FPL truck somewhere over here. She comes back with two, she comes back with three. She's on the phone with everybody else and I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I was one of those persons that did not have power for eight and half days. If they're saying that elected officials have privileges, I've been on the dais longer than anybody so I should have had power but I just want to thank you. I want to thank you all. The police officers were phenomenal. Commissioner Edmondson, I don't think I've ever hauled so much ice in my life but I do want to thank you all. Thank you, thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Welcome. Thank you [applause] And I'm going to go into a little bit more than my mayor's report and I believe the manager is too from sort of the operations perspective. We're going to cover that a little bit. But thank you very very much. Anybody else we're good and welfare? Alright, here are we now and we're going to go to our first resolution. Attorney Geller may you please read resolution 2017, 22 final adoption of ad valorem tax rate 2017-2018 into the record.

Attorney: Resolution of the mayor and the village council of the village El Portal, Florida at Miami-Dade County, Florida. [unintelligible 00:38:39] final levy of ad valorem taxes of 8.3 mills, I'm sorry mam. Adopting the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes of 8.3 mils which is more than [unintelligible 00:38:53] rate of 7.2408 mils by 14.63 percent. The village of El Portal, Miami-Dade County for fiscal year 2017-2018 providing for the incorporation of [unintelligible 00:39:06] providing for an effective date. I'm sorry but I need to look at the package here for just a second. That's the tentative one is the second one, we need the not ad valorem [unintelligible 00:39:29]

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Councilperson Mathis: The non ad valorem

Attorney: I'm sorry. Scratch that. The final [unintelligible 00:39:40] give away. This is [unintelligible 00:39:47] 2017-22 Resolution of the mayor and the village council of the village El Portal, Florida at Miami-Dade County, Florida adopting the [unintelligible 00:39:52] solid waste and recycling services in the village of El Portal as indicated in [unintelligible 00:39:56] solid waste and recycling assessment for the property located within the village of of El Portal for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2017, proving the rate of assessment for the budget for the fiscal year 2017, 2018, and directing the village manager for a copy of this resolution [unintelligible 00:40:12] property appraiser's office. Providing for the corporation recitals. Providing for an effective date, and Mayor, this is for the Non-Advalorem taxation to solve with.

Mayor Cubillos: Solve with. At this time, is there a motion to approve resolution 201722?

Councilperson Mathis: I move approval.

Mayor Cubillos: It's been moved by Councilperson Mathis. It's been second by councilperson Dreher. At this time, I will close the council meeting. After every resolution, we open it up back to the public for the opportunity to ask us any questions of what the resolution that we're about to pass. We can also just for a little bit more, for those of you that haven't been here regularly, all we're passing tonight is our millage rates and our waste which are Non-Ad Valorem.

We still have two budget hearings when we go through the entire budget, and those budget hearings are going to be October 5th and the 16th. Am I correct? At 5th and 16th, they will be publicly noted and then you all will be receiving an email as well. Tonight we're just approving the Non-Ad Valorem as well as the millage rate which we must do. Hearing that, the first one that the attorney just read is the Non-Ad Valorem which is the waste that you all pay on your tax bill.

Did I miss anything on that? Try to go? Okay now. Any questions on this current resolution? Okay. Hearing none. I'm going to close public comments, open it up to the council. Any questions from the attorney? Hearing none. Madam Clerk, may I have a roll call?

Clerk: Roll call. Councilperson Dreher.

Councilperson Dreher: Yes.

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Clerk: Councilperson Roman.

Councilperson Roman: Yes.

Clerk: Councilperson Mathis.

Councilperson Mathis: Yes.

Clerk: Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Clerk: Motion passes forth and on.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, next one.

Attorney: Next is resolution 20-1723, the proposed millage rate. Resolution of the mayor [unintelligible 00:41:58] of El Portal, Florida, [unintelligible 00:42:00] county, Florida, adopting the tentative. I'm sorry. It should be proposed levying of Ad Valorem taxes millage of 8.3 mills of AD Valorem taxes to the village of El Portal, Florida, and accordance with the Charter section 4.05 for the budget for the fiscal year 2017 to 2018.

The first budget hearing will be held on Thursday, October 5th, 2017, at 6:30 PM, and the second and final budget hearing will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 6:30 PM, at 0205 100 Northeast [unintelligible 00:42:35] street, and directing the village manager for the copy of this resolution with [unintelligible 00:42:40] county property appraiser office providing for a corporation recital, providing for an effective date, and it provides that the -- Let me see the other [inaudible 00:42:53]

Councilperson Roman: Do you have it.

[background conversation]

Mayor Cubillos: When I called for comments, just make a comment. [background]

Attorney: For the record [unintelligible 00:43:38]

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Attorney: Thank you, Madam Clerk. For the record, the proposed millage rate as we said in the title is 8.30 mills. That is more than the rollback rate of 7.2408 mills by 14.63%.

Mayor Cubillos: At this time, is there a motion to adopt the resolution as read by the attorney?

Councilperson Mathis: I move.

Councilperson Dreher: Just a quick --

Mayor Cubillos: Yes, Councilperson Dreher?

Councilperson Dreher: Just a quick note here at 6:30 p.m. for both dates of October 15 and October 16. Could we schedule at seven o'clock and move it just half an hour later? That's the only comment.

Attorney: The only requirement is that they'll be out day after 5:00. It's 6:30 PM time is because frequently those are done prior to the regular council meeting usually for the second and final budget hearing, but neither of those [crosstalk] opposite of the same night because of the reschedule of a regular meeting, so there's nothing that would prohibit you from changing the time.

Mayor Cubillos: I'm okay with it. Anybody else okay with it? He needs to make a motion with the change of the times. Go ahead.

Councilperson Dreher: I would like to make a motion to amend the times for October the 5th and the 16th to change from 6:30 start time to seven o'clock.

Mayor Cubillos: There's a motion made by Councilperson Dreher changing or amending the time on October 5th and October 16th from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. There's a motion on the tables. Is there a second?

Councilperson Mathis: I second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by Councilperson Mathis. At this time, I will close the council meeting and open it up for public comments.

Attorney: [unintelligible 00:45:49] you should at least take the amendments first since you got [inaudible 00:45:52].

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Mayor Cubillos: I did take the amendment though.

Attorney: Okay.

Mayor Cubillos: Just for the public to know, our milage rate has been 8.3, and we have not raised the millage rate in four years. It's been consistently at 8.3. Any comments about this proposed millage rate? It was received on [unintelligible 00:46:16] notice. Okay. Hearing none. I'll close the council meeting, open it up for the council. There is a motion to accept the resolution, the amended resolution changing the time from, to amend the resolution from 6:30 to 7:00. Madam Clerk, may I have a roll call?

Clerk: Roll call. Councilperson Dreher.

Councilperson Dreher: Yes.

Clerk: Councilperson Roman.

Councilperson Roman: Yes.

Clerk: Councilperson Mathis

Councilperson Mathis: Yes.

Clerk: Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Clerk: Motion passes forth to none.

Mayor Cubillos: Now may get a motion for the resolution as amended.

Attorney: You don't need another one [inaudible 00:46:49]

Mayor Cubillos: Okay.

Attorney: All you need is a roll call.

Mayor Cubillos: Well, yes, I know.

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Attorney: Was there a motion Madam Clerk [unintelligible 00:46:54]

Mayor Cubillos: No.

Clerk: No, she didn't get to the motion.

Mayor Cubillos: The motion for the resolution has amended.

Councilperson Mathis: I motion.

Mayor Cubillos: Motion by councilperson Mathis. Is there a second?

Councilperson Roman: I second.

Mayor Cubillos: Second by councilperson Roman. Madam clerk, may I get a roll call?

Clerk: Roll call. Councilperson Dreher.

Councilperson Dreher: Yes.

Clerk: Councilperson Roman.

Councilperson Roman: Yes.

Clerk: Councilperson Mathis.

Councilperson Mathis: Yes.

Clerk: Mayor Cubillos.

Mayor Cubillos: Yes.

Clerk: Motion passes forth and on.

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Mayor Cubillos: Again, those budget hearings are going to be October 5th and October 16th, at 7 p.m. If you are new coming to the meetings, please put your email address and the clerk will include you on our email list. At this time, we're going to go right into committee reports. First up is me for the mayor's report. As I mentioned earlier, the mayor's report was going to be dedicated predominately to talk about Hurricane Irma and sort of what's happened since Labor Day. In my opinion, it feels it's been one long day.

I can't really tell if it was Monday, Saturday, or Sunday, but first and foremost, I want to thank every single person that really came together, and I don't know what we would have done if the administration would have been different. I want to thank the inner manager. She was new. She had just literally came into office, and she was just ready to go. When we got the call on September 5th, which is a Tuesday, that we had to have a meeting with all the county mayors, we pulled out the binder that we thought was going to tell us everything we had to do, and then we looked at it and realized, "Well that's not really how it's going to roll out."

There was a bit of disservice there from the former administration for us, but you know what? When you open up the binder, it says the mayor manager and chief really have to run with the whole thing. I look at the acting chief, I look at the inner manager, completely new in their roles, and hands down the three of us, in my opinion, worked incredibly well together. There was no question on who was going to do what.

There was no questioning, "I don't want to do that. Why are you telling me that?" It was just a matter of we are assigned this task and we got to do it, and that is how we worked from day one which was that Tuesday, September 5th. We ran a conference call with Miami Dade County mayors with the interim manager and the acting chief. Actually, Captain Carroll was there at the time as well. We opened up the binder, and we looked at it, well, like, "This is not going to tell us really much," but if we really went on knowledge on the experience that I had in here in the council and really some of the reports that we have out there within the community as far as reaching out.

We sat there and we planned what are we going to do. We planned the worst case scenario. The acting chief immediately went into our department and says we're going to immediately go into alpha bravo. We decided alpha bravo will continue until all the lights would come back into the community. However that long that took, whether it was four, five, six or eight or nine days. There's were so many layers of steps that we went through that we can literally talk here for hours but one of the things that I want, there's so many lessons learned from this. I do believe that once the binder is finalized, now what we've done is everything that we have done

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from the police department from-- I did an executive order, executive resolution authorizing the manager to make any decision during the time of crisis. We did that, there was a curfew put in place. Contractors were hired.

All of that is now going to be in this binder. What is expected out of the council, I want to thank the council because if I would have been a commissioner and the mayor sort of run everything, I'd be like what am I supposed to do? Well, that needs to be in the book too but there is no nothing of what they were going to do. We didn't have internet, the manager had it just and go. I want to thank the council for entrusting us and allowing us to just do it and not really questioning the authority or how we did it and believe it or not, that helped.

Because if there would have been concern or any of that nature, then you don't allow the leaders to do the job and one day maybe one of you are going to be in that role and hope your commissioners will treat you the same. You have to trust your leadership and know that they're going to do what's best not for just themselves but for the greater good and for the entire council.

I whole heartedly, I feel incredibly blessed to have been in the company of two other women who truly shared the vision, who truly worked really hard and every single police officer did no one complain about what we were doing, we just did it. I do want to applaud them, I asked the chief that they need to be recognized when all these is over. When it comes to the emergency preparedness again there's so many lessons learnt from it but overall I'm happy. I'm happy with the outcome, I'm happy with what we achieved.

Again there are things that we can do better, we will do better but I guarantee you the only thing I can guarantee you and I don't like making guarantees is that next year if we're faced with anything, that binder is going to be so equipped. We have everything down to the dollar spent to who we contracted, to any resolution, anything is going to be in there. In a matter of fact, it's going to now be in the track report for the public safety, so hey guess what? Come March, we're talking about this. We're not talking about this once we get governors car put in the state of emergency and that we all have to sort of huddle together figure out what we're going to do.

Last year Mathew almost came. I came into this office and I asked the manager then and I asked the chief then, "Are we ready?" The answer was yes. Well we weren't. We were not, we were far from ready. I'm glad Mathew did not come because that would not have been good for us but we had a real opportunity from that Tuesday after Labor day to really work hard and

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I apologize to the council if at any point there was no communication but we just had to move, move, move because it was the only way we were able to get anything done.

Because at some point then we had a sort of huddle down.

Again I do believe that once that binder is done, I've posted a next door, I do believe there needs to be a town hall for lessons learnt not only as a electives but as a community. What do you expect that of us and what's realistic? There's so much that we learned in the process that we need to re-educate the residence, we need to re-educate ourselves and how we can better work together because as unfortunate as it was that some residents didn't have power for eight days, and as bad as the Debris looks and as much as the trees we lost which makes me very sad when I drive the village because you can feel the impact of Irma here.

The one thing that I feel even though there were some residents who were very upset and very upset at the process and we got yelled at and we got called a lot of different things. But you know what? I met so many residents I had not seen, they were brand new. There were so many amazing people out there that all they wanted to do was help. It brings out the best in a lot of people and then unfortunately to some people it really didn't and I apologize if at any point I was shout, I was rude or I was inconsiderate but I tried really hard to be as empathetic as understanding as possible during this whole process because we understood that.

There was one thing that we met and we said with the entire, all the police officers and the three of us we said, "Listen, if there is no power by Sunday or Monday," Monday being this past Monday, the 11th, I don't even know what day it was it's been one long day, we're like, "We're going to have to be that much more patient, that much more empathetic because people are really upset."

People that have been locked at home, people have their kids at home, the kids can't go to school, you've had spouses have had to be together in the heat for eight, nine, six, four, five days, tensions are running really high and everyone is tired and everyone is upset and everyone is frustrated. We have to be that much more tolerant. We even had that conversation because again sharing off what happened on Sunday night, we got hit with a couple of residents that were very angry because their power wasn't on and it was our fault that we needed to do more.

We did learn on how we can better communicate, and how to be better prepared for the following time. But given what-- the cards that we were dealt with from the from the former administration, I am happy with the ways things turned out. I'm happy that the council

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entrusted in us and respected what we had to do. I want to thank Joe Geller who actually came in on Sunday to meet with us because we have legal questions because there was level of frustrations. He actually came in on Sunday and he met with the manager and myself.

Again there's so many thank yous but once we're done, there's so many questions, we will have a town hall. Not only for internally for us to have a better understanding of what happened? What we can do better, what our roles are really going to be like if this ever happens again but really to for the residents and re-educate on whats expected, what happens and what are we doing to-- you may not see when I do anything but are we doing to prepare for this.

After we have those lessons learned town hall, there needs to be a best practices amongst us so that one thing is having a binder but the other thing is actually making it come to life and what that really looks like because there are so many health hazards, there are safety hazards, there are some things that came up along the way that I felt pretty good with the solutions we came up with because at the end every decision we made was for the greater good it wasn't an individual.

It was never an individual decision, it was always a decision for the greater good. All the police officers, the acting chief, the manager and myself I think somebody mentioned it before, we left our homes and one resident asked me, "What do you feel from this whole process?" I said, and my husband can vouch for me, he was in the audience, " I love El Portal because I gave up my whole life because I knew that I was committed to the village.

I gave up my business, I gave up my home, I gave up my husband, my dogs, because my priority and my commitment was above all to the village." I knew that I would not let this council down, I knew I cannot let the manager down who was new and the acting chief who was new. I said to my fellow commissioners, it's a role that you have to take and you have to understand, but you have to really love what you do and you have to have real heart and passion.

If anybody asks me I said besides the fact that I learned tremendously from it and I felt great about the team, you have to really love your town and you have to believe in it because you're going to give it all you got and no matter what you give, for a lot of people, it wasn't good enough. On that note I want to thank every single person again I want to thank the council, the manager, my attorney, the acting chief, I want to thank our clerk, who had to evacuate, who's house flooded but she still came in and we had to do an executive resolution.

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We all played a role and we all suffered through the process and we all had our own loses. To all of you who had more loses than we did, we are sorry, we tried to do as much as we could, but we can always be better and the only way that we're going to make us better, is if you tell us how we can be better. That's where the town hall is going to really come on value, so on that note again, thank you good night and that concludes my report. To the manager.

Manager: Thank you, everyone. Okay, thank you, Mayor Cubillos. This is my first manager's report and I hope you all will bear with me because I got a lot to say, about the working Irma and just the preparation recovery. That really did take over the entirety of my one month with the village of El Portal. We're back to business as usual we're ramping that back up as we continue to do recovery, but in time and I think that we'll be much longer, we'll be back at full speed and addressing all of our needs here in the village outside of the hurricane Irma recovery.

Since Tuesday September 5th, the village administration and the police have been making ourselves hurricane ready and working through the recovery. We had a very skeletal preparation binder in place that really didn't give us a whole lot to work with but we may do with it and within that binder. It was outlined from the Miami Dade County emergency plan that specified an emergency response team be the village manager, the village mayor, and the village police chief so we work together the three of us and worked with our existing contractors to get emergency things done like large trees out of the street. I remember one Saturday afternoon I had to contact our tree contractor, Big Daddy, to come get a big tree out of 87th street. It was a crazy time and a learning experience, but one I think was a great jumping start for me as the interim village manager because it also allowed me to meet a lot of you and to get to know El Portal at it's scariest moments.

I also got to see residents come together and of course the council and the people we work with really come together for the village. We worked very hard to secure a disaster consultant because as you know this costs a lot of money and we're a little village, so we want to make sure we are accessing all of the local opportunities as well as federal. We did hire a disaster consultant who luckily had already worked with village of El Portal during Wilma. They are the disaster program and operations incorporated, it's a consulting firm that handles FEMA compliant disaster planning and recovery. I'm going to tell you there's a lot of paperwork involved and we are doing everything.

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We're dotting every I crossing every T because we want to make sure we get every reimbursement that is due to us. We like the work that they're doing so far they have a great reputation, and as you see we're ahead of the game ahead of a lot of other municipalities even ahead of the county. For that I think we're doing well and we chose well even in that emergency situation of trying to find a consultant at the last minute.

Just as a final on the hurricane I want to keep talking about because I know the mayor has spoken about it and we've all lived it, but I think it is important that we do a best practices meeting consult with residents too to figure out what it is we need from your side but also how we can better address the preparedness binder and then be ready for anything that comes our way. I'm going to tell you the mayor and the acting chief and I and as well as the council because they really came through for us as well. Many of them didn't have power, we didn't have phones, we didn't have internet, we didn't have cell phones, we didn't have the hot spot things that people even -- we didn't have anything.

We still managed to all come here to village hall that didn't even have power, but we managed to convene here, talk about things, stay in touch and always come back periodically throughout the day. That's how we communicated and that's how we we're able to serve the village. Get the ice out we had a hot lunch here one afternoon and Councilman Dreher, Councilman Mathis, the mayor really came through for our community and I'm very happy to say that there were a lot of people here who enjoyed a little air conditioning and a hot meal and got to charge their cell phones. We were doing whatever we could to help out with the village. Like I said, we lost power here in the hall.

No phones no way of communicating but even the staff came through. They only missed three days of work everybody was still here fully functioning tried to assist wherever possible to assist the villagers. We made that commitment and I think we did a very good job of coming through. Another area in which I want to really give some recognition is to our police department. They went into alpha bravo status and that just ended last week because once the power was completely restored that's when we won't have to work these 12 hour shifts and we only have six full time police officers and a handful of part timers that did a lot of work and put in a lot of hours and really were committed to the community.

They were hauling ice and delivering it door to door where possible and just being there to help us secure the village and to stabilize our community. I want to commend their efforts and they did work long hard hours and I hope that we could do some kind of recognition for our officers and maybe we can work together with the public safety committee in planning

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something very special for them just because of that personal commitment. Everyday I came in here they were all smiles they couldn't do enough for the residents. We all went into that mode but it was very encouraging to see officers who'd work 12 hours were still smiling and getting the job done. I hope we can plan something like that.

Since we're talking about police I'm going to move on from the Irma discussion and I want to just make us all aware about some things that are coming up because the minute we got the power back then we get a visit from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and so we have a computer situation. I want you all to just be aware we've got to make ourselves compliant with the requirements of the FDLE because we want to assure our police officers maintain their access but we have some compliance issues in terms of just the village hall being secured. We're working on that you all will be contacted from chief Huff Nichols' staff in terms of getting some clearances and getting computers encrypted and secured.

That's something we're working on because like I said now we've got to be back at full speed so that's one of the big issues we'll be working on. Another thing that's coming up is our staff continues to assist residents with their needs but we have code enforcement issues and permit. That's going on because everybody's rebuilding and so our staff is working on that and doing site visits and scheduling inspections. I know we did that even during the worst time of the hurricane recovery. We will continue to do that and we hope that residents will do their rebuild or repairs in a way that is -- well we hope you will get your permits and do it appropriately so that we don't have any issues later on down the line.

Over the coming weeks we will be reviewing just the fee schedules and things like that. I'll keep you informed on that as well and probably we'll talk about that in committee. Just on a final note as we're kind of finalizing this fiscal year and completing our filings. I will be auditing and assessing the village staff and working our working space and just trying to make it conducive to good work and so that we don't have to worry about these things and we can better serve the community. I hope you've enjoyed my first month here. I have and I hope that you all know that you can come to the office and meet with me if you let me know you're coming or if you let someone here know you're here.

I will definitely entertain any discussion because I think it's important that residents have a voice here as well. It's your village so I do want to hear what you have to say and we can work together and initiating new things. That's it.

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Mayor Cubillos: That conclude your report? Very good job, thank you so much. Committee reports, Omar Nickerson public affairs is first. Chairperson, Vice Mayor Nickerson is not here. Again, as we mentioned earlier we've asked for all the committees to be rescheduled and I'm really hoping that every Commissioner can do it because there's a lot of issues in every committee that we need to talk about. Public affairs would be next Monday at 6:30.

Clerk: Correct.

Mayor Cubillos: Monday 6:30.

Speaker 4: Commissioner?

Mayor Cubillos: Council persons. Public Works, chairperson Dreher.

Councilperson Dreher: Just want to reiterate what our village manager said. Thanks to the police department, Sergeant Ronnie and throughout the entire Irma situation. Whether it was on other day or and she kept me informed as well my self presence here. I entrusted our Mayor, our village manager to run everything. I got to commend you guys on that great job.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you.

Councilperson Dreher: Again, our village manager being new probably two weeks into the position, there was a lot on your plate so I commend you on that respect.

Manager: Thank you.

Councilperson Dreher: My kudos especially to that. I, myself, I try to get myself and well, I know we have our Florida Sunshine Law whether it was emailing our FPNL contact account manager to make sure we had our village up and running knowing that we actually had a police department here which apparently that was something new to the account manager that helped as well. I also received some concerns from our residents regarding some tree trimming contacting as well the FPNL account manager just to make sure that they respect their know that we're Tree City USA there's just in some examples again. It was great without internet, without social media you got that chance to actually walk and know your neighbors in a better way than the usual hi and bye quick and everybody under routine.

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The storm does bring some benefits to it from our social well-being just to get to acquaint ourselves with our residents so that was great. As far as non-Irma related issues on the public works we have some very interesting projects coming along. Some time sensitive deliverables that we need to attend. I know a village manager we've discussed that, so I'm glad we're having our committee meeting for next week and to move this forward as soon as possible. We'll also be having our Tree City USA chairwoman on our committee to discuss as well what other items we might need to have with the public works. That's pretty much all my update for today and anybody is also welcome to just chat, talk after the meetings. I always make myself available so thank you.

Mayor Cubillos: Thank you for the closed report. Next, we have public safety I think we've talked a lot about our police department and we think we spend a lot of time here until you spend a lot of time here, so I remember I think I was getting under last nerves I'm like, "Wait, you guys don't have pen you don't have pencils? These computers are old." I spent a lot of time at the police department. One of the things that in public safety we're going to definitely bring up is the oldness of that equipment over there I think that we need to address because along with the compliance that now that we're discussing compliance.

I was I don't think embarrassed is a good word, but definitely with a little more pride in their area there because I spent so much time there I couldn't even find a trash can. Anyway, I say that to say that I'm going to address that on public safety and you guys absolutely deserve to ensure that you have all of your necessary resources so that you can better keep us safe. Public safety will be next week. Code enforcement chairperson Roman.

Councilperson Roman: I concur. I think that our emergency teams that are in effect select jobs so thank you, you guys really did a great job. It was a little bit awkward not being able to be as hands-on at the beginning, but we all had the opportunity in our own ways to get involved and engaged and help out with the village. I know I did a lot of that last week, and we did have a code enforcement workshop and recycling workshop that was scheduled for last Tuesday which we had to change due to Irma. We will be rescheduling that I will be sending out communication as soon as I can get a new date that I find that it's appropriate. We do have a lot of budget meetings and different things that are happening right now.

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That's not going to be forgotten we've prepared for it and I'm really excited to just come together. I want to recognize Carlos Garcia, our code enforcement. He's been now with us for about four months he's doing an excellent job. During Irma, he really rolled up his sleeves and helped out in every area that he could. He's gone above and beyond so I really do think that if you get a chance to see him thank him because he's really done a wonderful job and has the best attitude. We worked really closely to put this workshop together so if you can please come out to the workshop. We'll let you know which date it will be. I think that's pretty much all for now.

I'm looking forward to the committee meeting and working together with the other committees because I feel during this time it's very important that it all comes together. That's all for me.

Manager: I'm sorry I didn't do this before. I want to recognize council member Roman because she handled the most difficult FPL questions and your concerns issues that we had. It's one thing the mayor and I and acting chief Hufnagel we did many home visits for FPNL and with their representative in trying to get power back on but council member Roman really came through for us with those very difficult issues that just needed the constant follow-ups and the follow-through so I want to recognize you for that and thank you for that.

Mayor Cubillos: I know I remembered that in the end. I'm so sorry. When it came to the end we had 25 or 30 homes that didn't have power, and I remember I called the manager and so I do want to thank you but you know there's so many people to thank and everybody helped out but I had to go to a board meeting so I was gone for about a day and a half. The manager said and I said, "Well, I think council person Roman works from home, it'd probably be the easiest, because I know council person Mathis goes to work and council person Dreher goes to work everybody. I believe council person Roman works from home and should be the easy person so I know she went and took pictures.

In the end, there was those last homes that. Imagine everybody has homes there's 25, 20 everybody had power but there's 25 that didn't have power so she had to go and knock on the door and get the addresses, do a spreadsheet, send it to FPNL so those are the last 48 hours so thank you, thank you very much. Planning and zoning. Joe Galla and I spoke briefly about marijuana but we're going to talk about more on planning and zoning as it relates to the ordinance and what we're going to do move forward as that needs to be in compliance with

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now the [unintelligible 01:16:33] so that's going to be talked about in planning and zoning. Again, planning and zoning will be next Monday and Tuesday.

I know you're smiling [unintelligible 01:16:38] to me like that. Admin and finance council person Mathis.

Councilperson Mathis: Administration and finance, we're going through the budget and we're going to tackle some procedures that we have had put off i.e the village clerk's evaluation, village manager's evaluation-

Mayor Cubillos: No, village attorney.

Councilperson Mathis: - village attorney, I'm sorry. The IT contract we'll also going to be looking at a lot of the RFPs and so forth that we're putting out there. I'm going to get that up and moving. I did want to ask a question with regards to how we're going to handle the 80th since we've been set back a little bit.

Mayor Cubillos: The 80th, yes. That's why I think committees are so important there's so much we got to talk about and that's got to be dealt with. 80th anniversary, so definitely we'd be talking about a public affair. Make sure let's -- please get back with the clerk that we are available so that she can immediately notice the committee meetings so that we can meet next Monday and Tuesday, okay. Yes, I agree.

Councilperson Mathis: There's some checks that are going to be coming in for the 80th just for the 80th. Are we going to earmark that?

Mayor Cubillos: When you look at the budget Irwin has earmarked event proceeds. There's a line item so like for this past year we raised \$17,000 so there's an earmark line. 20,000 sorry, 20,000 so it's going to go right in there and it's on the revenue sheet it says event proceeds. Anything else?

Councilperson Mathis: That concludes my report.

Mayor Cubillos: Okay, excellent. Village attorney?

Attorney: We haven't had anything dramatically legal to do except for some contract review and some things related to the emergency.

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Mayor Cubillos: Thank you for getting it to us.

Attorney: We'll get back on the schedule with some of the regular things that the manager might be able to turn her attention to. We just provided support to get through the crisis. Congratulations to all those who decided to do that [**unintelligible 01:18:44**].

Mayor Cubillos: [laughs] I know right, Irma. We have no unfinished business, no new business. At this time anybody at good and welfare would like to come up and discuss anything that we just talked about. All the committee reports and the manager, the mayor's report and the attorney's report. Okay, hearing none is there a motion for adjournment?

Councilperson Mathis: Moved.

Mayor Cubillos: There is a motion made by council person Mathis is there a second? Second by Councilperson Dreher. All in favor signal by saying "Aye". Any Nays?. All right on September 26 regular council meeting adjourns at 8:21 PM. Thank you.

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